than when we went to bed, and dear Evelyn does not feel that rheumatism at all this morning. So the Lord has blessed us and turned it all to our good. In fact we were better in these particulars than at any other time on our journey.

We hung our wet bedding out and dried it and the tents and covers the best we could in the bright sun this morning. Then as soon as possible we broke camp and pulled away at 10:10 this morning, all feeling well and very thankful and happy. We arrived in Butte about noon and here purchased more food, then drove on our journey. From Melrose the roads were very badly cut up and rocky until we reached Dillon. We drove into this city at about 7 p.m. and purchased some bread and oilcloth to cover our car camp, as it looks very much like heavy rain tonight. Just as we were entering Dillon, a very heavy wind storm broke over the whole country ahead of us and passed beyond without causing us any trouble. It was a bad wind. We could not find suitable camp grounds here, and so we rushed on in the dark with threatening rain until we reached our old camp grounds 8 miles South of Dillon, at, or after, nine o'clock.
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It rained a little and threatened much, so we hurriedly raised our tent and stretched the oil cloth over the car for night. But we made all beds down in the tent feeling that we would rather trust the tent to shed the rain than that thin oil cloth. A hurried bite of food had been eaten on the road, and we piled into bed quite tired, yet breathing a prayer of thanks to our Father for His blessings.

May 25:

Last night about midnight a terrific wind arose which threatened to tear our tent from its ropes and scatter our beds. But I and Rulon hurriedly loaded the tent ropes down with heavy rocks and tied it more firm to the car, and the wind soon passed over, having done us little or no harm. Thea and I got up early and prepared a breakfast of hot cakes, ham and eggs for the others, and they were aroused to eat as it came warm from the fire. We took down our tent and took up our beds, packed and were on our way again, rejoicing, at 8:15. We had very bad roads to Armstead and beyond. They were newly graded, very dusty, cut up awfully and rocky. The worst roads experienced on all our travel. We halted a few minutes for lunch just north of Dell. There has been a heavy wind blowing from our backs nearly all forenoon and it is cold. This prevailed during the time we ate our lunch. But we got on the side of the car from the wind and ate in some degree of comfort. At Lyman we purchased more gas and bread, then drove on across the Montana-Idaho state line into Idaho. Once more back into good Idaho. On all the road we have much pleasure and recall many fond memories of our former trip and incidents on the overland journey into Canada. We found very good grade and roads on entering Idaho. We drove down to within about one-half mile of Spencer and camped again on our old camp ground where we camped on our outward journey and where Evelyn and I camped five years ago. We again pitched the tent and all slept in it. We spent here a very pleasant evening. The children romping and playing on the grass and among the trees.

May 26:

This morning Mary assisted me to serve a hot breakfast of cakes, eggs and bacon. Then we took up tent, beds and other camp equipment and were on our way again at about 8:45. This is indeed a very pleasant and comfortable trip to us all. It has been thus far one continuous outing trip of happiness. We ate our lunch while traveling, and at about 4 P.M. pulled into Mother's home yards in Blackfoot. Here we found the dear ones well and very glad to see us. We had a very happy meeting with relatives and friends. In the evening I wrote to the G.W. Coal Mines Co., telling them of my arrival in Idaho. Dear Elwood brought to me two letters, one from Pres.
Hale, who thinks he has in view suitable house for us to live in, and a prospective purchase of coal yards. I answered his letter.

May 27:

Today is dear Father's birthday. I visited Mr. DeKay. We talked over the coal stock business and concluded to go to Salt Lake City and visit the mines in Carbon Co. But because of Decoration Day celebration and that Mr. DeKay's family have part on the program, we cannot leave until noon Friday after that closes. We write the company of our proposed trip. Evelyn and I took dinner with George Clark, supper with Cora and went to Orlan's for the night. During the day I took up with Bro. L.R. Thomas the matter of obtaining a divorce for Elwood. This I did at Elwood's request. He said his charges would not exceed $75.00 and the actual cost. Elwood and I again talked it over, and he concluded to have L.R. proceed with the case.

May 28:

It rained heavy during the night just passed and some during the day today. Evelyn washed her clothes at Orlan's home, and I did some little fixing on our car.

May 29:

Today we continued our visit among our relatives from home to home, trying to divide our time among them.

May 30:

Decoration Day. Evelyn, Rhea, Mary, Elwood and I went to the cemetery and visited dear wife Lottie's grave and Dear Mother's grave. Here we found some very nice flowers Dear Irene had sent from Los Angeles. We placed them on the graves and were very thankful for Dear Irene's thoughtfulness and this privilege. At 1:30 P.M. I started with Mr. DeKay and his family for Salt Lake City. We went by way of Malad, had a very good road and trip and reached Salt Lake City about 9 P.M. I found Lothair's place of residence at No. 128 J Street, where they had moved to since I was down in April. Lothair and Charlotte were away from home, so I awaited their coming.

May 31:

Frank and I accompanied Bro. Croft on a trip to the coal mines. We passed through Provo, Springville and up through the Utah Lake valley and then up the canyon above Spanish
Pork, on to Thistle Junction and over the divide, stopping on the top for gas, then on to Helper, where we arrived about 5 P.M. We at once drove up Spring Canyon where George Storrs opened up and built the Spring Canyon Coal Mines for Jessie Knight twelve years ago. There was then barely a burrow trail up this canyon. How great coal mines are from its mouth to its head. We visited these mines and took particular note of the manner in which the coal was taken out and conveyed down to the tipple and cars. The quality of coal seems to be good. It was an educational and pleasing trip. We then returned to Helper for the night. In the evening Frank Devay took us all to a picture show that was "bum".

June 1, Sunday:

We were out early this morning, took our breakfast at a restaurant then went on our way to the Gordon Creek coal beds. We visited the town limits, saw the streams of water and springs, and the Company's townsite. Then on to the coal beds and development work being done on the Great Western properties. It was a hard half day's tramping up hill and down; but I am very much pleased with the trip and the things we have seen. I am convinced that these people have the most accessible and dense coal beds in Utah, or in any part of it that I have visited. The water supply is a tremendous asset. We returned to Helper for a late dinner in Dr. Smith's car as brother Crott's car failed to behave properly. Dinner over, we were quickly on our return trip to S. L. City, but we got on the wrong road. And after about six miles travel the car had to return to the right road. I walked on up the canyon in the old road bed and over the side for the new road now being built and after about three miles' walk, came into the road which our men must come over. Here I waited for them about 45 minutes.
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June 1, cont'd:

We had a very pleasant trip on to Salt Lake City. Brother Croft overtaking us at Murray where Dr. Smith stopped. Then we rode on into Salt Lake with Bro. Croft. I went direct to Lothair's home for the night. So Sunday was spent in travel and hard walking.

June 2:

We remained over today in Salt Lake so DeKay could visit some of his friends, and it gave me opportunity to more fully attend to my business and see Brother Croft about our proposed Coal Yards in Boise. Bro. Croft said he was just as determined in the proposition to go ahead as ever he was, and was willing to join me as at first talked of. It was then agreed that I should move my family on to Boise and there arrange for yards the best way possible and report to him. I had a good time in conversation with officers of the Company at the office, particularly with Bro. Yates, who told me that if I did not get along as well as I desired in stock selling and the proposed retailing of coal, to let him know and they would find something for me, as they wanted me to come and be identified with their company.

In the evening Lothair drove me and Charlotte with her sister to Ogden, where we met and spent about three most pleasant hours with the folks there. We talked over and decided on word we would send to Warren regarding the sale of Guadalupe farm and of other family matters, deciding to commence a Family Circle Letter as soon as I reached Boise. Then we bid the folks a good-by and returned to Salt Lake, reaching there about two o'clock on the morning of

June 3rd:

At about 9 A.M. I was met at the Union Depot by Mr. De-Kay and his family and taken into his car, when we set out for Blackfoot. We had another very pleasant trip, and I reached Blackfoot in the early afternoon, where I found all the dear folks well. We immediately set about preparing for the continuation of our journey on to Boise. On reaching here I found dear Harold here. He had come up from Logan to see us. When we were on our way back we went around by Logan, and I called there to see Harold. But on reaching Uncle Chris Markle's home they informed me that Harold had gone on to Blackfoot to see us last Friday. It gives me a great joy and cause for just pride to see my dear clean son again so well and progressing in the scale of intelligence.
June 4:

While I was at Salt Lake the folks received a letter from Thatcher saying he would try to get to Blackfoot to see us before we left and would try to leave Bozeman on the evening of the 4th or 5th if we could remain there to meet him. I am indeed anxious, as all the dear ones here with me are, to see dear Thatcher. But our urgent need for haste in obtaining a home location and the uncertainty of his coming at that time caused us all to reach the conclusion that it was best for us to go on quick as possible. So we made ready with all possible speed and bid the dear folks at Blackfoot goodby and set out on the last lap of our long journey for Boise. We left Blackfoot in a very heavy wind at about 2 P.M. Orville and Zelma prepared some food for us and gave us a nice ham, some bacon and a can of lard. George's folks and all the rest eagerly helped and prepared for us nice foods to help on our trip. They have given us such a hearty welcome and been so kind that this visit will be one of the joy spots in life.

The heavy winds set in about noon and seemed to increase in strength until it was simply awful to travel in and against. Sometimes it would be so hard and the dust so thick that we would be in great danger of running into other cars should they be coming toward us. It was very hard for the car to pull against and did much to hinder our speed. However, we got on fine and camped on the River bank on the shores of the back water from the Minidoca Dam at about 5 P.M. This was about 15 miles below American Falls. The wind went down and we had a pleasant camp and evening.

June 5:

We set out quite early in good health and spirits. The roads except in Gooding County are good. Here they were badly cut up and rocky. For night we camped between Bliss and Glen's Ferry on a pretty grassy spot near a large canal of swift water falling over the lava rocks. We had a good day's travel joyously spent.

June 6:

We are again on our road quite early; but before noon very heavy winds again came up and they were something awful to drive against. They were very cold too, so that it made it uncomfortable to ride or drive. For noon we called a halt and took shelter behind a large sign board at Sunny Side to snatch a bit to eat. Then we drove on, the wind gradually dying down as we neared Boise.

We reached Boise at about 5 P.M., and at once drove into the public Tourist's Park, where we had every necessary convenience, hot and cold water, electric stoves and washers,
shower baths and a little grocery store at hand. For this the nominal sum of 50¢ is charged for the first night and 25¢ thereafter for ten days. We pitched our tent and made ready for night, thankful to the Lord for His wonderful blessings to us and His mindful care over us. We have now made a journey of more than one thousand miles in our car from Raymond to Cardston Temple and back to Raymond, then from Raymond to Boise, and all this without a mishap of any kind, not even a tire puncture. No sickness of any serious nature and the entire trip has been more like a happy outing than one of a long move in which the finding of a home is involved.

Our long journeyings for the purpose of seeking a home may now be forever ended on this earth, and we do most earnestly hope that there will be no more necessity for it, that we can establish ourselves here with permanent home and opportunity for a livelihood and for doing some good. It has been our earnest prayer that God will bless and prosper us here.

It rained considerable this morning. I was unable to do anything more than phone Pres. Hale and Bro. Brown of our arrival and make appointment to meet and receive their help tomorrow.

June 7:

I spent part of the day with Bro. Brown in search of a house to live in. We looked at houses he had in view. Finally after taking Evelyn to look at one out on 27th Street North, we concluded to rent it. The rental charge will be $30.00 a month. It is a large, roomy house, perhaps too large. But we are thus far unable to locate anything better, and this has ample was room for our children's play. It rained hard last night and cleared away this morning without frost, which had been much feared.

June 8, Sunday:

Because we could not well get at our clothes and make ready to attend meetings, we remained at camp all day long. It made a rather lonely day for us, but we are blessed and thankful for these blessings.

June 9:

This morning we packed up our camp outfit, pulled down our tent and left the Tourist's Camp Grounds about 9 A.M. At once we drove down to the house we had engaged on 27th Street and occupied. The children are all quite well satisfied with our location. There is ample room in and out of doors. We have seven large rooms and good closets, one bath
and two lavatories. Thus we are again under shelter of roof we do not own. But for a time we will call it home, trusting the Lord will assist us that we may yet own a home we will all be proud to call HOME.

Until we can provide some furniture we will eat and sleep on the floors. We returned our thanks in earnest prayer to God for His mindful care over us and we dedicated ourselves and what we may have to Him in our new home.

June 10:

We are all in good health and thankful that all is so well with us. In the afternoon Rulon, Otho and I attended an Auction sale at which we purchased a good light table, six dining room chairs, one new youth's chair and a new high chair for Modine. We also purchased a range, but because it was not fitted up with proper linings as it was warranted to be, we did not take it. We then went to the Standard Furniture Co. and purchased a very good used Majestic range for which we paid $55.00. Twenty-five of this we paid down, and they gave me time on the balance. We also purchased two more kitchen chairs and one more youth's chair on time. This left our obligation of $35.00. We took these home, set up our stove after much trouble with water jacket fixtures, and then ate our first cooked meal in our new location. It has been a hard day's work.

June 11:

I went today with Bro. Brown to look over the coal yards offered us for sale. I am not favorably impressed with the proposition. From here I called on R.R. officials to learn if they had or knew of suitable location of grounds for coal yards. I want a location where tracks may be elevated above the coal bins so we may unload by gravity. I was told of the only place where such a plan would be possible, just across the river about one and one-half miles from the center of town. I determined to have a look at it tomorrow.

June 12:

This morning Rulon and I visited the grounds spoken of by the railway men and found there a place which I think can be made very suitable for our purposes, providing it can be secured and the railroad company will build, or permit us to build a spur for unloading. We learned that the land belonged to the Davis Estate. I tried to locate the man in charge today, but failed and went home very hopeful and anxious about it. We received letters from Elwood and Irene. They are all well, but dear Elwood is very sad and lonely. His domestic troubles are weighing heavy on him.
June 13:

This morning I set out on foot to find someone who could talk for the Davis Estate. As I neared the slaughter yards, I met a man driving out in a car whom I accosted and proved to be Mr. Davis, and with some authority to speak for the Estate. Together we visited the grounds I had in view. I pointed out and told him what I wanted. I wanted to either purchase or lease for at least 25 years. He finally said that he was perfectly willing to let me have a lease on the land for that period of time, for a yearly rental of $150.00, and he would fill up the marsh on the west end of the grounds. He said he would place the matter before his associates and let me know their decision. This is very pleasing to me. I then went again to the railroad official, told him of my plans and obtained proper address of official in charge of such matters. From there I went to Pres. Hale's office, told of my plans and hopes, and requested him to send a letter for me to this railroad official. He gladly acquiesced. I dictated the letter to the Supt. of the Western Division of the O.S.I. at Pocatello, and Pres. Hale signed the letter as from his Company, thus giving me the prestige of their firm name. I returned home very pleased and doubly anxious to secure this excellent plot of ground.

We have tried many places to find employment, particularly for Rulon, but so far without positive results. However, we have promise of work on the new Tabernacle being constructed here in Boise by the L.D.S., this work to commence next week. Rhea and Mark have earned a little more than $1 between them in picking strawberries.

June 14:

Today is dear Rhea's eighteenth birthday. She is a good, clean and beautiful young woman of whom I am indeed justly proud. Irene sent to her some very nice small presents, for which Rhea was very delighted. Rulon and I spent part of the day in search of employment. We purchased a new electric flat iron for dear Mother, paying $4.89 for it. The girls picked berries again this afternoon. Rulon assisted in cutting lawn on the church grounds.

June 15, Sunday:

Rulon, Rhea, Olive, Otho, Owen, Beth, Marvin and I attended Sunday School. Here we met many old and dear friends, among them my old Bishop Dewey. This man was our first Bishop in the Fairview Ward in Wyoming when I first moved there and was but about nineteen years of age. At Sunday School I was asked to teach the second intermediate grade. I consented and at once took charge today. I am not expecting an easy
job of this. In the evening most of us attended Sacrament meeting, where we again met many old friends, listened to the home missionaries speak, and I was called on to speak a few minutes. The evenings are so pleasant, and the trees, flowers, vines and lawns are most delightful to behold. Boise is indeed a City Beautiful.

June 16:

This morning I talked with Mr. Davis over phone regarding the proposed lease of his lands. He informed me that his associates were very reluctant to lease the grounds for such a long period of time for the small annual sum of $150.00. He proposed that I take it for a ten year period at that figure with stipulation for adjustment of rentals at that time. I objected to this, telling him I must have it for a period of at least 25 years, or it would not justify the expense we contemplated. Mr. Davis finally consented that I should have it on the following terms: $150.00 a year for the first ten years, with an advance of $50.00 a year for the next five years, then an advance of $50.00 for the last ten years, making $150.00 a year for the first ten years, $200.00 for the next five years and $250.00 for the last ten years of the twenty-five year lease. Providing that at the termination of the fifteen years the taxes on the lands had increased so out of proportion that the rentals now stipulated would not be just, I would assist them in payment of the taxes on an equitable basis, that the proportions might be maintained. To this I agreed. I informed him that we would take the place on that basis if the plan was approved by my associates, and that I would be ready for business as soon as I could get definite promise from the railroad company that the necessary spur would or could be built there.

I am very much pleased with the present outlook for obtaining such excellent grounds for our contemplated coal business. Now if the R.R. Co. will only build, or we can build this spur and finish our yard as I contemplate, we will have the best yards in the North West. We can also conduct other lines of business here, as the location is almost ideal.

This morning Rhea commenced work for Phil Robison, an old acquaintance whose wife is and has been very sick for a long time. He promises to pay her $1.00 a day.

June 17:

The girls and Evelyn are earning a little by hard work in the strawberries every few days. All are well. I wrote to Elwood and Charlotte.

June 18:

Rulon commenced work on the tabernacle foundation this morning. The work is very hard for him. He is pushing a
wheelbarrow with cement. He is to receive $4.00 per day.

June 19:

Rulon worked again today, but was laid off for the balance of the week because forms were not made ready for the cement. He has earned $8.00, for which we are very glad. I am unable to do anything toward forwarding the sale of coal stock here for want of definite word from the company as to whether I shall be permitted to sell stock here or not.

June 22:

I accompanied Brother Handy as special missionary representing the Stake Presidency to Nampa ward today. Our labors are to be made in behalf of the Tabernacle fund. We had a good meeting, and I met some old friends. In the evening we all attended our ward Sacrament Meeting, at which Sister Christiansen and I spoke. Rhea came home for a few hours this afternoon.

June 23:

Rulon went again to his work this morning. I am doing little except in effort to arrange for selling coal stock here.

June 24:

Today I engaged an office room with Brother F. G. Smith in the Empire building. It is a very nice little room with desk, phone and typewriter. I am to have half this room for the small sum of $8.50 per month. This is a blessing to us, providing any office would be a blessing to me in this work.

June 25:

I received a letter from the G.W.C.C. Co. today, saying I could go to work and giving me a contract at 17½%, with an allowance of five thousand shares of stock to sell. I placed advertisement in both the city papers. This cost me a little over $6.00 of our limited money. It is hard to see the little we have go, yet we have hope this will bring returns. In this I advertised the stock and asked for Salesmen.

June 26:

Today I took up my quarters in the little Empire building office and commenced my anxious waiting for agents to come in response to my advertising. I have hope, and more need.

June 27 to 29:

I did little. Rulon earned $20.00.
June 29, Sunday:

Ward Conference was held today at which some very good instructions were given.

June 30:

I appointed one agent today by the name of Wymer, and I believe he will do some work.

This morning the O.S.L. assistant Engineer, Mr. H. S. Titus, came, and Pres. Hale drove us down to the grounds of our proposed coal yard site. He is a little, weazened fellow that looks like he did not know more than the law allowed him. But he proved to be a fine, intelligent fellow. When he looked at the grounds he at once said he was sure the R.R. Co. would allow a track built there. He said he would survey it and go with me again Wednesday to find out just what conditions did prevail. Pres. Hale says he thinks the site a most excellent one and the plan I have very good.

July 1:

Yesterday evening I secured another agent in the person of R. J. Hammer of Nampa. He is an L.D.S., but I think I cannot expect much of him. This morning I secured another agent, a Mr. Irwin P. Marcellus. He looks like he would accomplish something. Yesterday I wrote several letters to men of different towns, whose names I had obtained of Pres. Hale, with hope to engage some of them as agents.

July 2:

Today little was done by me. Rulon worked all day yesterday and until 3 P.M. today. Then at 6:30 we attended a ball game between the L.D.S. and Baptist teams. The L.D.S. won the game easily. I did the scoring. Rhea quit work this P.M. for Robison.

This morning Mr. Titus came, and with Pres. Hale we went to the proposed coal yard grounds. He had surveyed it and found that the track can be built there. But it will cost more money than I had anticipated, and the track cannot be made to come down as low on the hill as we had hoped. The cost of grading 1,000 cu. yds. of dirt necessary to build the grade he estimated would cost $5,000.00 or 50¢ a cu. yd. The track of 630 ft. would cost $2,250.00, including the cost of switch. For the moving of telegraph poles it would cost $125.00, and for extending a culvert, $50.00. I at once wrote to Bro. Croft telling him of results and also said I believed the grade could be built for much less.

July 3:

Rulon worked again today. I accomplished very little
in my work farther than to secure one more agent yesterday, who I think will make good. Rhea commenced to work for Dr. Collister.

July 4:

Our National Holiday. We remained at home all day and had a very nice time together. The children had a few fire crackers, and we had some ice cream. Rhea came home in the afternoon. She is now working at the home of Dr. Collister. Commenced work there on the ....

July 5:

I worked, or sat again today in the office and tried to encourage one of my Agents, Mr. Marcellus, who became discouraged. Rulon received a check of $18.50 for his work this week, having one day and three hours because of being laid off to give the carpenters time to get ahead with their work.

July 6:

Sunday. Most of us attended Sunday School again and had a good time. Fast and Testimony meeting was held right after Sunday School. We did not fast so did not have as goodly a portion of the Spirit of the Lord as we should have had. In the evening Evelyn, Rhea, Mary and I attended Conjoint Meeting in the First Ward. I spoke by previous appointment on the subject of purity of thought. We rode home on the car, or I thought we were riding home on it, but I got so turned around that I had forgotten just where our car would go. So we were left to walk about six blocks through the dust to our home.

July 7:

I was in the office all day writing letters and writing up this diary, copying from a small book we have used since we left Canada. In the evening we attended, Rulon and I did, a ball game between the L.D.S. and United Presbyterians. The L.D.S. lost this, a hard fought game. I sent contract to John Dewey, also books and advertising matter. I wrote also to a man in Dietrich in answer to his inquiry about the coal.

July 8:

At the office again, but have accomplished nothing in the way of receiving cash for work done. Rulon did not work in the afternoon but spent it in the office with me. Otho and Owen came to the office in the afternoon. A Sister Lowe and a Sister Kelley called on me this afternoon. They are Allred girls, the daughters of my great Uncle, Sidney Allred.
We talked of temple and genealogical work. An appointment was made for me to meet them and their brothers at the home of Mrs. Lowe tomorrow evening at eight o'clock. My throat and mouth are very sore and frequently trouble me a great deal due to the poison from phrrhea I have.

July 9:

Today at the office Brother Johnson of Nampa came, saying he was sent by the Twenty-Fourth of July Committee of Nampa to ask me to deliver the oration at the celebration on that date. I feel very reluctant to go, because I do not think I am equal to the occasion. My memory is not so good, or else I do not study with the diligence I once did. However, I consented and promised to be there in time for the gathering at 10:30, July 24th. Bro. Johnson is considering the purchase of some coal stock and the putting in of a coal yard either at Nampa or Caldwell. He will investigate, then report to me later. I do hope I can make this deal. Rulon had but two hour's work today. We received a letter from Cora and Wallace Clark. They are well and report that the effort I and P. G. Johnston made to have Wallace reinstated proved successful.

In the evening Evelyn and I went to the home of Mrs. L. Lowe, formerly an Allred, and there met her sister and brother and spent a very pleasant evening in obtaining their family genealogy. We returned home at 10:30. It is very warm. I wrote to Irene today.

July 10:

Today is the third anniversary of Dear Modine's birth. It is through the Lord's blessings to us that she is with us now.

Rulon did not work today. Laid off, waiting for the carpenters. I was at the office all day and received some better encouragement regarding stock sales than before. I wrote to a Mr. W. A. Reed of New Plymouth, asking him to act as salesman. We received letters from Clarence Allred and from Orville and his wife. All were well.

Last evening I paid Mrs. Davis $30.00 in advance for one month's rent commencing today, the tenth. The day is hot and the evening is also very warm, but as the night advances it grows quite comfortable.

July 11:

In the office again all day with better prospects. The first money to come in from my efforts in selling coal stock came today through the sale of five shares of stock to Br. Plant and wife by P. B. Robison who signed up as agent this morning.

Rulon worked at the Tabernacle all day. I wrote letters
to the G. W. C. Co and one to Frank DeKay, asking for papers on the coal business he had.

Evelyn and the girls worked in the strawberries and earned some means today. The day is cooler than for some days past. We received a nice letter from Elwood and one from Clarence and Rulon Lowrey. Rhea is not being treated as she feels she should be at Dr. Collister's, so she has concluded to come home tomorrow.

July 12:

In the office again all day. Rulon worked but half the day today.

Agents are working some, but not all of them are doing what it takes to spell success. A letter from the G.W.C. Co. spoke of having placed their stock at my disposal for the purpose of establishing coal yards here. But I have received no letter advising me in the particulars, and this one is not understood. I wrote to them and also sent in report of work done, one sale made by Robison of five shares. A letter was received from the Rawleigh Company advising me that I should try to obtain a part of the City of Boise from the Retailer now here and who has it by contract. I think I will do this.

July 13, Sunday:

Rulon, Rhea, Mary, Olive, Otho, Owen, Beth and Marvin and I attended Sunday School. Rulon, Otho and I also attended Ward Priesthood meeting at 9:30 A.M. In the evening Rhea, Mary, Olive and I attended Sacrament meeting. A good meeting was had. Evelyn is not feeling very well today. She is cramping. The day has been very warm again.

July 14:

Monday. At the office. I earned nothing. Neither did any of my agents report any business, although they seem to have some very likely prospects. Bro. J. Perry Jordan came and made arrangements to begin selling for me. He will sign contract tomorrow. Sales books and agent's papers were received today, six books and six folders. I also received a letter from the company explaining some progress of work. The Mutual Coal Co. is doing all they can to prevent our selling stock. Particularly Mr. Home, the President, is telling the people we cannot possibly deliver coal this Fall. I wrote to the Company of this and asked for further data on the matter.

In the evening we attended a baseball practice on the High School park grounds. Rulon practiced with them. He had a full day's work today. I do not know what we would do without the wage he is getting. Evelyn and Sister Hunter went teaching as Relief Society teachers today. The weather is awful warm, simply hot.
July 15:

In the office again all day, and although things looked very encouraging by the reports given this morning by some of the agents, nothing of value developed. I went in the evening and saw Mr. Gilliland, the Rawleigh salesman, but could do nothing toward securing Boise as district for selling.

Rulon worked only three hours today. Many people are idle and even suffering for life’s necessities. I wrote to Elwood this morning.

July 16:

In office early as usual. Rhea came to town with Rulon and me to get some hair dressing done. I wrote letters to the Rawleigh and the Watkins Company, sending application in to the last named this morning. I am trying to obtain Ada County of them. Their salesman now in this county wants to sell out, but he is asking seven hundred dollars, which I consider altogether too high under the circumstances and conditions in which he has worked it. He has worked into the hands and to the interest of his father, who is selling Rawleigh goods.

During the day Mr. Lockett brought in an order for $100.00 or ten shares of stock. Thus we made a little today. Rulon worked all day. I saw Mr. Hamner and he promises to go to work next week. Another man came in to investigate an agency and will let me know whether he will undertake it or not tomorrow. Brother J. Perry Jordan signed up contract to sell stock today.

I worked considerable of the day trying to fix the water jacket on our stove which has been leaking. I did not get it completed today. In the evening at 5:50, Bro. F.C. Smith came in his car for us and we attended the baseball game at the high school park. I did the scoring. It was the final game for championship of the Church leagues. The L.D.S. vs The First Presbyterians. It was a well played game, one of the best I have seen for years, and they had to call it a draw because each side made four scores with seven innings. It was too dark to play longer.

In the evening after the game Bro. Kelley drove us home in his truck, and he and his wife and wife’s sister stayed a few minutes to visit with us. Kelley’s wife is an Allred.

Evelyn, Rulon, Mary, Olive, Otho, Owen and I attended the ball game. Rhea remained at home to take care of the little ones.

July 17:

At the office again all day but took in no cash. Rulon worked all day. Evelyn and the girls picked strawberries and
thus by their hard work helped to earn some much needed means.
I received a letter from the G.W.C.M. Co. saying that they had
set aside stock in the company for me to use to establish coal
yards in Boise. But they gave no particulars, neither did
they tell me what or how they wished it done. They have not
looked at or considered the grounds I have contemplated buying,
and I do not wish to assume all the responsibility of spending
their money for something they have never seen, although they
have placed the whole thing in my hands saying they have every
certainty in me and will back me up in anything within rea-
son. I cannot do such a thing and today have written them for
instructions and requesting them to make personal inspection
of the grounds I have proposed to use.

Bros. F. B. and Bar N. Smith started off today on a tour
of the hill country to sell woolen goods. I am left in the
office alone. Rhea is not well today. We purchased a daven-
port and a bedstead and four badly used chairs. They are all
used goods, but we made a good buy as we need them so badly
and the cost was little. The davenport was $5. The four
chairs were $1, and the iron bedstead $1. I purchased Olive
a pair of low shoes.

July 18:

Threatening rain this morning. At the office early.
Rulon and associate laborers on the Tabernacle were laid off
for the day. Rhea is feeling better. Last night Evelyn and
I slept on a spring bed, the first since we left Canada.

Evelyn and the children picked strawberries again today
and at night came home with a little over five dollars they had
earned. I did not earn a cent today. I called Mr. Davis up
by phone this morning and told him of the survey made by the
O.S.L. Engineer and that things were progressing slowly point-
ing toward our decision to lease the land. And I told him
that I would advise him of the decision of our Company and of
the O.S.L. in the matter just as soon as I could get some-
thing definite. He wished me to write him a letter as mem-
oranda covering our talks in the matter and confirming my re-
port today on phone. I did this, and the letter is placed
on file.

The day was cool. I received a letter from the G.W.C.
M. Co. with inclosed sample Stock Certificates.

July 19:

It was quite cool last night, almost cold. Rulon awoke
this morning with his eye and face badly swollen, as we sup-
pose from some insect bite. His eye is so swollen he can
hardly see with it. Rhea is yet feeling quite poorly. I
talked with Governor Hawley this morning relative to the po-
itical situation in our state. I wrote a long letter to
Frank DeKay relative to the political situation here and as
to my views regarding the Democratic Nominee, Davis. I freely stated that I did not believe that men who would permit their selfish interest to block a convention and thus thwart the will of the people were men who could be trusted to serve the best interest of our country.

I received a letter from our Company relative to progress of work and with reference to the abusive propaganda being employed by Mr. Homer and his associates of the Mutual Coal Company. They enclosed a copy of a letter they had written Mr. Homer. This told him in unmistakable terms what they thought of one who would resort to falsehood and unfair means in such things. Rulon worked all day. In the late afternoon Rhea came in, and I obtained a pair of slippers for her by exchange. I also purchased a pair of shoes for Marvin, purchased a pitcher and glasses for the kitchen.

We received a nice letter from Mr. August Sahlstrom of Thorsby Alta. He is a good friend and a fine man. I do wish he would receive the Gospel.

July 20, Sunday:

Evelyn, Otho and I attended Ward Priesthood meeting. Then Rhea, Mary and Beth joined us at Sunday School. The Sunday afternoons are long to us. Little means of entertaining ourselves and with no opportunity for associating with friends, and it is so very difficult for any of us to remain awake when we attempt to study or read. Particularly do I suffer with this desire for sleep. It hinders my study or application to almost anything that does not require constant physical exercise.

In the evening Evelyn, Rhea, Olive and I attended Sacrament service. There were present two of the High Council of the Stake, Bros. Peter Johnson and Bro. Abbott of Nampa. They addressed the meeting and gave excellent talks, particularly did Bro. Abbott interest us with reference to prophecy and his claim of its fulfillment in the present activities of the Ku Klux Klan. This secret order is becoming very aggressive and numerous. Their chief declared object being their opposition to the Catholics and the Jews. They, it seems from his statements, threaten war, and he says he recently attended one of their meetings in Nampa where a large following was obtained. Just a few nights since, Wednesday the 16th, they held some mystic initiation demonstration, with great display of streaming fires and large burning crosses all in very deep red color. This was held just east of the city on a high hill near the city limits. It continued in progress with its many startling and weird figures until after midnight.

July 21:

In the office greater part of the day. I worked out with
some prospects in the afternoon, leaving Otho in the office. He came for that purpose. Rulon worked all day today. It is warm again. I received a letter from Mr. Homer of the Mutual Coal Co. in which he denied the statements I had made relative to his talk about the Great Western Coal Co. He said he did not talk with anyone outside of some of his Coal dealers at a meeting held in the Worthington & Coffin offices regarding the G.W. And there he claims to have said only that he did not think the G. W. would be able to deliver coal this Fall. He further said that he made only two calls while in Boise, one at the home of Mrs. Smith and the other at the Newspaper office, further than this and his stated remark to his dealers he said nothing, he avers. But we know it is an untruth, or he has forgotten, because he told Pres. Hale the thing I wrote to the company and Pres. Hale is much surprised at his denial. I wrote to the company regarding his letter and informed them I was ready to produce the proof if they wished me to.

I received a check of $20.00, which was sent as commission on the Whalen stock sale. This is more than was coming, and they also sent 20% on the Plant order, while on both it should have been but 17½%. I returned $3.75 to them. The Smith boys again went in the country to their canvassing for woolen goods. Bro. P. R. Robison, one of my agents, also went out for that purpose to be gone until the first of Aug. Rulon and Otho attended a ball practice in the evening.

We received a letter from Charlotte of Los Angeles. They were well. She stated that she thought now she could come to see us. Irene was in Salt Lake City with Lothair last week and will soon be here. I received letters from Brothers Mitchell and Blackmore relative to their desire to obtain schools or opportunity for teaching here.

I received letters from both the Rawleigh Co. and from the Watkins Co. relative to applications I have previously made for agency and territory. Neither one had any definite information regarding it.

July 22:

At the office again this morning. Rulon was laid off this morning for a day and a half. I presented the letters Bros. Mitchell and Blackmore have sent to Pres. Hale with request that he attempt to find positions here for them.

Rulon remained in the office for me while I called on some prospects obtained by agent Robinson. I called on three, two were going out of town today and the other made appointment to have me call on him tomorrow. There was nothing done that seems to advance our money matters. Of ways to spend money I find plenty and can hardly hold on to the few dollars we get. It is impossible. I purchased for Rulon a game license costing $2.00. I got a rubber stamp for my office work to stamp advertising matter. It is here in the margin. I had Laddie's shoes mended, and that cost 90¢. I am now after a
set of bed springs so another two or more of us may get off the floor for our night's rest.

The day has been cool with some little wind. Evelyn, the girls and Rulon earned a little more today in picking strawberries. In the evening we received a letter from Dear Elwood. He was well, but his divorce proceedings are not progressing very fast. I fear his wife's people will cause him much trouble. He looks forward anxiously to the close of his school so he can be with us. In the evening we concluded to take the agency for the Rawleigh line and sell at Meridian and have Mary conduct the business if possible. We wrote out an order for a sample outfit costing $25.00, signed a contract for the towns of Middleton, Caldwell and Emmett. We have no capital with which to commence this business, but the children, six of them, have each five dollar Liberty Bonds, and they have consented to loan that to Mary and me to start this little business with.

July 23:

This morning I took the ten dollars left from Rulon's wages and five and one-half dollars from the commission I had on stock sales and purchased a second hand set of springs for a bed and a good new mattress. We got a good buy and thus were blessed. The price asked first for the springs was $7.50 and for the guaranteed mattress was $12.50, and they finally let me have it for the figure stated rather than that I should go to another dealer where I had priced goods for less money but of less value too.

We sent a letter to Bro. John Hyde and family of Raymond today. Mary came into the office in the afternoon, and we purchased for her a very nice hat. Otho and Owen, too, spent most of the afternoon in the office while I worked some prospects and attended some little buying with Mary. I saw Mr. Shaw, and he gave me almost a positive promise that he would take five hundred dollars worth of stock about the first of August and will probably take much more. Rulon worked all day today.

July 24, Pioneer Day:

I did not go to the office today but according to appointment went to Nampa, where I met with the Saints of that Ward in the Pioneer celebration and had the honor of delivering the oration, or rather talk, for them. The Lord blessed me very much in memory, though, and expression, so that the people were all much pleased and were heard to remark that it was the best they had ever heard or that the people of Nampa ever listened to. For all that I did and said of good I thank the Lord and know of a surety He did hear my prayers and bless me. The people paid my car fare to and from
Nampa. I took dinner with them in the grove. An excellent meal was served, and a good time was had. The people treated me with marked respect. On the park grounds at the same time the W. C. T. U. was assembling and making preparation for an afternoon's programme and to listen to Senator Borah. Bro. Peter Johnson took me to the depot, and I returned home to Boise at 3 P.M., where I found dear wife and children well. The girls made ready and walked to the White City Park, where they attended a part of the Pioneer celebration programme being held there. Rulon obtained only three hours work today, then spent much of the remaining portion of the day in fishing. The day is extremely warm, yes hot. It is almost suffocating.

**July 22:**

In the office again all day. The heat is almost unbearable. And Rulon worked all day shovelling and wheeling dirt down in the basement of the Tabernacle, right against the wall facing the sun. It is enough to overcome almost anyone, but he stuck to his work, although when the day's work was over he was almost too tired to get home. There was a baseball practice which they wanted him to attend, but he was too tired.

Bishop Grigg and his son, Parley, came up from Nampa, and after a long talk with me regarding the sale of the G. W. securities, the son contracted as salesman with a portion of Nampa as his territory. They think they can make good, and I believe he can. If anyone of the agents thus far appointed can half succeed.

I received letters from Mngr. Yates of the G. W. relative to our correspondence and difficulty with Mr. Homer of the Mutual. He told me of Mr. Homer's call and also that he had then, on the 23rd, called them over the phone and said, or admitted, that he did see and talk with Pres. Hale in addition to those he formerly mentioned. He claims, however, that he said nothing more to him than to venture an opinion that the G.W. would be unable to ship coal this year. I replied to those letters, wrote to Jno. C. Dewey. I talked with Dr. Johnson regarding stock, and he promises to take the matter up with his wife, then call me for consultation.

We received a card this evening from Irene saying she would be here Sunday evening. Evelyn and the girls again picked some berries, and that in this sweltering heat. Mary had a bee sting her on the eye last evening, and it is so badly swollen that she cannot see out of it today.

**July 26:**

Another hot day is promised. Rulon went again to his work. I did nothing toward advancing our interest today. It is the most discouraging day yet. Mr. Hammer came in and promised to go to work today in Meridian.
July 27, Sunday:

Today is dear Thatcher's birthday. I do wish we could see his dear face. We did not attend Priesthood meeting this morning, but most of us attended Sunday School. The day was hot. We spent the afternoon in reading the Book of Mormon and in considering the predictions made by our Savior at the time of his visit to the Nephites. In the evening at 5 I went to the station to meet Irene. She did not come on that train, and the conductor informed me there would be no other train until 5:35 tomorrow morning, so we had to return without Irene. I took our car out for the purpose of going after Irene without having a license on it. I phoned the Assessor about it, and while he could not give me authority or right to do so, he said he would not bother me and he did not think anyone else would. In the evening at 7:20 we went to Sacrament meeting in the car too. While here, Irene came and was brought to the meeting house by a kind gentleman. She came in on the Express to Nampa and then up here on the train that meets the East bound at Nampa. She is so thin and weak, almost worn out. It is awful to see her so poor. The children are well, and we are indeed glad to see them. Evelyn and I and Beth took Irene home in the car, and Bro. Kelley brought Rulon, Rhea and Mary down home after the meeting. It was a joyous meeting for all with Irene after an absence of about three years.

July 28:

At the office again this morning. Rulon went to his work this morning but was laid off until noon. I went to the depot and got Irene's trunk this morning before coming to the office. The day was spent without monetary profit to us. I tried two of those who seemed among our best prospects, but they put us off. In the afternoon we attended the last game of the series of Church league games, this one played between the L.D.S. and the United Presbyterians. The U.P. won the game easily, 12 to 5. Our boys were not at all themselves, and they were out-classed in the pitcher's box from the very first. Our boys made many errors, too. An effort was made to sell tickets to the crowds for the benefit ball to be held Thursday evening for the assistance of Brother Thatcher who had his jaw broken in two places the last game, but the people would not buy. They are not "real sports", but they are all united in effort and sentiment against our church. Rulon did not get to work at all today. I am disappointed in not receiving some word from G.W.Co. Co.

July 29:

At the office late this morning because of having to wait for milk for breakfast and for Rulon's lunch. He went
to work at five o'clock this morning so they would not have to
do the hard work in the extreme heat of the day. I got up
and prepared his breakfast. Evelyn is cramping and quite
sick this morning. She commenced about two o'clock this
morning. They are washing, too, and that makes it doubly
hard for her.

During the heat of the day Evelyn and the girls again
picked berries. I obtained one good prospect for Coal stock
in the person of a Mr. Buchanan with the Capital News. Mr.
Hammer came in discouraged and with a hard story of need.
He appears to me that he is not just sound mentally in some
particulars. I feel sorry for him. I tried to encourage
him. He wished me to kneel with him in prayer asking the
Lord to assist us in obtaining means so badly needed. I did
this, and he felt better. So did I. I do not mean that be-
cause of this request that I fear he is not perfectly mental-
ly balanced, but because of his whole attitude toward life
and his responsibility therein toward himself and his family.
His poor family must suffer for many of life's real neces-
sities.

Bro. M. E. Anderson is in town for the purpose of trying
to obtain the contract for building the Tabernacle. Pres.
Hale asked me what I thought of him and his responsibility.
I know nothing but good of the man and really do hope he gets
the contract.

In the evening Irene, Rhea and Olive went to the Nat-
atorium. The day has been very hot. Rulon worked nine hours
today. He came in at 2 P.M., and we went together and cashed
the Liberty Bonds for $30.00 and War Savings Stamps for $1.25.
We sent $27.00 off to the Rawleigh Co. for supplies to commence
trying to sell their goods. $1.00 of this was U.S. Government
check in payment of my year's salary. This was paid for my
services as State Director of Four Minute Men during the war,
one year. I hope this year's investment of a whole year's
salary will bring good returns to us. We need them.

July 30:

I got up again at three this morning and prepared Rulon's
breakfast, and he went to his work at five o'clock. I do not
get much sleep the last few nights. I am not sick, but I
cannot sleep and get my mind off our needs. At 7:30 I went
to the office. It is very hot this morning. Dear Evelyn is
feeling much better this morning. In fact was nearly all
day yesterday, or she could not have done her washing and
then picked berries. Oh, I do wish she did not have to work
so hard. She is so faithful and uncomplaining. She should
have more comfort and less hard back-breaking toil. I do
hope I will yet be able to provide this for her and for our
dear children. They are so patient and uncomplaining, too,
of our condition. All they earn goes willingly into a general
fund to provide or help provide the things we need so badly. Oh if I could but provide them with some real happy pleasures and comforts they all so much deserve, I would be a thankful man and not dread so much to quit this life. It is very apparent that I have made a miserable failure in the matter of being a good provider of this world's comforts for my good family. And it seems I have learned so little along that necessary line while in this life that I fear if our future happiness and comfort depends in any measure on ability to acquire life's necessities, all eternity will find those dependent upon me in want and suffering. I sometimes think I try hard and when I see so many about us that produce nothing, do little to personally assist any other person and yet have such an abundance of this world's wealth all selfishly lavished upon themselves and their sinful pleasures, I cannot help thinking, "God moves in a mysterious way." And things in this life seem rather at cross purposes. I do not complain, though, when I more seriously and deliberately weigh the whole matter, because I know this thing depends in a very great measure on man's personal ability to acquire and retain these things, and that I am a very poor student, improve not at all and am too much of a Coward in the whole thing.

My teeth are so very bad and the discharge of puss so great from my gums at night, that I have to get up once or more times each night to clean my mouth. And it is poisoning my throat and whole system. So this morning I went to Dr. Weaver, and he informed me that I would be under the necessity of having every one of my teeth taken out, as not one could be saved. He says if it were not for the exceptionally strong constitution I have, I would not have lasted this long, and that the poison is so great that it may bring on serious sickness at any time. He informs me that the cost of his work for the first teeth in a full set will cost me $50.00, and in about ten months or one year I will have to have them readjusted, and that will cost another $20.00. The extracting will cost about $1.00 for each tooth. So it appears there will be another heavy drain on my already empty purse, and I almost believe I am not worth it to myself or my family. I have made such a failure at supporting them as they should be supported, that I often really wonder if they would not get along financially better if I were out of the way. They are so kind and good and in spite of my unworthiness, love me so that they could not now think so. But I almost believe it is a truth, and that makes me feel so unfit and unworthy of their love that I am miserable at times.

This evening we received a nice letter from Thatcher. It carries the news that he and Harold are suffering very much again with that old aggravating skin trouble. Harold is at Logan we suppose. Thatcher and Pearl are at Springville, Utah, visiting with Pearl's relatives. Thatcher informs us
he cannot come to see us before they go back to Montana. This is a great disappointment to all of us and to him, but he has been assisting Harold in his school and with his doctor's expenses, so he does not have the necessary funds.

Irene walked up to town and telegraphed to Jack. While she was gone a telegram came from him for her.

*July 31:*

Rulon went again to his work at 5 o'clock. I came to the office early and spent the entire forenoon nearly in writing to Thatcher. Irene came into the office, so did Owen. They both went back home. Mr. Hammer came in more encouraged today and says he has several good prospects. The poor fellow is in possession of a child mind in some particulars, while in others he has a very good and even unusual mental capacity. He went back to his work. Last evening I called on Mr. Moffett and sons at the West Side Grocery and talked over the Coal stock proposition with them. They agree to take stock and will likely sign up for some this evening. I called today on U. S. Attorney Davis, who had been interested by Mr. Lockett. He had about given up the idea of taking stock for several reasons, but promises to consider it now further and may yet subscribe.

Yesterday, Brother M. W. Anderson of Blackfoot, our old neighbor there, was awarded the contract for building the Stake Tabernacle here. We are very glad. He called in my office for a few minutes' chat. We at once approached him for employment for Rulon and Elwood. He said he would take care of them. I hope this will afford opportunity not only to earn some means we much need for the home, but assist us in raising some money to help in the building of the Tabernacle. L. K. Thomas was in the city yesterday, but he was not man enough to call on me or even make explanation by phone or other message why he does not pay the little balance he is owing. Rulon obtained work until nearly noon, or put in a little over half a day and got $10.00 for his work this week. We are thankful for this money. I do hope our great needs will not be too great a temptation to neglect our duties in the matter of tithes or contribution to the Lord's work. It is hard to part with money when once placed in our hands, even though it does belong to someone else and even to the Lord, when we are in such real need. Oh Father in Heaven, lift from us this burden of poverty. Give us more means if its possession will not take our minds and reliance from Thee.

This evening after office hours I called on two prospects and obtained from one, a Mr. Rathman of 319 Jefferson Street, a promise that he would subscribe for five shares on the first of Sept. I then called on a Bro. Ziegler, who concluded he could not take it. I arrived too late at the West Side Grocery to call on Mr. Moffett this evening. Irene and Rhea went
to the dance this evening. I received a letter from the Watkins Co., but nothing as to my application already sent in. Mary has had bad cramps this afternoon.

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I called on Mr. Moffett on my way to the office and obtained their subscription for five shares of stock, and they may take more soon. At the office a little late this morning. I am thankful for the means obtained for the work written today, and although not of great sum, we are very glad for it and so told my Heavenly Father.

I called on Mr. Samuel, a prospect of Robinson's, and while he does not have the funds to subscribe now, says he will have later. I also called on Mrs. Weston of the hotel. She wished me to present the proposition to Mr. Tucker of the Pacific National Bank, that he might advise her regarding the investment. I made an appointment with Mr. Tucker over phone to meet him Monday morning. I did all the work I could but made no more subscriptions sure. The afternoon drug very heavily on my hands, waiting and expecting some of the agents to report.

Aug. 2:

The night was very cool again. Rulon went to work with Mr. Sunton again. I came to the office at 8, and made preparation for calls on some prospects. Soon Rulon came in, being put off for the work until Monday. I worked all day trying to get in touch with some of our prospects, but they had either left town or put me off until Monday. I am very much disappointed at the little money I am earning. I went home at evening rather blue.

August 3, Sunday:

In the morning Rulon, Otho and I attended Priesthood meeting and had a very good class. We attended S.S. I taught my class, which is a very unruly one. Rulon, Mary and Olive have all been appointed as teachers in Sunday School classes today. Irene and Rhea and Owen, and Beth also, attended S.S. Fast meeting was held immediately after School, at which we were in attendance. By request previously made by the Bishop, I spoke in the meeting. Brother and Sister Handy took us home after meeting. Then they returned to their home for their dinner, although we asked them to take dinner with us. Then a little later they came for us to take a ride with them. Evelyn, I and Modine and baby went with them. We had a lovely ride, during which we called on Bro. Labrum and family. W arrived home too late to get ready for evening meeting, so Evelyn and I remained at home with the smaller children. Rhea, Mary, Rulon, Olive went to evening meeting.
August 4:

At the office again this morning. Rulon, too, went to work, but was late so lost his job for the day and had to return home. He is promised work tomorrow. I called in Mr. Shaw, and he informed me that he would not have time today to meet me, but promised to call on me himself. Later he promised that he would ask the Chamber of Commerce to make inquiry of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce as to value of our securities. If he will do this I feel it will open the field to me and bring business. I called Mr. Stein, and he too said he was too busy today, but would meet me tomorrow morning. In the afternoon at two o'clock I met Mr. Tucker, Cashier in the Pacific National Bank, and he gave me a good hearing, after which he said he would advise Mrs. Weston to buy the stock and more than enough to supply her coal, as he considered our Securities a much better investment than that which she now had some of her money tied up in.

I remained ill at ease the balance of the day until 5 P.M. in my office, then went home. On my way home I stopped in at the West Side Grocery and paid ten dollars on our account of $17.91. At 7 o'clock I went with Sister Ward, and we called on several families in interest of the Tabernacle fund. We were assigned a very poor group of Saints. Most of them are women who have married out of the Church, and others are very poor. We did not get any money, but did obtain some indefinite promises. They want to do, but have little to do with.

August 5:

I was at the office at 7:30 this morning and Rulon on hand at that time to catch his promised job for the day. All are in good health at home, and we are indeed very thankful for this blessing. It now looks like we will have to move out of the house we have and perhaps go to some grove where we can live in the tent and do without paying rents until we can get ahead a little. It surely looks "tough" for us at present, but I do think and believe the Lord will open our way so we can live and obtain a home and establish ourselves here.

Yesterday I wrote a letter to Elwood and one to Mr. Perkins of Lethbridge, Canada, the men to whom we sold the horses. I do hope and pray they will not disappoint us. If they do I fear our lot will be a hard one this coming winter at least.

I made out written report of the visits made last night with Sister Ward. Today is Primary Election day. It is the most strange and in a way uninteresting election day I remember. In one way it is of much interest to me and portends much for the future of our Country. There is so much political unrest and dissatisfaction, so much enmity and strife that I really fear it is but the forerunner of great trouble.

This evening at about 8 o'clock Jack Daniels and Charlotte, with Jack's brother, Leonard, and Charlotte's sister-in-law, Dot, and her babe, came in from Los Angeles. They are all well, and we are very glad to meet them, particularly
Dear Charlotte. It is now nearly four years since we saw her before. She looks well and seems happy. We now have a house full and will have difficulty in providing beds or other things of comfort for them. They will have to sleep on the floor, or most of them will, as some of us have to do.

August 6:

I came to the office early this morning. Rulon did not have work today, so he helped Dear Wife and the girls pick strawberries. Yesterday they gathered enough to earn nearly four dollars. I do not know what we should do if it were not for the means they and Rulon earn by their hard toil, for I am earning almost nothing. All day I tried to get or make sales but have literally failed, so that everyone puts me off from time to time or at last gives up taking the stock entirely. It is very discouraging, and I will have to look elsewhere for a livelihood if this does not change for the better in the immediate future.

I wrote a letter to Leo Vance giving him outline of argument on the Sabbath Day question. He requested that I help him with it. This evening Jack and Charlotte insisted on Evelyn and I going with them to the Nat, so we, Evelyn, Charlotte, Irene, Rulon, Mary, Jack, Leonard and Dot, all went for a swim in the nice pool. We had a splendid time, going and returning in Jack's car.

Last evening I suffered much with toothache, and today it has again been very bad part of the time. This evening I have a short siege of its grueling pain. I do wish I had the means to have them taken care of, but I haven't, so no need to wish, only to endure. Rulon received a letter from Harold today. He is improved in health, his eyes and skin trouble are both better. He did not write to me or even mention my name in his letter. Last evening I got a good letter from Elwood. His lines are always filled with expressions of love and respect. Lothair never writes more than once or twice a year. Thatcher writes often, and his words are a comfort and consolation to me.

August 6:

At the office early this morning again, hoping for something to develop into much needed means of support. Rulon went again to his work this morning at 7:30. Well and ever full of courage and good cheer, that dear boy is indeed a blessing to us for which we are very thankful.

I received a long letter from our Company in explanation of the offer made to finance the building of coal yards in Boise, and they sent copies of all the letters they had written me in that matter. Two letters dealing particularly with this yard matter were never received by me. Had they been, there would have been no misunderstanding on my part. From these letters I learned that Brothers Croft and Shoot have cooperated
to assist me in the building of the yards here, and have placed at my disposal the Great Western Securities which they received from the Company in payment of cash and labor advanced by them in the building of the railroad and development of the mines. They wish to leave to my judgment the building and selection of site and all matters in general, but I do not wish to take this responsibility to spend the means they have provided without I have their approval and they know how and why the money is being spent. I did today, however, write letters to the O.S.L. Superintendent of the Western Division and Mr. Titus, the Engineer, asking that they proceed with the survey and final report. I will try to devise some means of securing the grounds so there can be no possibility of the Davis Estate deciding they do not wish to let me have the land. I wrote Bros. Croft and Smoot thanking them and telling that I now understood their proposition and would proceed far as possible without the actual expenditure of money awaiting Bro. Croft's contemplated visit.

A brother Carter of Nampa signed up contract to sell stock in Nampa in place of P. P. Grigg. I think this man will make good.

August 8:

Rulon returned to his work this morning with promise that one-half day's employment would be given. This morning we paid the balance on the grocery account, $10.21, from the money Evelyn and the girls (with Oth's and Rulon's help when off his work) earned in picking strawberries. They have earned much more there thus far than I have earned in my effort at selling coal stock. I came to the office again early with hope I can arrange to handle the G. W. securities in the building of the yards.

My teeth cause me much distress. The acheing is very bad at times, and it is hard for me to do anything when that pain is on.

I wrote a letter to Messrs. Croft and Smoot, making inquiry as to procedure in utilizing proceeds of Security sales etc. Mr. Vaughn came in and promises to take stock soon as he can shape his finances. One of my letters received from the G. W. Co. this morning came open. It is very apparent that my mail has been tampered with, for the two most important letters written me relative to the building of yards here have never been received. Fearing that someone or more persons may be making effort to hinder my business in selling coal, I called Mr. Davis, and after a long talk over terms of lease, he signed a written agreement that I should be protected in my rights to lease the lands desired of the Davis Estate for a period of thirty days. If I needed more time in which to complete the surveys and approval of site, I must pay one year's rental in advance as option money which should be forfeited if I then failed to take the lands asked for. Mr. Davis informed me that he had been told by a Mr. Smith
particulars regarding our plans for building coal yards on these lands. This fact makes it doubly certain that my mail has been intercepted, for but two men in town knew of my plans, and they would not have mentioned them, as they were asked to keep the matter quiet for the present until our plans could be completed and acted upon. I engaged the services of Bro. Ward, an attorney, to handle the legal matters of our company. He will take stock for his services. I submitted to him the written contract signed by Mr. Davis, and he pronounced it sufficient to hold the property. At 5 P.M. Jack called for me to take me home. Rulon worked 3/4ths of the day and received for work done this week, $11.00. In the evening while we were all playing Flinch, Dear Elwood gave us a very happy surprise by walking in unexpectedly upon us. We did not look for him until this evening. He looks well, and the happiness his presence gives me cannot well be described. We spent a pleasant even.

August 9:

This morning I got up at 3:30 o'clock and prepared breakfast for Jack and Irene, Leonard and Dot Avery, and the children who went on their way to Blackfoot in Jack's car. They leave well, and we have had a good visit. I came early to the office and wrote copies of the two letters that had been lost or stolen from the mails. I copied them from the carbon copy furnished by Mr. Smoot. In this morning's paper we have a full account of Senator La Follett's condemnation of the Ku-Klux-Klan. He does it in no uncertain terms, and his position is greatly admired by at least one man, and that is "yours truly". Last night the Klan held another big demonstration on the hills near the City, displayed great fires and lights in varied forms and shapes for a long time. Yesterday we received letters from Mr. Sahlstrom and Mrs. Lee and from the W. T. Rawleigh Co. This company acknowledged receipt of our contract and money sent for goods, promising immediate shipment.

Elwood and Rulon came into the office this forenoon and spent some time with me. At noon Elwood and I purchased lunch of the L.D.S. Sisters who were serving it in a near building to raise funds for the Tabernacle. At two P.M. I placed the matter of my letters that had been stolen or miscarried before the P.M. of this City, and they promised to look into it. I did nothing today that seemed to advance our cause of selling stock. Rulon had no work. In the evening Elwood, Evelyn and I rode to Nampa to visit Miss Glendora Malcolm who had just arrived there from a long trip and visit on the Pacific coast. She was well, and we were all glad to meet again.

August 10, Sunday:

I suffered much last evening and night with my teeth.
This morning they were so bad that I did not attempt to attend Priesthood meeting or Sunday School. All day I was in much distress except short intervals. Elwood attended S.S. with the rest of the children that could go. In the evening we nearly all attended Sacrament meeting, at which Elwood and I were the speakers. Elwood delivered an excellent discourse, and I am proud of him and the great testimony of the Gospel he has and the great good he is doing. Surely such a son does make a father glad and thankful. The Saints enjoyed the meeting very much, and we did have a good time in which the Lord blessed us. I almost constantly suffered with the toothache, so I was unable to speak as I wished to, and I was in much distress the greater part of the night.

August 11:

This morning I am quite free from pain, but the soreness is awful. I came to the office to work at 7:30. On the way I stopped in and paid Mrs. Davis $11.00 on the rent in advance. This pays it up to the 31st inclusive. At the office I wrote a letter to the I.C.M.A. to see if they would allow me pay on my health insurance while laid up in having my teeth drawn and new ones made. If they will do this it will be a great help to us. I sent letters off to Sister Lee and one to Leo Vance.

Sister Plant came in and paid her monthly dues on her stock and told me she was quite sure she would subscribe for 50 shares on the first of next month.

Barley Allred, Uncle Marvin's son, called in to see me. He is here attending the County Assessor's annual meeting. We had a nice visit. Pres. Hale informed me that Bro. Anderson will not be here to commence work on the Tabernacle until the 17th. We received a nice letter from Thatcher. He is improved in health. They are now at Three Forks, Montana, ready to commence their work in school. Pearl is well but very tired.

August 12:

I rested much better last night and am quite free from pain in my face and teeth this morning. Rulón does not have work now. Elwood, Rulón and some of the girls drove up to the Arrowrock Dam today. They had some tire trouble, otherwise a good time. The heat is something awful today. During the afternoon I called on a Mrs. J. M. Cantwell at 501½ Jefferson St. for Mr. Lockett. She promised to take stock soon as she could consult her man handling the furnaces. In the forenoon I sent letters to the G.W. Co. inclosing $10.00 payment made by Mrs. Lottie Plant and $50.00 received from Bro. Carter, agent at Nampa, for five shares stock he had sold. I wrote him and wrote several letters to prospective stock buyers. After 5 P.M. I rode out with P. B. Robinson and called on three of his prospects with result that one, Mr. Cousins, promises to call in the office day after tomorrow and subscribe for stock. And two others felt quite certain they would subscribe
Later. I got home late and ate supper with a relish, it being the first food of hard substance that I was able to take for a few days.

**August 13:**

On reaching the office this morning the first thing I did was to write to Thatcher. I told him of the way in which Rhea now felt regarding his proposal for her to stay with him this winter. At first Rhea did not care to go, but I thought she could be of assistance to Thatcher and that she could do as well there as here in school, and that if Thatcher could see his way clear to meet the expenses incident to her going, I was willing she should go. Since Charlotte has come, particularly, Rhea seems to have great desire to go with Thatcher, and when Thatcher's letter came saying he did not think it best under his circumstances and Rhea's need for a certain course of study which she could not get here, for her to come, she cried about it. Since that time she and Charlotte seem to have talked much about it, and have determined upon some course to secure Rhea's going. I think they have written Thatcher. This is the first time that I know of in all her life that dear Rhea has ever done anything without consulting first with me or her Auntie about it, let alone doing a thing that she fears would not meet with my approval. I do not know now that she has done this, but it now looks as though she has. In Thatcher's good letter he informed us that he could not well afford the expense incident to Rhea's coming now, and that he thought she could not get the studies there she would require, that he thought it best now that she should not come under these circumstances. Yet it appears that through Charlotte's influence she is determined to go.

I have told Thatcher in the letter this morning that if Rhea has written him wishing to go, I wish he would send for her if possible, and I will raise all the money I possibly can to help in meeting expenses. This fear of my dear Rhea, in whom my heart has been so wrapped, listening to the advice of another in preference to her father and mother who have tried hard to do for her and have loved her so much, causes me more sorrow than I care to try to tell.

I commenced my work today with the saddest heart I have had for several years. I pray the Lord will guide and protect my Children from their own folly and give me wisdom and a good spirit that I may ever advise them for the right and always have their love and utmost confidence.

Yesterday Mr. Titus, the U.S. Engineer, came in and said he had just finished, yesterday and today, the surveying of the desired trackage and wished me to place a deposit of $20.00 with the Freight agent, and he would wire Mr. Titus at Nampa of the deposit on receipt of which he would proceed with the report and making ready for the actual grade construction. I told him I thought I could have it for them tomorrow -
no, today, it was then tomorrow - but so far I have been unable to obtain it. I did little toward obtaining actual cash, although Robinson obtained one good prospect for the 25th, who says he will then take 5 shares. Evelyn and the girls and all the boys including Elwood picked berries this afternoon.

August 14:

I learned to my great satisfaction that Dear Rhea had not written to Thatcher as I feared. But she came to me this morning and asked what she should write. Charlotte did write, though, urging Thatcher to send for Rhea and promising to assist in meeting the expenses, but? This morning I and Rhea wrote to Thatcher telling him of the mutual understanding and desire that Rhea should not be a burden to them, although she was anxious to go if it could be arranged.

Dear Wife is suffering with cramp in her stomach this morning. My teeth are not feeling very good this morning. I did not get much rest last night, just nervous and sleepless, coupled with useless worry, I guess. I had some good talks with prospects in the office today but did not close a deal with them. I went at 5 P.M. with P. B. Robinson, and we visited some of his prospects, signing up one for five shares, a Mr. Pratt. We obtained promise from two others that they would come to the office tomorrow or next day and give final decision. I wrote a letter to the company telling them I had not yet received answer from my letter of the 8th in which I asked for authority and instruction to use the proceeds of stock sold here toward the building of the coal yards. I have been unable to raise the $20.00 money for deposit required by the O.S.L. Engineer, but the sale this evening will enable me to do this if money does not come from the Salt Lake office. In the evening Dear Elwood took Evelyn, Olive and I to the picture show. It was fairly good, the first we have seen for a long time. This forenoon Bro. Orson Manwaring of Blackfoot and Parley Allred of Preston called on me. We had a pleasant little visit. Charlotte stayed with some of her lady friends last night, and she with them called in the office for a few minutes. Late this evening Charlotte returned home. Evelyn and the girls again worked in the berries.

August 15:

Just as I was about to mail our letters to Thatcher yesterday, Rhea called over phone and asked that I do not send it, as she had changed her mind and did not feel good over what she had written. So I took them back home, and this morning she wrote another telling Thatcher that she thought it best not to go to him now because of the great scarcity of means with us all. I mailed the letters this morning. I was at the office at 7:35.
This forenoon I cashed the check received from Mr. Pratt yesterday, and from the proceeds made a deposit with the O.S. L. Freight agent for the survey. The amount deposited was $20.00. I then went and got my watch from the jewelers paying him $4. During the day I did not write any stock sales, but obtained some good prospects.

In the evening Elwood, Evelyn, Rulon, Olive, Charlotte, Otho, Owen and I all went to the Natatorium. We had a good time. Sister Alfred Hogansen came to our home just as we were ready to start, so she went up with us. At the Nat I met Bro. Steers, an old acquaintance first of Blackfoot, also Mr. McCurdy of Blackfoot. I forwarded Mr. Pratt's order and receipt for Five shares to the G.W.C.M. Co., giving explanation of use I had made of the funds. I also wrote Engineer Titus of Nampa.

August 16:

At the office again a little before eight. All well at home. We had reason to hope that some good sales would be written today, but to my great disappointment but one was written. First one thing or another would prevent prospects from signing up, and to cap it all I got a letter from Agent Carter at Nampa saying he was meeting very active opposition. He wanted me to come to Nampa. I wrote him after trying to get in touch with him by phone, and I sent the letter under special delivery stamp telling him to call me by phone tonight, or I would come back to the office in the morning for his message. I received a letter from Smoot this morning relative to the coal yard building here in Boise and the sale of his and Craft's securities, but it so completely balled the whole matter up that I could not understand their meaning. I took the letters into Attorney Ward and asked his help, but he was as much confused as I. I then wrote them a long letter giving detailed account of the things they had said in previous letters and in this asking for something definite and that would give me power to proceed without further delay.

August 17:

I came to the office at 9 A.M. and received the call from Carter. He informed me the opposition appeared to be from the organized coal interests of that city. I told him I would come to Nampa tomorrow morning.

Elwood, Rulon and I attended Ward Priesthood meeting and all but Evelyn and Olive and Otho attended Sunday School. Evelyn is not feeling well. In the evening I filled appointment made by the Stake Presidency at the First Ward and spoke on the subject of character building. The people gave me good attention, and the Lord blessed me more than I deserved to be. My companion was a Brother Stephens of Nampa. Elwood,
Rulon, Charlotte and Olive accompanied me to the First Ward meeting. Rhea and Mary attended meeting at our own Ward.

August 18:

Mary came to the office with me this morning to attend it while I go to Nampa. Evelyn is not well this morning, yet is going at her washing. Elwood and Rulon went to the new depot grounds for work, but did not obtain it. I went to Nampa on the 8 A.M. Streetcar, and with Agent Carter got our difficulties there ironed out. Some coal dealers have been telling the prospective subscribers the usual falsehoods about our properties, but we got the prospects to repromise and obtained another one for Agent Carter. I returned to Boise at noon. Mary then went home, and I continued on in the office the rest of the day. Robinson sold to one man five shares and obtained the first payment. This evening Elwood received Complaint from L. R. Thomas to be filed in his divorce proceedings. We talked the matter over from many angles and again decided it was the only proper thing to do, and concluded again to proceed with all possible dispatch.

August 19:

At the office this morning I helped Elwood prepare a letter to send to L. R. Thomas and have his Complaint sworn to before Notary Public Bro. Brown. Last night we had a very little sprinkling of rain, not enough to settle the dust, though. I received a telephone call from Mr. Titus, the O.S.L. Engineer, saying he had survey and report ready to forward to his superiors, that he had changed the grade line a little so that we would be able to save near two thousand dollars in its construction by keeping nearer the present railroad track, and that in this way we would have sufficient dirt on the side of the railroad to construct our grade without hauling over the track. He said he thought the contract and papers could be in our hands in a few days. I wrote to Bros. Croft and Smoot of this. P. B. Robinson sold another unit of five shares of stock. Mr. Lockett is becoming much discouraged. I loaned him five dollars. He was in such urgent need of money, and his prospects continue delaying their subscription from day to day until it is very discouraging and hard on us all. In the evening I went out with Phil Robinson to visit some of his prospects. We obtained definite promise of two that they would come into the office tomorrow and next day for the purpose of closing the deal.

This morning Rulon kinked, or wrenched his neck by a quick turn so that he is in bad shape and much pain with it. He went to Dr. Handy, and the doctor pronounced it a bad condition that would require constant and earnest treatment for a long time. He says the neck has been almost broken before and now the bones are out of place. Olive is feeling
quite bad too, so we took her to Dr. Handy too. He treated her and says she will soon be all right, with care. It rained a little during the day today. Evelyn and Elwood went to F. B. Smith's home by invitation of his wife and picked some strawberries which they could not take care of. Evelyn and the girls also picked berries for the man that has engaged them during the past two months, and they earned a little more, which is a blessing to us. But the work is awful hard.

I forwarded three orders for stock of five shares each to our Co. Mr. Titus told me over phone today that we would have to arrange for an additional strip of ground a few feet wide by the grade where the dirt would spill over the R.R. right of way and which was above the ground we had leased. I called Mr. Davis over phone and he said arrangement could be made for that all right, so we would not need to worry about it. It could be arranged for when our final contract was drawn.

August 20:

It is damp, cool and foggy this morning. Rulon rested some last night and Olive is better. I came to the office at 8 and cared for work and writing in this diary for yesterday and this morning.

This morning I received a letter from Br. Smoot making very clear the fact that the securities they were placing in my hands for the building of the coal yards here were the same in every particular as those I am now selling, but that they wished me to have the agents devote their time to the selling of Company stock and not to the private securities, that I alone attend to that. This is very satisfactory, and I so informed them today. Rulon went again to the doctor this morning. He is some better, but is yet in bad shape. Elwood and the girls attended district court this forenoon. We made one sale of five shares today, a man canvassed by Robinson. I received a letter from Agent Carter at Nampa saying his prospects are very good and he asked for references at bank, etc. I replied. We received a letter from dear Thatcher. He is improved in health. Pearl is well. He wrote of Rhea's going to stay with them this year. It was made very plain that he did not have the means to meet this expense, but was more than willing to do his full part with his brothers. Charlotte, it seems, has made it appear to him that Rhea was in sore need of money and better training, etc. This attitude on her part gives me much unhappiness and if her advice were followed, would lead to much sorrow and discomfort to those whom she seems to think she is aiding. I prevailed on Elwood to go out tomorrow with Phil Robinson in effort to sell stock, with the hope that he can make some much needed money.

August 21:

Elwood went to join Robinson this morning. The night
has been very cool. I answered Thatcher's good letter and also wrote to Harold. Last night Elwood received a letter from Orville. They were all well. We did not close any sales today. Elwood and Phil found some good prospects but signed none. Rulon is better and took his treatment again today. Our Rawleigh goods came today and Elwood took them out home in his car.

August 22:

Last evening we received a letter from Byron Vance of Raymond Alta, telling of his Father's death. This morning Rhea and I wrote to Leo Vance. I prepared price list of Rawleigh goods for Mark. Rulon went again to Dr. Handy. He is getting better fast. Elwood worked again with Phil.

Elwood worked with Phil Robinson the forenoon, but made no direct sales, so became discouraged and quit. In the evening I went out with Phil to visit some of his prospects. We called on three. One signed up and the other promised to come in the first of next week and talked as though they would take the stock.

August 23:

We wrote letters to Sister Vance and family of Raymond. I also sent letter to Rawleigh, acknowledging receipt of goods and telling them there was still due us 40¢. The day is very pleasant. Yesterday I bought shoes for Otho and coveralls for baby, also little shoes for baby. But they were too large, so I had to change them. This morning I paid Mrs. Davis $9.00 on our rent which pays it up to the 1st of next month. I received a letter from Bro. Smoot saying Bro. Croft would be here Monday morning. Mr. Lockett sold one share of stock, the least we have ever sold. I sold five shares to John H. Gardner and purchased his sewing machine, paying $35.00 for it on his coal stock.

August 24, Sunday:

Elwood, Rulon and I attended Priesthood meeting and nearly all attended Sunday School. The day was long and drug heavy on our hands. After Sunday School Elwood drove us to Gardner's in his car, and we brough the machine home. It is not what he told me it was. He said it was a new one a year ago and was not even marred. But it appears to be some years used and is marred up much. There is not full set of extras with it either. In the evening we, all but Evelyn, attended the Primary Conference. They had a good meeting. Owen opened the Conference by prayer, having memorized his words. He repeated them well without being confused.
August 25:

At the office early expecting Bro. Croft from Salt Lake. But he did not come in the morning as expected. The Supt. of the Settler's Canal Co. came, and we together went over the ground and canal banks where I wanted to build the bridge to the Coal yards. He approved of it, but I must build it the same width and height as the one crossing the canal under the State Highway so teams can go through and under it. I am to have the contract prepared for them this week so it can be acted on at their meeting the first Tuesday in Sept.

Phil Robinson handed in two subscriptions this morning. One for seven shares and one for five. I also received one for five shares from Agent Carter of Nampa. He is not meeting with the success we had hoped, and from now on will be able to devote only part time to his work. I wrote him asking that he do this for us. I received a letter and Sales Book returned by Mr. Wymer and wife from Mountain Home. I wrote asking them if they could not write there for us. Shortly after noon, Phil Robinson received a telegram announcing the death of his mother in Los Angeles. She died very suddenly. Bro. Croft came in on the 2:10 P.M. train, and we had a pleasant greeting. We at once went to the grounds for proposed site for the Coal yards and carefully went over them. He pronounced them "made on purpose" and was well pleased with the location and plan and said it was the best thing he had seen, would surely give us trade and make a wonderful saving in the handling of the coal. We then went over the plan for selling Securities he and Bro. Smoot have placed at my disposal for building the yards. I am to sell these myself and not permit the regular agents I have appointed to sell them. I am to make the order on regular blanks prepared by the Company and mark across the face, "Boise Coal Yards" and designate just what was taken in payment for the stock, labor, material or cash, as the case may be. All business is to be transacted in my name, and we will later form a partnership firm. After arrangements had been made and plan approved, Bro. Croft took the 5:30 train back for Salt Lake. I sent a telegram this forenoon to the G.W.C.M. Co., telling them that the Secretary of the Boise Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Geo. B. Graff, was now in Salt Lake and asked them to get in touch with him at once and take him to the mines. Bro. Croft will attend to it when he gets back, also to other matters that required careful and personal attention. I paid Phil Robinson $10.00 advance payment on the fourteen shares he had written.

August 26:

My teeth are bothering me quite bad, began yesterday afternoon, but some better this morning. Last night Elwood, Charlotte, Rulon and Rhea went to Bro. Plant's home for a
visit. I received papers from the Traveling Men's Insurance Co. for me to fill out when I have to be laid up because of extraction of my teeth.

Today is the day on which the political conventions of this State are being held. Elwood and Rulon went with Mary to Meridian today, and she made her first sales of the Rawleigh goods, selling $6.00 worth of the products. She remained there only about three hours, so I think she did very well for a commencement and so short a time. No sales were made today in Boise. A Bro. came with Phil Robinson to inquire about an agency for selling our stock. He had to leave to be at the convention, so we could not reach a decision whether he would act or not. The Smith Bros. went away again trying to sell woollen goods. Bro. Fred Alwood, formerly of Blackfoot, called on me. He is trying to find a location and opportunity that he may study and practice law. It is extremely warm today.

August 27:

At the office early. I do not get good rest at night because of the awful discharge from my gums. I have to get up several times during the night to clean my mouth and throat. Olive is in poor health. Some trouble in her back. We expected that prune picking in which the children had promise of employment would commence today, but it is being put off, and we need the means we could earn there so much that it causes us much worry.

Elwood and Fred Alward came in and spent some hours in the office. The physician sent by the I.C.M.A. Health Assn. came in to see me and said my mouth and teeth are in bad condition, and I must have them taken care of at once. I tried to borrow money of former Bp. Lewis, but he informed me that he had just invested all his in Salt Lake City and had none he could let me have. I then tried the Pacific National Bank, but had no security acceptable to offer them and will not ask someone else to endorse a note with me. I do not know what I can or will do.

Rhea came in just before four o'clock and remained a short time with me. I have had an awful headache nearly all day, and this afternoon it is very distressing. The heat is almost unbearable today.

August 28:

I rested some better during the night, but feel rather rough again this morning. Elwood, Rulon, Rhea and Charlotte and Otho went this morning to work in the prune orchards for Bro. Labrum. Olive is in poor health and Mary is not strong. She did a pretty hard day's work yesterday in selling the Rawleigh products where she had to carry the large case from
house to house. I am writing a letter to Orville this morning to ask him to loan me $100.00 until I can get the money to pay for my teeth work which the doctors all inform me must be done.

I phoned to Dr. Weaver and made arrangement with him that my work could be done now, and they would wait until I got the money from Orville. So I phoned Evelyn and she came in at 1:30, and we went over to Dr. Seibert. He administered a local anesthetic which deadened all pain, but I could feel everything being done. He pulled eight teeth and said my condition was such that he would not draw more at one time. All these drawn but one or two were broken off at the root or roots, and these roots had to be dug out. This made it very trying on me. Nearly every tooth was covered with ulcers and many puss bags were in the cavities about the teeth. After the ordeal we walked over to the office. Then Bro. Hale drove me and Evelyn and Mary home. Soon the pain began and I suffered much distress.

August 29:

I had a bad night and suffered much pain, particularly in my head, front and back. At 10:30 I went again to the dentist with Evelyn, and he treated the gums with some solution. We had a tooth put in the upper plate of Evelyn's teeth. This had been broken out for some time and was a source of discomfort and annoyance to her. I went home and passed a day of much pain, but toward night it grew easier. Elwood and others of the children worked yesterday and today picking prunes for Bro. Labrum.

August 30:

I rested fairly well last night and went again to the dentist for tooth, or gum treatment. I purchased of the Rawleigh dealer, Mr. Darlond, some Rawleigh products that Mary did not have to fill her orders today, paying him $5.30 less 25%. Then Charlotte and Mary went to Meridian to deliver the orders taken. I wrote letters to Bros. Smoot and Croft and one to the Company, sending in one order received from Nampa. The Secretary of the Boise Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Graff, reported to me this morning that he was unable to go to the mines while in Salt Lake, but he obtained from the Salt Lake Chamber a very favorable report of our property, and soon as a letter embodying that report was received, he would provide me a copy and a statement of his own, which I might use.

Phil Robinson came in this morning and has concluded that he will go to Idaho Falls for his wife. I told him I wanted him to Superintend the building of our spur if we got things arranged, and I told him I would give him $8.00 a day for that work, and would insure to him $2.00 or $2.50 of that amount in cash. More would be paid in cash if I could get it. The balance he must take in stock. He promised to do the work and return in time to handle it next week. I returned home about 1 P.M., too tired to continue at the office.
longer, but first I took over to Dr. Weaver the blanks to fill out for my insurance, which he said he would do.

August 31, Sunday:

Today I suffered much pain and am so sick I can hardly get about. Elwood and all the older children went to Sunday School, all but the smallest. Evelyn stayed home with me. Late this evening, just as Evelyn and I had got to bed, Harold, Jack and Irene and their children, Leonard Brown and Dot and her little one came. We were very glad to see dear Harold particularly. It is the first time he and Charlotte have met for about five years. Evelyn put them all to bed the best she could.

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September 1:

I took Rhea up to register at the High school this morning, Jack, Irene, Charlotte and their company left us this morning about 9:30 for Los Angeles. I had a very bad night and am in much distress today. Elwood and Rulon and Harold worked helping Dr. Labrum load a car of prunes, using our truck. Rhea and the little boys picked prunes.

September 2:

This forenoon Elwood and Rulon went back and helped to load prunes until about noon. Then Elwood and Harold made ready to go back to Blackfoot, as it seems impossible for them to obtain suitable employment here. The three boys and the car received $14.00 for loading. Each of the boys took three dollars and I took five for the car. At about 5 P.M. Elwood and Harold left us for Blackfoot. I do hate to see them go. I am so very sick and Elwood, particularly, is such a comfort, and he, too, being in such grievous trouble, makes me wish he could remain with us. Just before they left we received a nice letter from Thatcher announcing the birth of a baby girl, born on the 28th of August and weighing 6½ lbs. All are doing well. When Dear Elwood heard the announcement, he could hardly control his grief at the thought that he may lose the companionship of his dear baby because of the necessity for divorce. It is awful to contemplate.

This now makes my eighth grandchild, and we are very thankful the Lord has so blessed Thatcher and Pearl and all of us. I sent a letter to Orville answering his kind letter in which he said he would be able to send me the $100.00 I had asked to borrow in a few days.

September 3:

I had a very bad night last night, but went to the office a few minutes and called the doctor up. He told me not to
come for more tooth extraction until tomorrow. Today I sold fifty shares of stock to Sister Plant, this being the first to apply on the building of our yards in Boise. She took it on the "easy payment plan", paying $100.00 down and a note for $50.00 each month until all is paid. I mailed to contract for right of way over the Settler's Canal to Mr. Sheldon for their approval today. I then went home very tired. Dr. Handy and his family called in the evening, so did Bp. Harris. All solicitous about our welfare. Bro. Handy wanted Rulon to drive his truck out to Labrum's for fruit for him. Rulon did, and all the larger children went for a ride. A heavy wind with a sprinkling of rain came in the late afternoon after one of the most sultry and hot days I ever experienced in Boise.

Today Pres. Heber Q. Hale informed me that I had been chosen to act as a High Councilman for the Boise Stake and wanted to know if I would be able to accept. I told him I would do the best I could, that I appreciated the honor. When Bp. Harris came to our home he told me I had been selected to teach the advance senior class in Priesthood in the Boise Second Ward.

September 4:

Yesterday we payed our monthly milk bill of $12.25 and $20.00 on the grocery account, all or the most of this from the means earned by the dear children in prune picking and hauling. It was today and not yesterday as recorded above that Sister Plant subscribed for the five shares of stock. On Monday, the 1st, we obtained a license for our car, paying $11.25 money loaned to us by Mary from her Rawleigh accounts. I worked a little at the office this morning. At about 2 P.M. Evelyn came and went with me to the dentist. I had eight more teeth extracted. I was very nervous and weak, but it was not nearly so bad as the first time because these teeth were all front teeth. I opened up a new bank account at the Pacific National Bank for the Boise Yard business. The account is in the name of B. Harvey Allred for Great West Coal Co. I deposited $115.00.

Rulon took us home, and I rested much better than at any day previous, notwithstanding the fact that I have had eight more teeth drawn. There seems to be less poison in my system, although all of the teeth drawn today were covered with large pus bags and in very bad condition.

September 5:

This morning I went to the dentist, and he treated my gums. I rested very well considering all things. I worked at the office a short time, then returned home with Rulon. In the afternoon he and I went to the Davis meat packing plant and met Mr. Davis who accompanied us to measure and decide on boundaries of the land we are leasing of them for Coal yards.
I then took the terms of contract and other particulars to Attorney Ward and asked him to draw up the contract for us. We then went home again. Mary is feeling poorly. We wrote to Thatcher this evening.

September 6:

Rulon, Rhea, Otho and Owen went out to Yost station to pick prunes this morning, first taking me to the office at 9 A.M. I worked at the office until noon. Then Frank Smith took me home. I am so very weak that I can hardly sit up. I prepared outline of contract with the Davis Estate for the lease of land for Coal yards ready for Attorney Ward. I received a letter from P. B. Robinson asking me to have Rhea clean his home and fumigate and to get coal in for him. But the letter arrived too late for Rhea to do the work, as she is away and Mary is not in good health. I ordered the coal in for him.

September 7:

Rulon and Rhea and Otho and Owen earned $4.00 in the prune picking yesterday. We received a lovely letter from Pearl, Thatcher's wife, saying they were getting along fine, and one from Elwood saying they were well and that Lenora was in Blackfoot when he arrived there, that they hoped to get matters settled soon. Last night Evelyn was quite sick all night and today she can hardly move about. All the children but Mary went to Sunday School and some remained to Fast Meeting. In the morning before school time Bp. Harris and Counselor Mathias Benson called on me a few minutes. The morning was very cold and the afternoon and evening very unpleasantly hot. In the afternoon Phil Robinson and his wife and children came in. She is in very poor health. The day was passed in rather a gloomy fashion. Evelyn is so sick and I so full of grumble, and the long sultry afternoon makes it very unpleasant. In the evening quite an electric storm with a very little rain came. The older children attended M.I.A. Joint meeting at which Rhea took part.

September 8:

I came to the office quite early and remained all day arranging contract for the land on which we hope to build the coal yards. Mr. E. H. Davis came in during the afternoon, and we briefly talked over the terms of the contract. Then he took copy to his Attorney. I waited for him until after five o'clock. Then when he did not come I called up Hawley and Hawley, his attorneys, where I found him. He said he was arranging to have survey made so more accurate description of land could be given and wanted to change one clause of the contract pertaining to the taxes on the land.
to make it read different from our agreement than it should read and more favorable to his company, I consented rather than occasion more delay. I phoned Dr. Seibert and arranged to go for the extracting of my teeth tomorrow instead of today because of my work on this contract. I am not right certain that I can obtain the approval of the O.S.L. to build the track at all, because I have no definite reply. But Mr. Larkin and Mr. Titus informed me that they were quite certain it would be approved and that I would not lose by closing the contract for the land today, inasmuch as my option expired today if not closed. I received a letter from Bro. Smoot containing remittance of $3.60 to cover the protest fee on check issued by Bro. Croft. I took it to Alexander, and he was perfectly satisfied saying that Bro. Croft had proved himself a man of business integrity. I wrote them again and also wrote the company about their failure to send my commission on one of our orders. I sent off $5.00 on my Health and Accident insurance. Evelyn is some better today. Mary went out to help P. B. Robinson's wife clean house and straighten up. We received two cards from Charlotte. They had not then reached Los Angeles. They were all well but very tired.

September 9:

Rulon went out to the prune orchards at which they had picked last Saturday to get their pay and pick until noon. He collected the $4.00 due and earned another dollar, which enabled us to pay our light and water bills and buy a little coal.

Evelyn washed and put up fruit until three o'clock, when she came in to town with Rulon and went with me to the dentist, where I had nine more teeth drawn. This was the least trying and painful of any of the extractions thus far. I had remained in the office all day from early morning until three o'clock, but with a very bad headache and much pain. This headache has not left me one hour since the first tooth pulling. We went home, and I had a pretty unpleasant time until late evening when I went to bed and soon my headache left me, and I was more free from pain than at any time since the first extraction was made. In the evening we received letters from Warren Longhurst and from Heber Farr. They want us to move to Sinaloa where they are thinking of going. I know that is one of the best countries on earth and have always said I would make my home there if I could. But I can't, for many reasons.

September 10:

I came to the office at about 8 this morning and remained all day, feeling very good and writing letters to Warren, Heber Farr and to Aunt Mary Allred and to the G.W.C.M. Co. Rulon went to pick prunes for Plant, but the prunes have been condemned, and it now looks like there would be little or no market for them. Rhea has been feeling quite poorly yesterday and some better today. Yesterday she took treatment of Dr.
Handy and again this afternoon. Rulon came after us at about 5 P.M. Phil Robinson and Mr. Lockett came in today and both are very much discouraged. It seems people that would have subscribed and promised to do so cannot get money, and the prospect for business looks rather gloomy. Mr. Pratt came in and informed me that he had not received his Stock Certificate for subscription made on the 14th of last month. I wrote the Company about it. Frank Smith phoned me that he has had quite a serious attack of the Lumbago today and is confined to his bed. His wife and babe too are not well.

September 11:

I rested better again last night and feel quite free from pain, but my cold is so bad that it is very distressing. Rulon brought Rhea and I in town and returned home, there being no work for him to do. Frank Smith and family are better this morning. It is quite cool again this morning. On the morning of the 9th I am told there was heavy frost on the ground at 5 o'clock. I hope today will bring us some business. Evelyn sent a letter to her mother. The day passed without our obtaining a dollar except a little that Mary earned working for P. R. Robinson. She came home today at noon. I wrote a long letter to Clarence E. Allred and Raymond. I talked with Pres. Hale a little relative to an expressed desire on my part that he assist me to sell Mexico lands, as the Arizona-Mexico land Co. have asked me to help them. Rulon came for us at five o'clock, and we went home having spent a useless and discouraging day.

September 12:

Rulon again brought Rhea and me in town, she to school and I to the office. This morning Sister and Bro. Handy sent an invitation for us to join them in an evening at the Nat, but I have appointment to have the rest of my teeth drawn, and Evelyn did not wish to go without me. So she asked to be excused until another time and were in better condition to enjoy their good company and the outing with them. I went at 3:30 P.M. and had the remaining six of my teeth drawn. Despite the local anesthetic, it was very hard on me. But they are all out, and I am a very thankful man. After this on our way home we went to look at a home offered us for sale on 1319 North 16th St. It is a nice home, but we are unable to pay such a price, $5,500. So will have to give it up, and again it will be so far from our hoped for business that it would always be an expense going to and from our work. I suffered awful with my aching face and head until late in the night.

September 13:

I am in so much pain this morning that I came to the
office but a short time. Then after going to the dentist to
have the gums treated, Rulon took me home. I paid the dentist
$33.00 in full for the extracting. I passed a very bad day.
It is Boise Stake Conference. Rulon, Rhea, Mark and Olive
went to the meetings, but Evelyn and I and the smaller ones had
to stay home. Otho is suffering awful with some kind of itching
breaking out over the greater part of his body. We took
him to Dr. Handy this morning, and he prescribed for him.
Beth, too, is troubled with the same thing, it seems.

September 14:

Yesterday the Cornerstone to the Tabernacle was dedicated
by Apostle Richards. I and Evelyn could not attend any
of the meetings. The same members of our family attended tod-
ay that did yesterday. I am in much distress, and my face
is swollen badly all day. Rulon informs me that my name was
presented, and I was sustained in the Quarterly Conference
today as a member of the Stake High Council. Otho is in very
bad condition and suffers a great deal from the breaking out.

September 15:

Otho is some better this morning. I rested a little
better, and although in much pain, went to the office at
about 9 a.m. and remained until about noon. I was in some dis-
tress nearly all day. This evening we received a card from
Thatcher, a letter from Harold and one from Irene and one
from Orville. All were well. Orville sent to me the $100.00
loan I had asked for.

September 16:

I felt some better this morning, but did not get to
the office until about 9:45, because I had to fix a mailbox
up at the corner. Our mail will now come by Rural Delivery
and will be R.D. No. 1. I did not remain at the office very
long because I was in so much distress and felt so weak. I
went back home at 11:45. Before returning home I went to the
bank and opened up a new personal account, depositing the
$100.00 Orville sent to me. Then I drew on this for $33 to
replace that sum I had drawn from the other account to pay
for my tooth extraction. My personal account is in the Boise
City National to my name as B. Harvey Allred. The Company
account is in the Pacific National to the credit of B. Harvey
Allred for the Great West Coal Co. After I returned home I
had about the worst day since the one immediately following
the last extraction. In the evening I suffered considerable.
Rulon took Phil Robinson's sewing machine and clock and
washing machine home for them.

September 17:

I spent the most unpleasant night since the one first
following the last operation. My face is swollen badly, and
the pain is almost constant. At 8 A.M. Rulon went to work on the Tabernacle under a Bro. Clepfer, and Rhea and I came to town with him at 8 A.M. I remained at the office until near noon, then went home. I received two letters from the Company, one from Bro. Smoot and the other, Bro. Yates. No word about the railroad spur nor of the contract. I wrote a letter to Bro. Yates. I spent a rather bad afternoon of pain. This afternoon a card came from Dear Elwood saying he had injured his eye by an accident and that although the injury would probably be permanent, the doctors claimed it would not be serious. It really seems the powers of evil are ever trying to render my dear son inefficient to serve God and the people.

September 18:

A little better night was spent last night. In the morning I took Rulon to his work and Rhea to school, then went for 500 lbs of coal and a mailbox which Mary and I put up before I returned to the office. This morning fourteen dollars that was due me on commissions came, and with it I repaid $5.00 I had used from the fund for my insurance and purchased Otho and Owen some overalls and shirts and Rulon some gloves. I have felt very weak all the morning and had to go home at noon without accomplishing much of anything. I spent a very bad afternoon and evening in much pain.

September 19:

Last night was one of much suffering for me. The pain in my left jaw and head was at times almost unbearable. I was so sick that I could not get up from my bed to go to the office. I remained in bed until about noon and then sat about the house the remaining part of the day. In the night I placed the hot electric bulb to my face, and the heat from it did much to relieve the pain and swelling so that it is better this morning than it otherwise would have been. At 1 P.M. I rode up town with Mary for the purpose of hearing W. J. Bryan, who is speaking on the front steps of the Capitol building. We could not get close enough to hear and I was too sick to stand, so we went back home. The city or County held a Pioneer pageant for the purpose of representing the early days and progress made to the present time. Rhea and Olive took part. This afternoon we received a nice letter from Thatcher. They are well. Rulon obtained $16.00 for his work done this week. Evelyn and I drove the car in to town to get Rulon after his work was done.

September '21, Sunday:

I am some better but unable to attend church assemblies today. All but Evelyn and I and baby went to Sunday School. Olive remained with Catherine Handy last night. We spent a
rather long and lonely day made some better by reading, although I can do very little reading because it hurts my head so badly. In the early afternoon little Clarence was taken quite sick and continued in much distress all the evening. In the afternoon just before evening meeting we held a family council relative to the payment of our tithes. We have not paid tithing on the little means we have made since we came here. We have been in such great need of every cent that we could get hold of that we have put off the payment of our tithes until now. We are owing $21.60 as near as we can figure. Now we have $21.00 proceeds from Rulon's and that left from my earnings of the week, and the question is, Shall we pay our tithes with this and trust in the Lord to provide for us and help in the payment of our debts, or shall we pay it on our rents of which we will be owing $38.50 on the first of the month, pay it toward our grocery bill that amounts to more than $24.00, pay it on our milk bill which will amount to about $13, at the end of the month use it toward buying some much needed article of clothing for the children? We are all in distressing need of some clothing, and we are in much need of things to give some more comfort in the house and provide more and better food. Or shall we pay our tithes? We all unitedly concluded that we would pay this sum we had on our tithes, that it was not our money although we had worked so hard for it and were in such great need, but that it belonged to the Lord, and we would pay it all in and do our best with the Lord's help to earn more to meet the demands as fast as we could. I do not know that we ever had greater need for money than now, and we do recall the many times that the Lord has come to our help in various ways when it seemed impossible that we could be provided for. We will try to have faith that He will continue to provide for us, and we do earnestly pray that He will give us strength to keep His commandments no matter how great the temptation and need we have for things His money could buy. If we can have His care it will amount to more than that all the gold of earth could give. Rulon took the $21.00 to the Bishop this evening and handed it to him for our tithing. We feel much better, I know, than if we had kept it and depended on the little it could provide for us.

September 22:

Baby was very sick all night, but we think a little better this morning. Evelyn has the rheumatism in her knee so bad that she is in much distress and can hardly get about the room. I rested much better, but a bad cough distressed and kept me awake much of the night. Rulon went to his work again and I to the office at 8 A.M. with hope that my strength will be better and that God will bless and heal our baby and dear wife and provide for our many very urgent needs this week. I left my glasses at home and cannot see to write this diary very well, in fact cannot see the letters on the paper at all,
only those on the keyboard. At noon I went home for dinner and found baby very much better. Evelyn, too, was feeling some better. I returned to the office at 3 P.M., and Phil Robinson came in with one subscription for five shares, thus giving us both some little much needed means. After office hours I called on a prospect of Mrs. Lockett's at the Rose Bud and think I shall secure him. I wrote a letter to the company and sent money paid in. We received a letter from Elwood telling how his accident happened to his eye. He was laboring in the potato field and in effort to knock some potatoes from the vine, a hard piece of dirt came off the vine with much force and struck him in the eye. He continued work for a week, not thinking it to be very serious. Finally he had to go to a doctor and he, Dr. Beck, said infection had set in and advised him to go at once to Dr. Pond, a specialist at Pocatello. He did and had it treated with excellent results. It is being daily cared for by Dr. Beck, and Elwood said he would leave for Albion Sunday. Elwood informs us that Leonora had come to Blackfoot and from there gone to Albion to attend school, leaving Eldeen with her grandparents. He does not think anything definite will be accomplished in the matter of settlement until about Oct. 4th. I wrote to Harold at Blackfoot. On reaching home this evening we found baby feeling fine and Evelyn much better.

September 23:

We all rested well last night, and I am feeling very good. I came to the office at 7:45 with Rulon and Rhea, he to his work and she to school. Our hearts go out in gratitude to God this morning for His blessings to us. I will write to Elwood today. I went to O.S.L. Office and had a talk with Mr. Priest regarding our proposed trackage, and he promised to help have the matter put through fast as possible. He dictated a wire while I was there. Mr. E. W. Davis came in this morning with the contract as changed by them. I read it over and on first reading it appeared acceptable, except that they had omitted to give me the refusal of the property in event of a sale. He promised to have this included and took the papers to Hawley offices for that purpose, saying that they would be ready and signed by him and his brother, so I could get them tomorrow morning. He said he would take the Coal Stock in payment for the first year's rent amounting to $150.00, and told me to make it out in the name of the Davis Estate Incorporated. Thus he confirmed his former statement that he would take this stock in payment of the rent. I had the order all made out but the filling in of the name of the party or company in whose name he wanted the stock signed, as he could not tell me when we last met whether some individual member of the family or the corporation would take it. I remained at the office all day feeling quite well, but on going home this evening we found dear wife in much distress with pain.
in her back and breast. She is almost too sick to be about.

September 24:

Evelyn is a little better this morning, but her breast is very swollen, sore and painful. Her back is some better. I came to the office, Rulon to his work and Rhea to school at a little before 8 o'clock. This morning the long looked for information relative to the coal spur was received from the O.S.L. They sent the letter improperly addressed, and it had lain in the P.O. for ten days, thus making another useless delay. The terms on which the track may be built are about as follows: I will copy from the proposal so it will be exact.

(Not included)

I at once sent the whole matter on to Salt Lake by insured mail, requesting a reply by wire as to whether it would be approved by my associates, Storrs, Croft and Smoot. I wrote a Greek up for five shares of stock. I asked sign companies for bids on a large sign I will place near the coal yards. One bid to do the work for $20.00. I will try to induce them to take stock for the work. We went home at 5 P.M.

September 25:

I had an almost sleepless night and am very tired this morning. It is due to a bad headache which commenced yesterday afternoon and continued well into the night. We came in town again at usual hour. It is raining a very little this morning. Last night I received a letter from Heber Farr of the Arizona-Mexico Land Company, asking me to join them in the selling and developing of Mexico lands. I will do so and wrote them to that effect this morning, keeping copy of my letter. During the day I wrote one order for five shares subscribed by a Mrs. J. M. Pinckard, a prospect of Robinson's. In the afternoon I went to Hawley's office to receive the signed contract with the Davis Estate, but they had not prepared it as agreed, and I would not sign or accept it in that form. I called Mr. Davis over phone and he promised to come in tomorrow and have it corrected. It rained off and on most of the day, light misty rain. Last night we received good letters from Elwood and Harold at Blackfoot. They were well except Elwood's eye and that was improving, but he had been unable to go to Albion as early as at first contemplated because of the need to have proper medical care.

September 26:

Last night a heavy frost fell, and it was quite cold all night and this morning. Evelyn suffered most of the night with cramp in her stomach and is feeling quite poorly today. I spent a rather sleepless night, was not in much pain but could not sleep. Last evening I received a letter from the I.T. M.H. Assn. returning my papers because I had failed to sign
them. I signed it and mailed it back this morning. Rulon,
Rhea and I came in town as usual just before eight o'clock.
P.B. Robinson took one order for three shares. I took eight-
fifty from the money Orville loaned me and got the shoes out
of the post office. These I had ordered for Samples and to
fit Rulon and Mary so that we might both wear and use them
as samples. I received a letter from Smoot with analysis of
Utah coals. I went again to Hawley's office, but the Davis
Estate contract was not ready. I found Evelyn feeling some
better when I got home this evening. Mary, Olive and Owen
went to a party this evening.

September 27:

Heavy frost again this morning. Rulon and I came to
town at usual hour. At 11 A.M. I went again to the dentist and
had the bones that were protruding from my gums taken out.
It was quite hard on me but not so bad as I feared it would
be. I suffered very little afterward in comparison to what I
had suffered with the extraction. I remained in the office
all day, but closed no business that would bring in money. I
sent an order in to the Company for thirteen shares that had
been subscribed during the week. I paid Bro. Smith $3.50
on the office rent and am to pay the telephone bill of $5.00
which will cover balance due. I had a pair of Beth's shoes
sold, costing $1.25. I ordered a pair of shoes for Rulon
from the Mason Shoe Company.

September 28, Sunday:

There is no Sunday School or meeting in our ward today,
because the Jews are using their church building in which we
have been holding our assemblies. Evelyn and I with the
smaller children rode out a short time in the forenoon to
look at some houses offered for rent and to look at the grounds
where we hope to build the coal yards, with a view of building
a house there if we cannot do better. Olive went out to Bee
Hive practice, and the older ones went to night meeting in
the first ward. The rest remained at home all day and spent
a very long dreary day of it.

September 29:

It is a nice morning, and we came again to town early,
Rulon to his work, Rhea to school and I to my work in the
office. Modine spent a bad night with hard coughing nearly
all night. Bro. Robinson brought in one order for three shares,
and I sent it off together with $5.00 payment on the Gardner
order which I am to pay for the sewing machine. I went to
the dentist again this morning, and he treated my gums - we
think for the last time. He pronounced them in good shape,
ready for my teeth as soon as my gums are hard enough. He
filled out the papers for my insurance claim, and I prepared my last claim and mailed them in this morning. We went home at 5 P.M. and found Modine better and the rest quite well. We received a letter from Marion Clark.

September 30:

In town at about the usual time. Modine rested better last night. It is a beautiful day again.

I received a nice letter from Elwood this morning telling us of his arrival at Albion and that his eye was improved. His letter gave me much happiness in the kind words it contained. In my last letter to him I wrote concerning Lothair's inactivity in the Gospel and his evident lack of faith, of his failure to keep the commandments of the Lord and also of the apparent inconsiderateness manifest by some others of my children. And I wanted him to tell me candidly if he had seen anything in my life or heard any of his brothers or sisters refer to anything in my manner of living that had in his or their minds a tendency to cause lack of faith or interest in the Gospel on their part. If I have done such a thing or neglected to know it, that I might possibly avoid it in the rearing of my younger children, and if possible make right such a wrong or neglect. He replied as follows:

"They never have said to me that you had failed in any sense of the term, and I assure you, father, that nothing in your life has ever caused them to disregard their faith. While upon the contrary, you have sacrificed and worked and given your best for the promotion of that very thing, and your regret can only be that they may fail ultimately in spite of it. Surely you shall never be charged with neglect to ever teach and set the proper example."

Such words from my dear and just son cause me gratitude to God for his blessings and an abiding hope that He will make up that which I have failed to accomplish and keep my dear children pure and clean and in the full faith of His Gospel.

I signed the contract with the Davis Estate for the lease of the land for Coal yards for a period of twenty-five years, and I paid Mr. Davis $150.00 in stock for the first year's rental. I wired Smoot and Croft to know why I had not received answer to my letter regarding the Railroad Company's proposition on building the spur, mailed last Wednesday. I received a wire saying for me to go ahead in the following words: "Proposition acceptable. Go ahead as suggested in your letter. We will be unable to furnish any financial aid other than that agreed upon at this time. Smoot and Croft been out of town reason for delay. Letter follows." Signed I.A. Smoot. So I commenced at once to look about for needed cash. I sold to Hopfmgarten five shares for which he is to do sign painting for us. I went home feeling thankful for that accomplished this day.
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At the office before eight again. I wrote the O.S.L. telling them we would approve plan and get money ready for deposit soon as possible. During the day I worked in effort to obtain the loan we are in need of for the R.R. deposit, but without success. I received $75.00 from Mrs. L. Plant on her subscription and placed that, together with $5.00 loaned Mr. Lockett and obtained from the Nick Varkis sale, in the bank to Company's credit. I also placed Rulon's check in the bank to our personal account and made out a check for $4.00 to Rp. Harris in payment of our tithes to date on all but what I have earned here in commissions and that amounts to $7.00. So we are yet owing this sum. This evening I secured subscription for seven shares from Mrs. Hester A. Davis and Mrs. C. E. Porter, on which I will be able to work, or Rulon will be able to do work for on the Coal Yards, in sufficient sum to pay our rents due her. I gave her credit for $30.00 payment on the order which covers our rent to date. She will pay whatever balance there may be due in cash. I did not have my order book, so will have to return with it for their signature in the morning. We received a letter from Mother. They all, but Louise, were well. She was again suffering with the asthma. Alma's girl, Flora, had broken her arm by a fall from her riding horse. I wrote to Harold and to Marion Clark today.

October 2:

At the office early, but I had to return to Mrs. Davis' home to sign them up for their stock. Then I returned to the office. Met Phil Robinson, then went to Hoppfgarten's place and sold five shares to Miss Sadye J. Stohl. I tried during the day to locate some party that would loan us the necessary money, but not yet. In the afternoon I went to Dr. Weaver, and he examined my gums and mouth to determine when I could likely have my teeth placed. He said about the first of next week. I then went to the Stone Lumber Co.'s office and saw Mr. Stone with hope of selling him stock for building material, but they will not buy. This evening we received a nice letter from Lothair's good wife. They are well but says they are not prospering financially. They have obtained title to their ranch lands above Blackfoot and hope to sell soon.

October 3:

It rained a little, slow falling rain, all the last part of night and continued this morning, so they could not work on the Tabernacle. Rulon and Fred Alword came to the office to wait time they could go to work.

I sold to a Mr. John five shares of stock. I arranged with the Stone Lumber Co. to obtain lumber for the little office building on the coal yard grounds and pay only small part down, balance in thirty days.
October 4:

This morning I took the small boys with me, got lumber and we worked all day on the little building at the coal yard grounds. It is my first work for a long time, and it makes me very tired and lame. But it is work I like very much.

October 5, Sunday:

Nearly all the children went to Sunday School. I and Evelyn remained home until time for fast meeting. Then she walked up to the place of meeting, and I remained at home with baby. After meeting Bro. and Sister Handy came for us, so we went to their home for dinner and spent the whole afternoon with them. They took us out in the country to the home of a relative where we got some fine grapes, then returned in time for evening conjoint meeting which we attended. Bros. Bsr. N. Smith and Pres. H. Q. Hale were the speakers. We had a much more pleasant time this Sunday than for many that have passed.

October 6:

We came in town early, I to the office, Rulon to his work and Rhea to her school. I remained at the office until noon. I remained at the office until noon, then went and worked on the little building at the coal yards. I hired a man for half day. Mr. Lockett came in and informed me that he had sold out and would leave for Washington State within a day or two. We received letters from the Arizona Land Company and from Charlotte and Irene. They were all well. I worked at the yards during the afternoon until 5 P.M., then took home some coal.

October 8:

We came in town early this morning, Rulon to work, Rhea to school and I remained at the office until about nine A.M. Then we went to work at the yards. We received a letter from Harold last evening. He was well and working at Fort Hall. I placed most of the siding on the studding, then came home in time to take Rulon and Rhea in from work and school. In the evening Bro. and Sister Handy and daughter, Catherine, came to visit us. We had a fine time and they did not leave until midnight.

October 9:

Rhea is very lame this morning and unable to go to school, so I took her to doctor Handy. Rulon went to his work and I to the dentist for fitting my teeth. I went to the yards at 10:30 and worked on the building the balance of
the day, having one carpenter hired with me. He worked this morning two and one-half hours at the fence, then at 10:30 helped me with the house the balance of the day. We got the sheathing on and started to put the shingles on. It is rainy and very disagreeable working. I went back home in time to take Rhea and Rulon home with me.

October 10:

It was raining part of the night and so wet we did not work until ---

I got my teeth yesterday morning but they fit so poorly that they cause much pain, the lower plate particularly. We worked on the building. We spent the evening at Brother Handy's home and had a pleasant time.

October 11:

I got windows this morning and a little casing and put the windows in during the forenoon, just temporarily until I can tighten up the siding which I have left loose so it can be tightened up when it shrinks, which it will certainly do, it is so damp and green. The hired carpenter shingled during the forenoon. After noon I brought a door, and we put it and the windows on and finished the shingling.

October 12:

I came to the office this morning although it is Sunday and wrote a letter to the Mexico-Arizona Land Company and sent a signed contract engaging to sell lands for them, providing I can be given Eastern and South Eastern Idaho territory. All the children but Marvin and Modine went to Sunday School. In the afternoon Evelyn went teaching for the Relief Society, and I took the children for a ride to see the building on the yards. Later Evelyn and I with the smaller children rode out to Phil Robinson's home and got some milk. In the evening all but Evelyn and I with the smaller children went to meeting. I could not take the car because the lights are out of commission.

October 13:

I took Rhea and Rulon in town, then went to the office and to Dr. Weaver's to have my teeth again adjusted. Bishop Harris asked Rulon to act as Ward Clerk, and after considering it last evening we concluded to tell the Bishop he would do the best he could with it. I so informed him of our decision. I worked at the yards all day and built a desk.

October 14:

I finished putting up the stove and placing boards in
the eaves to keep out the cold. We received a nice letter from Elwood saying he was well and that his divorce case was to have been settled on the 4th. But he has heard nothing regarding it. Lenora is attending school at Albion. In the late afternoon about 5 o'clock Evelyn and I with some of the children went down to Mr. French's field for the purpose of picking up cull potatoes. He had informed us we could do this, but on reaching his field found he had not finished picking the good ones up, so we returned home.

In the evening Evelyn, Rulon, Rhea and Otho attended an M.I.A. social. I remained home and tended baby, as my teeth fit so very badly I cannot enjoy myself. Mary, too, remained home, as she is not well.

**October 15:**

I went to the painter's and got the big signboard first thing this morning and put it up at the yards, little Marvin helping me as he does every day.

I worked during the day at the yards, received a letter from the Co. saying a car of coal could not leave the mines for me before sometime next week and that no help in the way of immediate cash could be provided for me outside the proceeds of stock sales I might make.

**October 16:**

I prepared lines and laid off grounds for the approaches to the bridge across the canal on the south side and engaged two men to work tomorrow. Rulon working on Tabernacle.

**October 17:** I was at the yard early. Had two men helping during the forenoon first to dig trenches for cement at bridge approaches. I let one man go at noon. Phil Robinson continued to help me, and we put a plank foot bridge over the canal to be used in hauling cement over. We finished this at 5 P.M.

**October 18:**

I worked at the yards today, Rulon on the Tabernacle. He received $24.00 for this week's work. I do not know what we should do if it were not for his wages, as I am not earning a dollar in ready cash. All I do goes into the establishing of our coal yard business. Rulon paid the balance due on our grocery bill.

**October 19:**

Today is dear Marvin's sixth birthday. He is a fine little manly fellow of whom we are very proud. His mother prepared a birthday cake for him. All the children went to Sunday School. I did not go because I am unable to teach my
class on account of the trouble I have in talking with my new teeth or without them. These new teeth cause me no end of trouble.

After dinner Evelyn and I took the smaller children and Olive and drove out to Phil Robinson's home for the purpose of taking Olive to stay with his wife while he fills a home mission at Ontario today. I was assigned to go to Runa today, but because of my difficulty in talking was excused. In the evening we all but Rhea, Beth, Marvin, Modine and baby went to meeting. Two returned missionary sisters, Labrum and Worthington, spoke.

October 20:

I worked all the week at the yards fixing a chute to put gravel and sand down the hill for cement, and putting in forms to place cement about the approach to the bridge and about the scales. The weather has been fine, and our work has progressed.

October 24:

A large crowd of friends gathered at our home and spent a rowdy, yet pleasant evening. They surprised us. Orville kindly returned the $75.00 check I had sent him on the loan he made me and said to keep and use it awhile.

October 26, Sunday:

We all attended Sunday School, and all but Olive and I with the small children attended religion class convention held in the First Ward church. After meeting Rulon drove some young folks home in our car without lights and run off the highway, breaking one front wheel and otherwise jarring the car up. But no one was hurt. Bro. Handy and Bro. Tolley came and helped us pull it out of the bar pit and get it home. We got in just before one o'clock Monday morning.

October 27:

It rained quite hard last night and today, so we could not put in cement at the yards. I took the car in to Bro. Chas. P---- and he fixed it up for us at actual cost, letting us have the wheel and other repairs at dealer's prices. This is a considerable saving to us. Rulon could not work because of the rain. In the evening we attended Priesthood and Relief Society meetings.

October 28:

Rained again today nearly all day, so no work could be done at yards or on the Tabernacle. In the evening we attended
M.I.A. meetings. I have responsibility of teaching the class of Melchizedek Priesthood at ward Priesthood meeting and the advanced senior class in M.I.A.

October 29:

I wrote a long letter to Harold in answer to one received from him. He was well. It rained more and harder today, so no work was done until in the afternoon. Rulon worked a little.

October 30:

Cleared away today, and Rulon went to his work. I could do nothing at the yards because it is so wet. This evening our car got out of commission. Children went to an evening Halloween party.

October 31:

I worked hard to get the car fixed up today and ready for work tomorrow at the cement work. Rulon worked at Tabernacle and in the evening attended a party.

1924 November 1:

I had three men help me get out gravel for the cement today. Otho helped me all day and Owen half the day pushing gravel down the chute. It is so wet it will not slide good. Last night I remained at the yards, or came down to them at about 10:30 and remained all night, because I feared mischief by rowdy boys about. But nothing happened to hinder or injure.

November 2; Sunday:

Evelyn and I did not attend S.S. but the older children did. In the evening we attended conjoint M.I.A. at which Rulon and a returned missionary, Leon Robinson, spoke. They both did well. I am proud of Rulon's effort. He does unusually well for one having so little practice.

November 3:

I got forms ready with scaffold for laying cement. It rained last evening, and we did not work at it today. But I went and got 20 sacks of cement.

November 4:

I worked at laying cement today and had assisting me, F. B. Robinson, C. L. Hockstrasser and the latter's son helping me. A report was published in yesterday's paper to the effect that Storrs and Croft of our Company, and two men by name of
Welch had been indicted at Salt Lake for using U.S. mails for fraudulent purposes. Not knowing just what it meant I let the men who had assembled for work off until I could find out how matters stood. I wired to Salt Lake and received at once the following reply by wire: "Newspaper article misleading. Indictment has no bearing on present status Great Western. Charge is against physical agency of three years ago. Company has all they claimed to have. Are absolutely in the clear. Letter leaving today to all stockholders explaining all." Signed Great Western Coal Mines Co., by I. H. Smoot. This lifted a load of worry from my mind, and I notified men we would go to work in the morning.

We were bothered some with the gas engine running the cement mixer, so did not get in full day. About 7 hours.

November 5:

The engine bothered us, so we could do very little work today. P.B. Robinson came at 9 A.M., then was called home at 11:30 A.M. because of his wife's sickness. I had men come from the garage to fix the engine, but we could get little service out of it. Just at night got about one hour's work. Hochstrasser helping me and on hand all day.

November 6:

Lothair's birthday. Many changes and disappointments have come since he came to our home in our little log house in Star Valley on a cold winter's day.

I tried to get the engine to work but it bothered me so I got only a little done in the afternoon by hiring a man for 2½ hours and P.B. Robinson assisting for 2 hours, so that the forms about the scales and open runway were filled, ready for a change in the forms.

This morning Evelyn and I went to look at a home in the country for rent, and while we at first thought we would take it, we decided not to do so. It is so far away. We found a pretty good house at 205 South 16th, which we can get for $20.00 a month and may take it.

November 7:

Today Otho and I fixed forms and

November 8:

a trench for bridge pillar on west side of canal. It was very hard work. We had to work so fast, as the water was turned into the canal just as we got the foot bridge moved, and it was difficult to keep it out of the trench.
November 9:

This morning Rulon and I went South of Nampa about 37 miles and got a ton of potatoes, paying 30¢ a sack for 12 sacks and 50¢ a sack for 3 sacks. It is Sunday, but arrangements have been made by Mrs. Kingsley for us to get them today if we wanted them. We were blessed in our trip and made it O.K. In the evening most of us attended Sac- rament meeting.

November 10:

Today we moved to 205 South 16th Street to a more comfort- able house for $10.00 less money. It was a hard and fast day's work, but we got along nicely and were safely and com- fortably located by night. We attended Priesthood meeting in the evening.

November 11:

I worked all day at building forms for bridge abuttment with the help of Mr. Hochstrasser. It has been a cold and stormy day. Snow commenced falling quite fast in the late afternoon. I am so wet and tired that I do not feel able to go to M.I.A. this evening. We are without electric lights last night and again tonight.

November 12:

It was a very cold night and is so cold today I cannot work at cement. I fixed up a clothes line, made bedstead and got springs, beds for the house today. In the evening we all but Rhea went to Bro. Handy's and had a pleasant time. Bro. and Sister Borup were there too.

November 13:

It is very cold all night and so bad we can't work at cement today. I wrote to Clarence Allred again, as I have received no word since I wrote asking him to look after my house account with Perkins there, and worked at digging trench for foundation for our house.

November 14:

It turned warmer this morning so we poured cement all day in the west pier to the bridge and finished it. I had help of Bro. Hochstrasser only during the forenoon, but in the afternoon hired a Mr. Elmer McLean, paying him half cash and half in stock, $1.00 each. He did a good day's work.

November 15:

This morning I took twenty-five sacks of cement to the
yards and had Mr. Rice haul six more loads of gravel, as the road will be closed up for several days so we cannot get in. At ten A.M. I and Otho started to Melba for a load of potatoes to sell. First, though, I got coal for the house, costing $3.80. We got 25 sacks of potatoes, paying 45¢ a sack and 7¢ for the sacks. We propose to sell them at $1.00 a sack. We got home just as darkness was coming on. Rulon helped me to deliver eight sacks this evening.

November 16, Sunday:

I went as home missionary and High Councilman to Runa ward. Mary accompanied me. We had a pleasant trip and were treated well. We returned home in time to be requested to speak in the 1st Ward meeting at 7:30. I complied and did the best I could. Evelyn and Rhea accompanied me to meeting.

November 17:

This morning I went again to the dentist to have something done to improve the condition of my teeth. They are of no service except to fill my mouth when I can keep it shut. The dentist grumbled some, yet took another impression and said for me to come tomorrow. I delivered several sacks of potatoes this morning. I received a letter from Mr. Perkins of Lethbridge saying his note had not been presented, that he wanted it and clear title to the horses so he could sell on the 26th of this month. I wrote and telegraphed Clarence to attend the matter at once. I also wrote to Perkins. Worked a little at the office and sent money and letter to G.W.C.M. Co. We paid the West Side Grocery $24.40, covering amount due them, from money earned by Rulon. In the evening we attended Priesthood meeting and Relief Society meeting. It is so cold we cannot work at the cement.

November 18:

I went to the yards but it is too cold to do cement work, so I prepared forms, etc., for work at earliest possible date.

November 19:

Too cold today again for work, but I have everything now ready for pouring cement soon as weather will permit.

November 20:

Today we poured cement all day with a pretty good run. I had Rulon and three other men working in the cement, and I with a carpenter prepared forms ahead of them.

November 21:

We built forms and laid cement again all day with a very good run.
November 22:

Today with the help of Rulon and two other men in cement work and a carpenter until noon, I finished the laying of all cement for the bridge and its approaches on the North side. Just about 4:30 P.M. it was completed.

November 23, Sunday:

High Priest or rather High Council meeting was postponed today because of Quarterly Conference soon. We attended evening meeting.

November 24 to 29:

It was cold and stormy so we could not work much on the bridge. But it cleared away so that Rulon and I commenced laying the timbers on the bridge November 29th, working an hour in the forenoon and all the afternoon.

November 30, Sunday:

We all attended meeting in the evening and all the children attended Sunday School at 10:30 A.M.

1924 December 1:2:3:4:

Rulon and I worked every day laying timbers on the bridge, but it snowed so hard that we could not work all day on the 1st and 2nd. On the 5th it stormed hard, but we finished laying the deck and all timbers on the bridge before night. On December 4th we received a check sent by Clarence Allred and received from Mr. Perkins for the sum of $622.85, in payment of our horses sold. This is indeed a blessing to us, and we are really happily surprised, for we feared we would never get our pay. On December 5th I placed the check in the bank to our credit and we at once drew on it to pay Orville the $100 we borrowed from him and other smaller pressing debts.

December 7, Sunday:

Today and yesterday Quarterly Conference of the Boise Stake was held at Weiser, Idaho. I was unable to attend, as we could not spare means to pay expenses of the trip. Rulon went down today with Bro. Handy. They had a good conference. This evening at our ward meeting Rhea spoke, delivering her talk on prayer, which was very good and well received by the people present.

December 8 to 13:

I worked at building a flour bin, table and little things
for the children. Did little else of importance.

December 14:

The children attended Sunday School and Evelyn and I attended Sacrament meeting in the evening at which I spoke.

December 15:

Rulon got work today with Mr. Klepfer. I worked at the office at carpenter work.

December 11:

Brother I.A. Smoot representing the Great Western Coal Mines Co. came to Boise in response to my request sent by wire. There is so much prejudice against us, and so many false stories are being told about our Company that unless something is done to properly present our case we will be refused a permit by the Finance Commission. Smoot arrived at 2:10 P.M., and we at once went to the State House and had a long interview with Mr. Winters, examiner. While he treated us courteously, I found little to encourage us in his attitude. Smoot present data for their consideration and made appointment to meet him again tomorrow. In the evening we held a meeting with stockholders who had gathered at my invitation, and Mr. Smoot explained causes of many delays in shipments promised, and in a general way satisfied those present. We took supper with us in the evening. I went with him to the hotel to meet Engineer Wood and hear him tell of conditions as he viewed them at the mines.

Mr. Wood surveyed and plotted townsite and railroad track or grade and has had much to do with coal mine engineering work in Utah. He spoke very well of the G.W.C.M. Co. properties and of Mr. Storrs. In the late evening we went out to the yards and looked over the grounds and plan. Smoot was much pleased with the prospects. Yesterday a man representing some oil company came to me and wished to obtain rights of trackage with me, so I concluded to ask the Utah Oil Refining Co. if they desired to engage such site with me, as they are now trying to open up wholesale warehouse and retail yards in this territory. I laid the matter before Mr. Smoot, and he thought it was the very thing to do.

December 12:

In the forenoon I worked at the yards on carpenter work at hand, and at 11:30 P.M. met Mr. Smoot at the hotel from where we went again to the State offices and had another talk with the examiner. From there we went to the Utah Oil Refining Co.'s office and made an offer to them for joint trackage and grounds with me. They were most favorable and even very anxious, and Percell called their Idaho manager over long phone telling him of my offer. They at once agreed to have Mr. Greenwood of Salt Lake meet me early next week. Mr. Smoot left for home on the 5:30 train.
December 16:

Last evening it turned very cold and continued all night and today. Rulon worked again for Mr. Klepfer, and I worked at carpenter work again.

December 17:

It is very cold all night and today. We did some Christmas shopping and remained at home balance of day.

December 18:

While in town attending some little Christmas buying, Mr. Percell of the Utah Oil Co. called at home and made request that I meet him and Mr. Greenwood at the Hotel. I did so shortly after noon, and we talked over my proposition made to them for joint trackage. They appear very anxious to join me, but have some objections because of heavy cost of fill on low ground which I wish them to occupy and which I will not guarantee to be filled, although Mr. Davis has given verbal promise that he will do it. I want them to assume the same risk I did and now do. They promise to give me answer next Wednesday at latest.

December 19:

It warmed up this morning and commenced snowing and continued all day.

December 20:

It snowed all night and continues today. I finished the building of little cupboard, table and rocking horse today for the children's Christmas.

December 21:

Children went to Sunday School. In the evening we attended Sacrament meeting at which a special talk was made by Bro. Robinson on the life of our Saviour, and by Sister Driggs on the life of the Prophet, Joseph Smith. They were both very good, especially that made by Sister Driggs. It turned much colder again tonight.

December 22:

The cold was again extreme last night and all day. We could do no outside work.

December 23:

Mr. Percell of the Utah Oil Co. called again and wished
me to meet him and their Idaho manager at their office. I went with him, and we again talked over the joint trackage proposition. They wished to submit another one and lease land of Davis Estate for their wholesale houses and retail station, but to obtain trackage and room to spot a car on my tracks. I told them I thought some such arrangement could be made and would let them know definitely tomorrow afternoon. We did some more Christmas buying of small things we felt we could afford. It is very cold all day.

December 24:

The intense cold continues, and I think I suffered more with it last night than at any other time within my memory while I was housed. In the forenoon I went to Bro. H. Q. Hale's office and asked his advice in the matter of the Utah Oil proposition. We talked some time of the matter, and he gave me excellent suggestions which I will follow providing my understanding of the saving such an arrangement would afford the Oil Co. I was under the impression that such a gravity system of unloading would save them near $30.00 a car on oil. But when I made more careful inquiry of other oil Companies, they informed me the saving would not be more than $10.00 a car. Pres. Hale and I had concluded that it would be right to ask them a cash payment of $2,000.00 and 1/6th of the saving, or $5.00 a car. But when I learned the saving would be no more than $10, I offered to let them have their desired trackage and right of way for $2,700.00 cash down, and I would pay all rents, taxes, etc., on my lands. I thus informed Mr. Percell over phone. He seemed to me to be satisfied that they would accept it and would let me know soon as possible.

During the last few days we have received nice presents by parcel post from Thatcher, Lothair's wife, Marion Clark and today Bishop Harris and Counselor Smith called at our home and left us a large piece of beef, some nice fruits, onions, beans, and Brother Proctor sent us candy and nuts. Sister Plant gave us a fine new suit of clothes for Otho that had just been purchased for her son last year when he was accidently killed. They had no child that could use them and they did not wish to destroy them. We are very glad for them, and I called at the store where she worked for them this morning. There was also a new pair of shoes and an extra fine sweater and mackanaw coat. In the late evening one of Bro. Plant's grown sons called at the door and left a fine new game board which he said his parents had sent. Thus through the kindness of our own children and relatives and our dear friends, we are very well provided with all that is necessary for Christmas.

December 25:

Christmas has come again and through God's blessings our
numbers are unbroken, and although Modine is not well, none are seriously sick, and we have a very pleasant Christmas in which the happy laughter of our dear children fills our home. It is intense cold without a letup. We remained all day at home and in the late afternoon had a fine dinner.

December 26:

The cold continues unabated. We cannot work out if we had work to do. Modine and baby are quite sick, but Modine is much better. In the afternoon we received by mail large parcels of most excellent presents for every member of the family. They are all about the best and most appropriate I ever saw given. May God bless our dear children for their kind remembrance. Brother Handy's folks also gave us some nice small presents. I received by mail a bill of lading for our first car of coal shipped, so now it looks like we will really get our coal this time. In the evening Bro. Handy's folks called, and our older children went with them to spend the evening at Brother Borup's. Evelyn and I could not go on account of ill health of the children. Bro. Handy stopped and helped us with them this evening. The presents received this evening were from Charlotte and Irene and their husbands.

December 27:

I made effort to exchange our dining table but could not obtain suitable exchange. I purchased milk cans that we might obtain milk at a lower price which was promised on condition we would provide receptacles. The weather is a little warmer this evening.

December 28:

Sunday. The children attended Sunday School, but I and Evelyn remained with the little ones which are quite poorly. Modine is better, but Clarence is not so well. In the evening I attended Sacrament meeting. Evelyn remained at home because baby was quite sick. Brother Gambling and Coun. C. E. Ward were the speakers. Bro. Gambling made a very good talk, but Pres. Ward's talk had little spirit of the Gospel in it as I view it. It was simply a worldly-minded tickler. It is much warmer t is evening. Is raining a little.

December 29:

It is raining quite fast this morning and snow is melting fast, so the streets and roads are a slush, hard to move about in. This morning Rulin and I commenced to unload and deliver our car of coal, but we found it in such bad shape, wet, frozen and so much small stuff that it is a sorry looking mess. The stockholders are not pleased, neither am I
with it, although we tried it out in the stove and are well satisfied with its burning qualities and its little ash content. We worked hard all day, but the roads are so bad and the snow so wet and deep that it is very hard to haul the loads. It rained so much that we are wet through, body and feet. In the evening Evelyn, Olive, Otho and I attended a picture show in the Piney Theatre. "The Ten Commandments". It was a fine production. It is so wet and slippery under foot that we can hardly walk on the sidewalks. Clarence is much better today. We had doctor Handy down and he pronounced his case nothing serious, although he was very sick and we passed a bad night with him.

December 30:

Priesthood that should have been held last night was put off because of inclement weather. This morning we commenced early to haul our coal, but it was in such a state that stockholders would not accept it, and we had to sort it, selling the smaller as slack. In the evening I wrote the Company giving them full particulars. Y.M. and Y.L. M.I.A. was not held this evening because of bad weather. Children are feeling much better today.

December 31:

It snowed and rained nearly all day yesterday, and today the moisture continues to fall so that it wets us very much in our work shoveling coal. The coal is in such a very badly wet and frozen state that we have to dig it from the car and sort it out before we can haul it. It is a very bad and discouraging job, because the stockholders are not pleased with the coal after we have thus worked to put it in shape. They do not thus far complain of its burning qualities, rather do they speak well of that. But the cause for complaint lies chiefly in its dirty, wet, broken and badly frozen state. This evening Rulon and the girls attended the M.I.A. ball. Evelyn and I remained at home with the smaller children. The last evening and night of the year passed pleasantly with no unusual occurrences.

1925 January 1:

The new year makes its entrance in snow, rain and sleet, but finds us all quite well and very thankful to our Heavenly Father that all is as well with us and that our numbers remain unbroken another year, that we have been preserved from serious harm and have been blessed to have no serious sickness. And still more that we all have faith in the Gospel and have committed no grievous sin for which we need to sorrow.
Rulon and I hauled coal all day in the snow and rain. It was very miserable work, but necessary. Last night the children had a very good time at the M.I.A. ball. Our wage for hauling the coal is a very small one, yet better than none. The roads are so very rough and the snow is so deep that it is hard to move loads over them.

January 2:

The day was not so stormy as those that have just passed, yet it snowed some and turned a little colder in the afternoon. Rulon and I dug and hauled coal all day again and were able to deliver but four loads, one small one to ourselves. The first coal we hauled for ourselves was so dirty and wet that it is almost impossible to burn it now. We will have to wait until it warms and thaws the ice out and dries the coal more. Phil Robinson and his wife and children came in and took dinner with us today. They had a small fire in their home last evening that came near causing a loss of the home. Their little boy is quite sick, but seemed better while here. We administered to him. The last coal in the car is so very bad that I sent for a Mr. Wood, a former Engineer for the Great Western Coal Mines Co. to have him look at it and give me written statement to present to them as to the coal's bad condition. He inspected it and said that in his judgment there was about 40 percent of it that was worthless and that none of it should have been shipped at all. He promises to write a letter for me to that effect tomorrow. I let one of the stockholders have near two tons for $6.00 per ton if he would take it as it came direct from the car. And I told them to tell the farmers they could have the slack and fine wet coal for $5.00 a ton if they would come for it tomorrow and take it from the car. I sold to Bp. Harris a load for $11.00 per ton delivered, of the best after sorting. This evening we all remained at home. Last night we were all but the smaller children at the home of Brother Worthington, Brother Handy and his family and the Borup family and Bp. Harris and his wife, also some new acquaintances to us, a Mr. Giles and family. We had a pleasant, foolish time.

January 3:

The day is more pleasant today. We finished unloading the coal after six o'clock. Much of it I sold at the car as slack for $5.25 per ton, and it is very poor slack at that. We could not find sale for the last load, about 2800 lbs, so we placed it on our truck and hauled it over to the house. I obtained the promised letter from Engineer Wood and sent it in to the Company with my letter this evening. His letter is on file and states that about 50% was slack, 40% nut and 10% lump, and he tells fairly of its wet and frozen state and the long hard work entailed in sorting it out.
January 4, Sunday:

The day is quite pleasant, though snowing a little. I felt so blue and down-hearted that I did not try to attend S.S. or Fast meeting. Evelyn and the children attended, and in the afternoon Bro. Handy and his family came to our home and took dinner with us. They went home before evening meeting. In the evening I spoke at the M.I.A. joint meeting in the First Boise Ward - subject New Year's resolutions. We had a good-sized audience and they were very attentive. Bro. Handy took us to and brought us home from the meeting in his car. My foot is so bad with corn that it is hard for me to wear a shoe, and my teeth cause me such distress when attempting to eat that meal times are a torture to me.

January 5:

Today I banked the money obtained for the coal and did some writing. In the afternoon, Mr. H. R. Donivan, an old friend and my former deputy in the State Farm Markets Dept., called on and spent a short time in pleasant visit with us. In the evening we, Rulon, Otho and I, attended ward Priesthood meeting. I taught the Higher Priesthood class and explained in detail the mission and character of Angels. Some had supposed that angels were confined to resurrected beings only, or that none but resurrected beings were angels. I explained that Angels were ministering servants and may be either resurrected beings, Spirits of Just Men Made Perfect, Spirits that had not yet taken tabernacle or Translated beings - and one of the four classes and that in all cases they either had or do belong to this earth.

January 6:

Rulon worked for Mr. Klepfer today and yesterday, and I today obtained the ward records and worked on them for him and the Bishop. In the evening we attended YM and YLMIA. I taught the advanced Senior Class as usual. Not many were in attendance.

January 7:

Today I worked again all day on the ward reports. In the evening we, Evelyn, Rulon, Mary, Olive, Otho, Owen and Beth went to Bro. Handy's home and spent the evening very pleasantly listening to a new radio phone they had just today installed. The best programme listened to was from Calgary Canada. It was very distinct and good. The day had been good.

January 8:

Today I worked with Bishop Harris all day in his office
on the ward records. I took dinner with him at a restaurant. In the evening we remained at home and read for once in a long time. Sister Ella Pollard came and spent the evening and night with us.

January 9:

Yesterday I obtained copies of contract with the O.S.L. for the construction of our spur for the coal yards. I also paid them $4.00 demurrage on the car we unloaded. I wrote to Mr. Vath and to Elwood this morning. Evelyn wrote to her mother too last evening. The day is a very pleasant one, though cloudy.

January 10:

I mailed letters and called on Pres. Hale this morning, then during all the afternoon I assisted Bishop Harris with his ward reports and audited his annual report for the Stake Presidency. We spent the half night at Brother Borup's, Charles, as it was his birthday today. There were present Bro. and Sister Handy, Bro. and Sister Worthington, Brother and Sister Larsen, Brother and Sister Taylor and Grandma Borup, besides several young people.

January 11:

Sunday. We slept so long, or rather laid in bed so late today that those who attended Sunday School had to go without breakfast. On their return Evelyn and I had prepared a nice dinner for them. During the afternoon we read and wrote letters to Lucious, Elwood, Warren Longhurst and George Clark. In the evening we attended Sacrament meeting. There we met and listened to an old acquaintance, Brother Philip B. Dance, who is in attendance at the Legislature as appointee of some sort. Bro. Lavon Robinson also spoke. They delivered good addresses.

January 12:

The days are quite pleasant with occasional light fall of snow, alternate freezing and thawing. During the day I prepared my lesson for Priesthood class to be held this evening and also purchased some garments for myself, visited and offered my assistance to Brother Handy and his associate Osteopaths in proposed Legislation. They had last evening asked me for this. This evening Rulon, Otho and I attended ward Priesthood meeting, at which I again taught an interested class. There were few members of our own ward in attendance due to the fact that during the whole day the Relief Society had held working meeting and did not again meet this evening. This kept some of the regular attendant brethren away tonight. There were present some old friends and acquaintances, as Bro. Dance, Brother Marshall, Brother Bennett, Larsen and some others who are all on state business in Boise during the pres-
ent legislative session.

January 13:

Evelyn attended Relief Society meeting all day yesterday and took charge of the sewing classes. Today is quite pleasant in weather again, but I have nothing to do by which I can earn means, and we are sorely in need of what I should earn. Rulon is working again this week for Klepfer. He worked all of last week. I received a letter from the G.W.C.M. Co. last evening in which they said they had implicit confidence in my integrity and knew I would do the right thing in the matter of the car of poor coal they shipped me. They sent the Stock certificates for Sister Lottie Plant, Fifty shares of Preferred stock and Five Hundred shares of Common stock which I delivered to her yesterday. I also went to the Post Office and obtained a parcel sent to us by Orville and Selma containing two fairly good used suits of clothes that we think will fit Otho and Owen. They informed us in a letter written by A. that they did not get started as expected Saturday on account of delay in obtaining car to load, but would go some time this week. This morning I wrote to the Great Western Coal Mines Co.

January 14:

Last evening we attended M.I.A., and I again taught the Advanced Senior Class. We had quite a number of writers in attendance and much interest manifest. Rulon was laid off this forenoon and will not have work again for near two weeks. We sent off his enrollment for Correspondence Course with the American School today and sent with it $5.00 for his enrollment fee and first installment of monthly payments which must be at the rate of $5.00 per month. I worked about home and during the day Evelyn and Mary prepared for a little home entertainment this evening, at which we had Brother and Sister Handy and family, Brother and Sister P. B. Robinson, and Brother Borup. We had invited Brother and Sister Borup, but they had to attend a meeting in the evening and she could not get away to be with us at all. We had a very pleasant time. I paid the Stone Lumber Co. amount due them and the Boise Payette Lumber Co., the balance due them on materials purchased of each for the bridge at the yards.

January 15:

Today is Owen's birthday. It is a pleasant but colder day today. There is nothing we can find to do by which we may earn means and the time drags heavily on our hands.

January 16:

We received a letter from Irene saying she had again
been quite sick with heart trouble. She wished to know if one of the girls could come down to help her in the event her husband's mother could not come, but I cannot see how it would be feasible or advantageous to all concerned for one to go there. We received letters from Charlotte and Harold. They were well. The day is quite pleasant.

January 17:

Nothing of value accomplished by me today, except that I did considerable reading and making of preparation for the teaching of my classes and for the contemplated visit to the Nampa ward tomorrow where I am to go as High Councilman.

January 18:

The children and Evelyn went to Sunday School, and I went to Nampa with Brother Handy and companion doctors. I made my visit to the Sunday School and the Ward Sacrament meeting at both of which I spoke. I occupied the entire time at the afternoon meeting, speaking on the divinity of Joseph Smith's calling. The congregation was very attentive and manifest deep interest. I also remained to Ward Teachers' meeting and there gave some instructions. I then rode home with Brother Handy. In the evening we attended our Ward Sacrament meeting at which a Brother Ray, High Councilman of Bannock Stake, and Bishop Anderson of the Shelley Stake, spoke. We had a good meeting. Today is Otho's birthday.

January 19:

Unable to find outdoor employment, I studied and read most of the day. I wrote to Elwood and to Irene. In the evening we attended Priesthood and Relief Society meeting where I taught my class in the Higher Priesthood. They are much interested in the study, and our attendance is very good. We have quite a number of visitors, members of the Legislature and other wards who are in attendance at the State House. In the evening after meeting we went to Brother Larsen's home where a party was held for him in honor of his 54th birthday anniversary. We had a good time and excellent supper. The following men were present with their wives: Bp. Martin, Bro. Handy, Borup, Wilcox and myself and younger people.

January 20:

Today I made some effort to obtain employment, but failed. I read and studied most of the day. I am troubled much of late with headache and pain in my spleen again. In the evening most of us attended M.I.A. where I again taught or helped teach the Advanced Senior class. The day is warm and pleasant.
January 21:

The day is again pleasant though not sufficiently warm to thaw the snow much. My side and head bother again today. Mary does not feel well. Evelyn is washing.

January 22:

Last evening we all but Rhea and baby, went to Brother Handy’s home and spent a pleasant night. The day is warm and pleasant. Except that the time goes very unpleasantly on my part with nothing to do. This afternoon Parley Allred, my cousin from Preston, Idaho, came in to see us. We had a very pleasant, short visit. He is assessor of his County and is in Boise on County business. In the evening I went to town and the Hotels where I got in touch with members of the Legislature and their committees and labored in interest of the Osteopath 8’s Bill, for Brother Handy. The Bill was about to be killed in the Committee, but I prevailed on the Chairman to hold it a few days and to give it a just and careful consideration. He promised to do this. Then I went to Mr. Kiger, an old friend and influential member, and he informed me that the House would tomorrow deprive that Committee of the power it exercised to prevent the printing of Bills under the present rules and do what he could to get it reported out favorably. I called on several other members also. I again saw Parley Allred, as he had been unable to leave for home on the afternoon train as at first intended.

January 23:

I visited the House this morning and with Bro. Handy spent an hour watching procedure there. The Chairman of the reference Committee kept his promise with me and did not report the Bill out, but held it for further consideration. I wrote a letter to Bro. Smoot telling him that I must for the present abandon my hope of supporting my family by the hoped for means of selling coal and Great Western Securities and seek a means of earning a livelihood for them at once. With this purpose in view, I have written two or three manufacturers to learn if I could obtain position as salesman with them. It is very warm and the snow is going fast today. Last evening Evelyn went with Mary to see the Doctor for Mary. He says she has very bad tonsils and an internal goiter, and that these must have immediate attention. She took one treatment and will now continue with them. All in a hope and prayer that she will be healed and made well again very soon. Doctor Handy is a very good man to us. He gives us, or the children these treatments and will wait for his pay until we can obtain means with which to make the payment to him. Oh, I do hope and pray God will give us the power and means with which to pay every dollar we owe and to sustain ourselves better than we
are at present sustained. It is hard to live with so many
wants and so few ways of satisfying them, yet it is better to
live that way, and honorably, than to live dishonorably and
possess every comfort and worldly means to be had on earth.
If God will but keep us clean, honest and with an abiding
faith in Him, I will try hard to be satisfied. We received a
letter from Lothair's wife Tuesday saying they were well, that
Orville and family had called on them on their way to Arizona.

January 22:

The day passed with no employment other than reading and
making preparation for teaching my various classes. It is
warm, and snow and ice is going fast.

January 25, Sunday:

Evelyn and the children attended S.S. this morning, but
I remained at home and prepared dinner and took care of baby.
At noon a crowd of young people came home with ours and took
dinner with us, then went for a ride. Evelyn and I wrote
letters and passed the day as best we could. In the evening we
all attended Sacrament meeting at which Bro. Adamsen, Pres.
of the Blaine Stake, spoke. He delivered an excellent address
on prophecy, the principal actor in which was Apostle Hyde,
who was sent to the Holy Land to dedicate it for the gathering
of the Jews. He mentioned many things that were all new
to me and very faith promoting.

January 26:

It rained most of the day, a light steady sprinkle. I
obtained a glass and put it in the window, Mary and Beth had
broken it out. It cost us $1.80, a sum although small we
can ill afford at present. We received letters from Irene and
from Lucious Clark's wife. Irene was improved in health,
and the other folks were well. I also received a letter from
Scowcroft and Sons Co. of Ogden, to whom I had applied for
a position as salesman. They informed me they had no vacancy
at present, but asked me to give them information as to my
experience and they would place it on file and advise me if
a vacancy occurred. I did and hope it will bring good re-
sults early. Rulon received his first papers relative to his
High School correspondence course. He mailed off an answer
to that. I purchased a pair of brown cotton blankets, paying
$2.50 for them. In the evening we attended Priesthood and
Relief Society meeting. I again taught the class. We had a
good attendance and much interest manifest. It has rained
nearly all day and is falling quite fast tonight.

January 27:

It rained considerable during the past night. This morn-
ing I wrote to and mailed $8.50 to the Deseret Book Co. to
pay for the Articles of Faith sent and sold to members of our
class. I also ordered four more books. Mary and Olive are both under the doctor's care, Mary suffering with an inward goiter and Olive with threatened Tuberculosis. They are feeling better from treatment given. Rhea is quite poorly last night and today.

January 28:

It continued to rain off and on during the balance of the week. I had nothing to do and time drags heavily on my hands. Rulon received his first assignment of lessons from the American Correspondence school and at once commenced his work. It promises to be a good course.

1925 February 1:

It is Fast day. We all attended Sunday School and most of us attended Fast meeting. I taught the theological class in absence of the regular teacher. We had a good meeting. In the evening we attended conjoint meeting, at which an excellent programme was given. A reading by Sister Griggs was about the best I ever listened to. A double quartett under supervision of Brother Montcarr was beautifully rendered. Bro. Jensen from Cache Valley attending the Legislature spoke. It rained again today.

February 2:

Rain fell nearly all day. It is cloudy and dreary. The Article of Faith books I had ordered came today, and I took them to Priesthood meeting and sold the three copies of Missionary edition received. I kept the leather binding in hope I may be able to buy it for our own. I taught the Class again. We had a large attendance.

February 3:

Rain again nearly all day. I received letters from the houses to which I had applied for salesman's position, but nothing was available. In the evening we went to M.I.A. where we had a good attendance. In the evening after meeting Bro. Handy and associates came to me for assistance in their effort to get their Bill passed. I promised to do what I could. It rained again this evening.

February 4:

This morning I went to make effort to assist with the Bill, but could not get in touch with members I wanted. I attended the morning session of Legislature in which the Bill was brought up. It was defeated by amending it to death. This evening Brother and Sister Handy and family spent the
evening or half the night with us. Sister Pollard was also with us. We had a good time. It has been quite pleasant most of the day today with sun shining.

February 5:

It was clear and warm this morning. I went to town and made arrangement for my missionary trip to Emmett on the 15th. I will go with Brother Handy and his companion who go to Bramwell, just beyond. I also called at the State House and obtained pamphlets on Osteopathy. This that I might consider the feasibility of putting up a little private hospital that would be patronized by the Osteopaths. Evelyn went teaching as Relief Society Teacher this afternoon. I wrote to Elwood and addressed it to Blackfoot. I also sent names of School trustees I had obtained at the Public School offices today. It turned cool and cloudy this afternoon. In the evening we attended a cottage meeting at the home of Brother Burnside. Elder Lavon Robinson was the principal speaker. Rulon also spoke and did very well. I spoke just a few minutes and took charge of the meeting. There were present a few non-members. I told them they need have no fears or hopes that the Savior would come tomorrow as many of the reformed Seventh Day adventists believe and predict. A certain woman, Mrs. Rowen of Los Angeles, has for some time predicted that Christ would come tomorrow and that the world would come to an end that day. So many people believe it and are greatly excited about it, some are even selling their homes and doing every foolish thing imaginable. I will attach a few paper clippings here so that a better idea may be had by those who may chance to read this, should such a thing ever be, in years to come, just how this matter is talked of and viewed by many. (Attached.)

February 6:

I went today to see brother Handy and talk with him relative to a proposition he made that we open a small hospital to be used by the Osteopaths in Boise. I also examined the State law and court decisions, Supreme Court. They are all adverse to Osteopathic practice, as they wish and are capable of practicing. We received letters from Elwood and Irene. A nice photo came of Dear Elwood. I wrote to Charlotte this morning. This evening Rulon, Rhea, and Mary went with some young people to the home of Bro. Dalton for an evening's party. Evelyn and I, with the smaller children at home, played Rook with Sister Pollard. We had a pleasant evening. Olive is far from well.

February 7:

Well, the eventful day predicted in which the world should come to a sudden ending and all the wicked destroyed, etc.
has passed without its fulfillment. I feel sorry for the poor dupes who have been so influenced and worked up. They will be a laughing stock, and this will cause many to lose all faith in the coming of Christ and many will turn from their better life because of it.

Evelyn went to help the Relief Society sisters with a dinner at the Church Offices today. I received a letter from the Lovering Brown Co. relative to agency for selling their goods, for which I had made inquiry. I at once wrote back to them making formal application and sending $5.00 to get a Sample Outfit. We received a letter from Marion Clark too. They were well at time of writing. Olive is feeling very poorly today.

February 8, Sunday:

The children attended Sunday School. Evelyn and I remained at home. In the afternoon Bro. and Sr. Handy called and wished us to take a ride with them out to Bro. Larson's home. We did so, and when we got there learned that it was their intention to visit there during the day. So we remained with them, and instead of coming back into town and home as we should have done in time for meeting, we remained there and played Rook. This was not wholly in keeping with our wishes in the matter, yet we foolishly yielded and suffered a remorse of conscience that comes to those who know they have done a wrong. Never again. We returned home late at night and found all well. The evening meeting was devoted to Scout work.

February 9:

During the day I tried to locate some kind of employment but did not succeed. I sent a letter and $5.00 to the Lovering and Brown Wholesale Grocery Co. for a sample case and agency for their goods with the intention of taking up that work if nothing better develops before it can reach me.

In the evening we attended Priesthood meeting at which we had a most excellent class lesson. Much interest is manifest and the Lord is gracious in blessing me in the work of teaching. Evelyn worked all the afternoon in Relief Society work meeting, and at night came home almost worn out.

February 10:

I remained home all day studying. I received the first payment yesterday on some of the coal we trusted out, and today received another $6.00 from Bro. Hochstrosser. In the evening we attended M.I.A., at which I again taught the class. We had a very good meeting. Rulon delivered a reading and did quite well with it. We received a letter from Evelyn's mother. All were quite well at Blackfoot. Monday we received a letter from Elwood at Blackfoot. He, too, was well. There seems to
be some prospect of his obtaining school at Boise. One of
the members of the Board of Trustees told me he had received
an application from Elwood and said they would give it a very
earnest consideration. He spoke very favorable to me. It
was the Pres., Mr. Openheim.

February 11:

I wrote to the Great Western Coal Mines Co. and sent the
money received on the coal due them, also ten dollars paid
by Mr. Couzens on his stock. I also wrote to Storrs, Croft
and Smoot regarding the yards here.

Today is dear Elwood’s birthday. Oh, how I wish he could
be with us. I am proud of that good son and thank God for him.
I pray the Lord may give him a long, useful and happy life.

February 12:

During the balance of the week I did nothing of value to
us. This evening I met with some Osteopathic doctors and con-
sidered with them the feasibility of opening a little hospital.
The prospects look good if I but had money with which to
handle it.

February 15:

Today I rode with Bro. Handy and Marteneau to Emmett,
where I filled home missionary appointment. We had a good
meeting. Otho and Vern Handy went over with us for a ride.
Brother Handy and his companion went on to Bramwell ward where
they held meeting with the Saints, then returned to Emmett
and took me up. We had dinner at the home of Bro. Handy’s
cousin. At the meeting in Emmett I met many old friends and
acquaintances, Bro. Davis and family, formerly of Thomas,
Idaho, Bp. Dewey and wife and daughter and her husband, one
of Ed Bassett’s sons, formerly of Afton, Wyo., a former sister
Hale of Afton, who was a pupil in my school there, and some
others.

February 16:

I sought employment again today but was unable to obtain
it. In the evening I went to Priesthood meeting and there
taught the class. We had quite a discussion relative to Sin,
punishment for and duration of punishment. Many of the class
held that we would ever retain an active memory of our guilt,
our neglected opportunity and violation of law, thus our men-
tal punishment would never cease. I told them this was in-
correct, that when we were forgiven our transgressions and
had made ample restitution, the memory of the wrong would be
taken from us. Otherwise there could be no real heaven in peace
of mind for us. I was unable to bring direct positive
scriptural proof at the time and as the time for our class had expired, I would bring the proofs at our next class meeting.

February 17:

Today the sample case I had ordered from Lovering Brown Wholesale Grocery Co. came, and I spent the day in acquainting myself with the line and prices. It is quite a job, yet at first study appears to afford a means of support in selling the goods.

This evening we attended M.I.A., but owing to the holding of a special programme by the First Ward M.I.A. in their chapel, our meeting was closed early without class exercise. I returned home and spent balance of evening with wife and babes and study.

February 18:

I continued study of Grocery sales plan and prices. In the early evening we went to the home of Brother and Sister Larson and there spent a pleasant evening. The occasion was Sr. Larson's birthday party and a surprise on her. There were present Bro. Handy and wife and Catherine, Bro. and Sr. Harris, Bro. and Sr. Worthington, Bro. and Sr. Wilcox and Evelyn, Rulon, Mary and I; yes, and Bro and Sr. Borup.

February 19:

I went out among my acquaintances today and made two small sales. Made further study of business too.

February 20:

I sold another small order today. This afternoon we received a card from Harold saying he was in the hospital at Logan suffering with a bad ulcer on his eye. He desired our prayers in his behalf, which he surely will have. There is danger of the ulcer entering the pupil of the eye. In that case it might prove very serious. We pray the Lord will speedily heal him. During this week we received a letter from Elwood saying he had taken the sixth Grade in the schools at Grace, Idaho, and was now there and well. I am thankful he has obtained a position. We also received a letter from Thatcher. They were well and he had some prospects of obtaining the St. Marys Schools in Northern Idaho, where his salary would be somewhat better than that of his present position. We have had quite a bit of rain during this week.

February 21:

I studied most of the day and made one small sale in the country. It appears that I may be able to make a fair business
of it. It does not promise anything extra thus far.

February 22, Sunday:

This forenoon I attended High Council meeting, at which I was appointed one of a committee of three to arrange quarterly conference programme. We, Bro. Pond, Bro. Brown and I, met again at 3 P.M., making assignments and plans for the Conference programme. In the evening we attended Sacrament meeting, at which Pres. Elison of the Raft River Stake and a Bro. Pond of Pocatello spoke. We had a fairly good meeting.

February 23:

Yesterday was quite a cold day, yet more pleasant than some recently past. During the day today I traveled in the country making effort to sell my goods, but with very little success, in fact did not sell an order. In the evening I attended and taught the Priesthood class. I have been unable to find an article which came out in the Improvement Era in the fall of 1920, or 1921, as I suppose, treating on the question at controversy at our last meeting. So I prepared an outline and quotations the best I could on the subject and spent nearly the entire time of class exercise in attempting to make the question clear. Although some were satisfied I know I did not succeed as I should have done. In fact I feel I made a failure and a very serious mistake in occupying so much of the class's time. I did not leave a good feeling in all the class members, and I had a very bad feeling in my own heart, a consciousness of having failed to do my duty as I should have done, although I tried. I feel it was due to a very improper attitude toward my work in the past. I have assumed to know more than I did know and have shown a conceit that is unworthy a man called to teach the things of God, and it has resulted in deep humiliation for me. It seems I will never learn. It is not that I was wrong in my claims relative to the answer of the questions at controversy, for in that I was right. But it is in my presumption, my failure to stick by KNOWN TRUTH.

February 24:

I worked again today but failed to make one sale. It looks pretty up-hill business. There is so little money in the hands of the average consumer. In the evening we attended M.I.A., and I helped teach our class. A programme was being prepared by M.I.A. officers and members, so Rulon and the girls attended the practice after meeting.

February 25:

Because of an error I have made in my bank account, I have over checked and find that three checks are being or will
be returned because of this. I had made an error of $10 in subtracting. It took me the greater part of the day to get this straightened out and hunt up the checks.

February 26:

Last evening an excellent programme was provided by members of our M.I.A. and given in the First Ward Chapel. I remained at home with the baby, and all the older ones went and most of them took part. They say they had a good programme. Today I traveled again all the afternoon trying to sell my goods but did not make one sale. There seems to be a little interest manifest by some and a statement occasionally made that they may give me an order next time. Yesterday we received a good letter from Orville and his family in Arizona. They were well but not very well pleased with conditions, or rather prospects for buying a home near Mesa. They drove down into old Mexico to Dublan and up in the mountains to Garcia. They saw our folks and gave an excellent report of them. It makes me homesick to see them. I at once answered Orville and asked him to go and look at the Sinaloa proposition. We received a nice letter from Irene too. She is some better. I at once answered her letter. I also received a letter from Bro. Smoot saying they expected to come to Boise soon and that the present outlook for the G.W.C.M. Co. was very good and encouraging. I also answered him. Today we received a nice letter from Harold telling us the Lord had heard all our prayers and that he was decidedly much better, and in fact almost well, that he felt the Lord had healed him. We are indeed grateful.

This evening I took Bro. Jones with me, and we went to the home of Sr. Burnside and administered to her little boy. He is quite sick, but I feel will get well fast. Bro. Burnside is away from home searching for employment. She just received a letter from him written in Oregon, saying he was unable yet to find employment, and had been some time without food. I sent to Sr. Burnside's home a sack of flour, as they are out of bread and flour. It will be provided by the tithes. In the evening Evelyn went out to Sr. Pollard's home to stay over night with her, taking baby with her.

February 27:

This morning I got the children's breakfast ready and they were ready in time for school and Rulon for his work. Evelyn phoned in from Sr. Pollard's home telling us that Ella was quite sick this morning and in bed and that she would have to remain with her for the present. I phoned out to them and learned particulars. Ella was taken with a chill this morning. I phoned to the Bishop about the flour for Sr. Burnside, and will take the bill to him and obtain the pay for it. Bro.
Burnside is away from home in Oregon seeking work that he may sustain his family.

February 28:

Sister Pollard is still quite sick and Evelyn thinks best to stay with her. Last evening Bp. Harris and I went out and administered to Sister Pollard. This morning or rather this afternoon, Rulon and Mary and Otho and Owen in company with Bros. Handy and Borup and families and Ted Larsen, went up to the Arrow Rock dam for an outing. Evelyn came home late this evening. Sister Pollard’s sister-in-law went to stay with her.

March 1:

Sunday and Fast day. We attended Sunday School and fast meeting today and had a good meeting. In the evening we attended conjoint meeting at which Rhea spoke and also went to the First ward meeting and spoke there by appointment. She did very well.

March 2:

Yesterday Phil Robinson and family took dinner with us. Today mended shoes all day. In the evening we attended Priesthood and Relief Society meeting. I again taught my class and was blessed of the Lord.

March 3:

This morning I got ready to go out to work for a farmer, of whom P. B. Robinson said yesterday he thought he could obtain work for me. But he did not call as arranged he would do if he obtained the work for me, so I remained at home. During the day I attempted to get in touch with Mr. Openheim, chairman of the school board, in interest of Elwood’s application for school, but I could not meet him. In the evening we attended M.I.A., and Sister Dalton taught our class.

March 4:

Monday I wrote Harold and Charlotte to let them know we had not forgotten the day of their birth, the anniversary of which comes tomorrow. Today I went to work for a farmer, a Mr. Mires, at 40¢ per hour. The work was raking and pulverizing ground in high hills for asparagus beds. The work was very hard on me, it being the first I have done for a long time and my neck is so bad that it is very painful.

March 5:

Today is Harold and Charlotte’s birthday. I pray the Lord will give them many happy and useful returns of this day. I again worked for Mr. Mires.
March 6:

I worked again today for Mr. Mires and also worked

March 7:

At the close of the day I obtained a check for $12.80 for my four day’s work. Otho and Owen also worked for him today for which they together received $3.50, all of which we are very thankful for and in much need of.

March 8:

Sunday again. There is snow on the ground this morning. The night has been quite cold. Some of us attended Sunday School. In the evening we attended Sacrament meeting which was held for both wards in the First Ward chapel on account of the visit of Apostle Widtsoe, who spoke there this evening. We had a very good meeting and all enjoyed his excellent address. He is here on reclamation service, to which he has been called by the U.S. and Idaho governments.

March 9:

This morning I did not go to work for Mr. Mires, as I had to remain in town and get orders for coal and try to attend some other business in town. In the evening I attended Priesthood meeting with Rulon and Otho. I again taught my class and had a good time. Today Evelyn worked at the Church House with the Relief Society sisters sewing, and she is very tired tonight. They do not hold night meeting on the day of their work meetings.

March 10:

We received letter from Elwood and from Thatcher and from Lothair’s wife this week. This morning I went again to work for Mr. Mires. He found I was a carpenter, so he took advantage of that fact and set me to tearing down and building a water wheel for him. While I should draw a much greater wage for such work, I am glad for the change as it is not so hard on me. In the evening we attended M.I.A., at which I taught our class again.

March 11:

Again working for Mr. Mires and also worked on the

March 12:

But at the noon hour I returned home for lunch and to attend arrangements for having the City trash dumped in for our bridge fill at the yards and to see Mr. Dince, City
School Supt. in behalf of Elwood's application. I last night received a letter from him saying that if he could not obtain a position here he might take one at Grace, as he is now offered the Principalship of that school, or he may go to Arizona for a school. I do so much want him to come here, and he too is anxious to come that we may be nearer together. I do hope the Lord will over rule it so he may come if it is best or as good for him and us. I am so anxious to have my dear children nearer us. We received a letter from Thatcher and Pearl too. They are well. I returned to my work at 3 P.M. and worked overtime. It rained and snowed quite a bit today, but I kept at my work as it cleared away some in the afternoon.

March 13:

I wrote to Elwood telling him of what I had done in the matter or interest of his school. I really think he will obtain the position. I again worked for Mr. Mires.

March 14:

Last evening Mr. Mires paid me $15.00 for my work, which was a better rate than promised and very acceptable to me, although he should have paid more for the kind of work I did, as Carpenter wages are much higher. Today I remained away from my work to attend Priesthood Convention of the Boise Stake Quarterly Conference. We had a good meeting in the forenoon at which the Officers of Priesthood of Ward and Stake met. Various subjects as previously assigned were treated by various brethren, but not handled very well by most of them. In the afternoon I with Evelyn attended the meeting of the Sisters held in the First Ward Chapel. I was the only man present, and was there to fill appointment as special speaker. I did this, and the Lord blessed us during the whole meeting. Every part taken by the sisters on the programme was handled very well and with a most excellent spirit. It was an excellent treat and honor to be thus assigned and privileged to meet with them. I spoke mainly on the fulfillment of Patriarchal Blessings in which the Lord blessed and inspired us.

This afternoon I received by mail a pair of nice shoes I had ordered from Mason Shoe Co. To my disappointment they are too small and hurt my bad foot, so I cannot wear them. This bad foot, corn afflicted, is a source of much distress and discomfort to me. In the evening Evelyn, Mary and I with the smaller children remained at home, could not attend the Concert held in interest of the Tabernacle fund for want of sufficient funds to buy tickets which cost one dollar.

March 15, Sunday:

Our forenoon session of Conference was held in the First
Ward building. We had an excellent programme, and Elder McKay of the Twelve spoke chiefly to the children. It was about the best talk of its kind I ever listened to, full of good teaching and given by the Spirit of the Lord. This morning the Stake Presidency with High Council met at the Church offices by special appointment, at which time names of men and women were considered and advanced for certain offices.

In the afternoon the session of our conference was held in the High School Auditorium. I was called on to offer opening prayer. Pres. Hale spoke, then was followed by Apostle McKay in a very good address.

At this forenoon's session my name was presented, and I was sustained by the Conference as Alternate Member of the High Council of the Boise Stake. This was a disappointment to me and although I may be unworthy, I supposed and was asked to accept appointment as member of the High Council, not Alternate Member. But if this is where I am wanted and for what I am best fitted I will serve to the best of my ability. I was set apart under the hands of Pres. Heber Q. Hale and Apostle David O. McKay, the last named being mouth. He gave me a wonderful blessing, which if I can but be sufficiently faithful to realize, will be all the compensation heart could wish, and made me feel much better about my call and disappointment in it. In the evening there was no ward meeting, so we remained at home.

March 16:

Today I went to the yards and there waited for and levelled dirt and trash being hauled by city-hired teams to fill the approaches to our bridge. But two teams are hauling and little was done, hardly sufficient to justify my time in waiting. In the evening a Relief Society Annual programme was held in the Columbia Hall. We had a very nice time and good programme. Evelyn took part, singing two songs, old time songs, very sweetly. Priesthood meeting was postponed because of the programme.

March 17:

Today I went again to the yards and spread what little dirt was hauled in, but there is so little that I have concluded not to spend my time waiting for it, but to go back to work for Mr. Nyres and try to keep the dirt leveled down too. In the evening Pres. Hale invited me, together with Bishops Hognansen and Harris, to accompany him to a meeting held in the Unitarian Church annex where he was invited to speak to a group of men who wish to have explanation given of our religion and of what we are "Doing to prepare the Young for Life's work". Their purpose seems to be looking toward the unity of churches and learning if it is possible for men to unite on Church doctrine and organization. Pres. Hale
handled the matter very well and diplomatically, yet gave them to understand that the only way in which there could be a union would be for all to come in at the proper door and receive the Gospel ordinances by administration of one called of God and with Divine Authority. While they treated us very courteously and with kindness, their minister, a Mr. Mitchell, did considerable sneering and sarcastic smiling. One or two other members also evidenced their disapproval in no unmistakable way. I do not think I could have refrained from telling them truths in a much more open and unguarded way than Pres. Hale did. It might have done less good than his talk did, but I certainly should have left them without misunderstanding and excuse in regard to our position.

March 19:

This morning I worked to obtain sale for the car of coal now on the way. Then I went out to Mr. Myer's ranch and worked for him, commencing at about 10 A.M. At noon I returned home for lunch, coming by way of the yards and there arranged the dirt hauled there this morning. I did the same on my way home at night.

March 19:

Work again on Mr. Myers' water wheel and attending the dirt left at bridge approach at the yards.

March 20:

Again at Mr. Myers' and taking care of dirt hauled.

March 21:

This forenoon I worked for Mr. Myers, but on coming home at noon had received notice that our car of coal was in two days since. The notice has been delayed in reaching me. I went at once to arrange for the freight bill which amounts to $255.44. I did not have sufficient money for this on hand and received in advance from stock holders, so I got Mr. Whalen to pay for his twelve tons ordered in advance. This provided $114.00. Then I borrowed $50.00 of Bro. Handy for a few days until I could deliver the coal and collect for it.

I payed the freight, had the car spotted, and we hauled one load of 2335 pounds to our own home before the city weigh office closed.

March 22:

I remained at home and wrote letters to Elwood, Thatcher, Charlotte, Harold, Irene and Orville. I also wrote a long letter to Elwood in answer to his questions on tithing. In
the afternoon we rode down to the Julia Davis Park and also went over to Sr. Pollard's home for bed and quilts left there when Evelyn remained with her during her sickness. We also got some milk. Sister Rex came to our home and spent part of the day with us and also rode to the Park with us. She had her two children with her. Today Rhea went with associate members of the Stake Sunday School Board to visit the Sunday School at Emmett. She was appointed to this position at last Sunday's Conference.

At our evening Sacrament meeting Rulon spoke on the Book of Mormon, making a very good talk. Bro. William Robinson was appointed to speak with him, but while Rulon was speaking, Elder Widtsoe of the Twelve came in as a visitor, and the time was given to him. He gave an excellent talk, one much enjoyed by all. In his talk his chief topic was to the effect that God would give to man whatsoever he desired with all his heart in righteousness. I felt that it was a source of strength to me, and I so informed him. And I have made up my mind to seek and desire more diligently that I may be called to the ministry as a President of some Mission. This has been one of the greatest desires of this life to me, and if the Lord may find me worthy and through his servants make such a call, I would gladly spend my days in effort to bring souls to Him. While I was speaking with Apostle Widtsoe, Bp. J. E. Harris came up and told him that I was one of the old time staunch polygamists, to which Elder Widtsoe replied, "Is that so? And so you are one of the few that did not know enough to refrain from doing right. I am glad to meet you and I admire such men and honor you and them for your integrity." Such remarks from one so good and noble was a great consolation and source of strength to me.

March 23:

We commenced early delivering coal to stockholders and those to whom I could sell it. Phil Robinson helped me. I hired him for this, as Rulon is engaged with Klepfer. Robinson is to receive at least one day's work in exchange and to be paid a small, reasonable fee for the balance of time. He wants some coal too.

March 24:

We delivered coal again all day today and on March 25th, and the 26th, finishing the unloading of the car this evening, Rulon having helped me today.

March 27:

This morning early Rulon and I delivered the last load of coal taken from the car. We have made a little at the
hard work, better than doing nothing. The balance of the day I worked at the yards levelling the dirt hauled and building a dog kennel. Yesterday and today Modine has been very sick with high fever, bad cold and pain in head and back. Clarence too has been ailing, but is much better today. Modine is some better this evening too.

March 28:

Today I wrote a long letter to Lavina Plant in effort to urge and show her it was not right for her to marry one not of our faith. She is keeping company with an unworthy man of Blackfoot. I wrote her once before, and she made kind reply receiving my letter in the same spirit in which I wrote it. I also wrote to and received a letter from Br. I. A. Smoot of the Great Western Coal Company. He informed me that the Company had been reorganized and that I had been chosen as one of the directors to represent Idaho, if I would accept. I told them I was glad to accept the appointment if I could be of service, but that I was sorry to know Bro. Storrs was no longer President of the Company. In the afternoon I went with Rhea and helped her purchase a pair of shoes, or slippers. Evelyn is quite sick today, all day, and is in much distress. Modine is some better, yet not quite so well this afternoon as this forenoon. In the evening Rulon and Rhea attended an M.I.A. party. It has rained considerable off and on all day today. Today I received an admittance card to the Special Priesthood Meeting to be held in Salt Lake City on the 7th of April, during the Conference time. But I will be unable to attend. Rulon has been invited to ride down with Bro. Handy and family. I am glad he will have the privilege of attending, though it does seem that they are taking unusual and perhaps unwise interest in their encouragement of his attentions to their daughter. But I have every confidence in Rulon and do not think he will be unwise or take advantage of their interest, and Catherine, the daughter, is a very good girl.

March 29:

Today is Dear Rulon's birthday. He is nineteen years of age, a good manly fellow of whom we are very proud. Modine and Clarence are quite sick with what seems like the flu. Modine is quite bad. Evelyn, too, is so sick she can hardly keep up. It is again the Sabbath Day, and most of the young folks went to Sunday School. Evelyn and I remained at home and spent the time in reading. In the evening I and the older children attended Sacrament meeting which was held under the management of the Relief Society. Sisters Labrum and Worthington spoke. They gave excellent talks.

March 30:

Clarence is feeling quite good today, but Modine and Owen
are both sick. She is some better yet is very poorly. I worked about home most of the day, and in the P.M. went to the train in hope of meeting Bro. C. M. Croft of Salt Lake, but he did not come. In the evening we attended Priesthood and Relief Society meeting. Evelyn was unable to attend. I again taught the class and answered the question propounded at our last meeting - "Will there be advancement from one Degree of Glory to another in the eternal worlds?" I answered it No, as to advancement from the lowest, the Teles-
tial, to the highest, the Celestial, at least and hardly prob-
able in others.

March 31:

Saturday I received a nice shirt from Irene and Jack as a birthday remembrance. Today I received from Cora a nice present in the form of hose supports and hose. They are all very nice. This evening all but Evelyn attended the M.I.A. meeting. It was "open night" and a programme was given, debate in which Rulon and Rhea participated. A pantomime in which Olive participated, and other good numbers were had, after which pie was sold and by the good crowd eagerly eaten. The proceeds of same will be given to the Tabernacle fund. Brother C. M. Croft came in on the 2:30 train this afternoon and called at our home. We had a good talk over the coal business, and as he arrived too late we could not call on the Securities Commission for which purpose he came, but will meet them tomorrow. Bro. Croft took supper with us, then attended our evening meeting with me.

Clarence is very sick today and tonight. Madine too is feeling very bad. Evelyn is yet very poorly and hardly able to move about. Today is the anniversary of my birth, the Fifty-Fifth. I am getting old, have lived more than half a century, and have done little good thus far. I do hope the Lord will permit me to spend the greater part of my remaining days on this earth in the preaching of the Gospel.

1925 April 1:

At ten this forenoon Brother Croft and I called on the Securities Commission, but found that the examiner, Mr. Winters, is absent from the city and will be away for some time. So Bro. Croft's trip has been almost for nothing. We had a talk with Mr. Porter, the Commissioner, and believe have done something toward furthering the interest of our Company. Clarence is very sick today. Rulon started with Bro. Handy and family to Salt Lake City to attend Conference today shortly after noon. I met Bro. Croft again before train time and we talked more of the proposed coal business in Boise. He said that in the event we could not arrange to do business here in the near future they would likely send for me to come to Salt Lake. We had a talk over conditions in and about
Salt Lake relative to religious controversies. He informed me that many are quite openly teaching and practicing the law of plural marriage, and its adherents are becoming quite numerous. Many of them are men in high standing in the Church and in educational matters in the state, and some were officials in the Federal government. He also informed me that it seemed none were able to withstand their argument and reasoning from the scriptures, particularly the D&C, as to authority to solemnize the contract and divine sanction of its practice. He told me that both young men and middleaged men are equally earnest in advocating it and that women in particular were eagerly teaching and practicing it. He also said that it was quite possible that the question would come up at the coming Conference. If not, then it surely would in the very near future.

I believe that this principle will yet be the cause of much strife and possible division in the Church. I pray that God will guide us all right that we may not make a mistake in this great matter.

This afternoon I administered to little Clarence. He soon went to sleep again and awoke feeling considerably better. At about two o'clock in the night of the 1st, Clarence took a decided change for the better, and this

April 2:

is up and playing about the floor. But Otho and Beth are both quite sick this morning. Last evening I received by mail a very nice present from Dear Harold, a shirt and house slippers. The dear boy has certainly sacrificed to send these to me, for he is in great need of money and unable to raise funds with which to meet his school and doctor's expenses. Yet he would send me these nice tokens of remembrance. God bless him.

April 3:

Nothing to do and very uneasy and ill at ease. We had a nice letter from Irene today. They are well. Beth is some better today. Baby and Modine are quite poorly, and it is very difficult for Evelyn to keep us, she feels so poorly. I worked at carpentering, building wash bench today.

April 4:

Today I worked at the yards building a wash bench for Evelyn. In the forenoon Marvin and Modine went out with me, Evelyn and the small children all went out with me. The day is pleasant and the grass is so green and clean it is a nice place for them to be. I finished the bench this afternoon and brought it in home. Dirt and trash are being hauled to
fill the approaches to the bridge. This afternoon I went to the yards and brought in the dog kennel.

April 5:

Sunday, Fast Day. Rhea, Mary, Olive, Otho, Beth, Marvin, and Modine went to Sunday School. Beth is feeling quite sick and is in bed this morning. I wrote letters to Thatcher, Harold and Irene. Baby is quite miserable and hardly able to keep up. In the evening we attended conjoint meeting at which Rulon, Rhea, Glad Wilson and Rex Larson took part in debate. They did very well.

April 7:

Today is Beth’s birthday. She is nine years old. A fine, big and good girl of whom we are proud. I have no work to do so I puttered about the fill at the yards some of the day and prepared my lesson for evening. We also hauled two loads of dirt in the truck for the fill. I attended Priesthood meeting and taught my class as usual.

April 8:

I worked at the yards again today and hauled two more loads of dirt. In the evening I attended M.I.A. meeting and there taught the class. All the children are much better except Olive, and she is very sick with a bad back and suffers much pain.

April 9:

I received a box of fine presents consisting of two ties, two collars, a pair of fine armlets and a nice shirt from dear Elwood as a birthday present. I hauled automobile beds and frames to the yard to hold dirt for the fill, and hired Bro. Slochstrosser to help me three and a half hours.

April 10:

Today Evelyn, Otho, Owen, Beth, Marvin, Modine, Clarence and I went to the Arrow Rock Dam. We had a very pleasant trip. It is a great sight. Wonderful construction and depth of water. Rulon and Bro. Handy's folks came home late last evening just as I returned from making a trip to a Mr. Kelley's home to bless his babe and to administer to his wife. They report having had a very good and profitable trip in Conference attendance. He saw Lothair and family, Harold and several of Evelyn's folks.

April 11:

I made ready to go today to look at some work with Clyde
Brown that he had offered me out in the country, but it rained so he could not make the trip as intended this A.M. I received letters from Utah Idaho Sugar Co. to which I had applied for a position. H.C. Austin to whom I applied said he had nothing to do with the Canada or Montana Sugar factories now under construction, and suggested that I write to Mr. T. Geo. Woof at Raymond, Canada, who was local manager for both factories. I wrote to him today. I also received a letter from Mr. Wiese to whom I had written about leasing his ranch, but he has given an option for purchase on it and that will not expire until May 16th. If parties do not buy, he wishes me to take it, but I must find something before that date. It has rained hard for two or three hours today and is a good rain. Olive is much better today and able to walk about some.

April 12:

This morning I went with Bro. Jordan on a home mission to Huston. But on reaching that place we learned that there was not even an organization there now. The Branch President and nearly all the Saints had moved away. So we had to return without filling our appointment. In the evening we attended Sacrament meeting at which Sr. Jordan and Bro. Ward addressed the meeting. I made appointment again this morning, April 13, to meet Bro. Clyde Brown and look over work promised, but he failed to keep it, so I was left again without work.

April 13:

In the evening we attended Priesthood meeting and had a very good class.

April 14:

Made appointment again with Brown to look at work, but he again failed to keep it, so the day was idled away. In the evening I attended M.I.A. and taught my class. Had a very good one.

April 15:

Brother Brown has gone to Weiser without keeping his appointment, so the day was spent in near idleness. I received a telegram from Glendora Malcolm asking me to make appointment for her with the Supt. of Schools, Diets. I did so, and he will meet her Friday at 2 P.M. I wired Glendora to that effect.

April 16:

Today is a day of great celebration in Boise in honor of the coming of the first regular passenger train over the new and through line which now passes through Boise. The throngs of people are great. We went to the new depot and
witnessed the coming of the First Train. The great crowds of people and thousands of automobiles prevented our getting near enough to see the R.R. and City and State Officers and witness the programme of speeches. But the sight was a great one, and as the train came in sight some miles east of the City and rapidly approached it, a large aeroplane could be seen hovering over and traveling along with the train. It was wonderful and caused me a great thrill in wonderment at the great inventions and wonders of the age in which I am living. When I was but a boy my father predicted that I should live to see men fly in the air. Hardly an idea of how this should be accomplished was then in man's mind, and today the accomplished and successful fact is a wonder that thrills one to the heart. We drove back home and took lunch at the house, after which we drove up on the streets to witness the city parade. It was about the best I ever saw, well representing times when the state was first settled, and the first train came in on the branch line, comparing the modes of living and doing things then with those now employed. It was a great sight. Olive was chosen as queen to represent the Boise Schools. She rode on The Rainbow Float, driving twenty-four boys dressed in white. She was the most beautiful woman in the whole parade. The float in which she rode was beautiful.

After the parade we drove to the foot of the Sky Line Drive for the purpose of going up on the hills to witness the sham battles and horse races. But the cars were so numerous and so jammed that we waited for nearly two hours in line trying to cross the bridge at the foot of the hill, then had to return home. While waiting there, Evelyn dropped my glasses from her lap to the road, forgetting that she had placed them there for safe keeping from baby. When we returned for them we found them mashed into thousands of pieces and regrets, but of no value. Then we were able to get up the Sky Line Drive, and we drove up and witnessed a part of the sham battle, but it was of little worth and we had a hard time getting back home. There were so many thousands of cars jammed on the road that we had to wait more than an hour before we could get down. We came home at once, took supper and in the evening saw fireworks discharged by an aeroplane from great heights. It was a grand and beautiful sight. I met Brown at the Sky Line Drive, and he promised to go this evening to look at the work. He came quite late but drove out, and we looked it over. I proffered to do the work by contract for 30¢ a rod, but he thought it was too high so offered to pay me 50¢ an hour. I accepted it and will commence work in the morning.

April 17:

This morning I commenced work on the fence seven miles from home. I worked eight hours today.

April 18:

Today Otho helped me all day on the fence. We were setting
posts and got along much faster with his help. I should have stated that Glendora came to our home yesterday morning just as I was leaving for my work. She spent the day with Evelyn and the girls and called on the school Supt., receiving from him some encouragement. We had a good short visit after I returned from my work. Then at seven o'clock I took her to the train, and she left for home in Blackfoot.

April 18:

Last evening a Genealogical Conference was held, but I forgot the appointment, so missed the meeting. This morning we attended Sunday School, and at 2 P.M. attended a session of the Conference meeting. We received good instruction. In the evening we attended another session of the meeting.

April 19:

Rulon helped me eight hours today in stretching wire on the fence. It was much faster with two together at this work. In the evening we attended Priesthood and Relief Society meetings. I taught my class and had a good one, through the Lord's blessings.

April 20:

This forenoon I remained in town to take care of some business, to see about a check I had protested because of my forgetfulness to deposit money given me by Evelyn, and to see Dr. Handy about Irene as she had requested me. But he was out, and I could not see him. Brother Hale called me to his office and told me of an offer that the Consumer's Coal Co. had offered to get me to represent them here, saying our Company was about broke and would surely go to the wall, etc. But I informed him that I had full confidence in our company and would stay with them as long as they lasted.

In the afternoon Otho and I went out and worked on the fence five hours. I was too tired to attend M.I.A. tonight and asked to be excused.

April 22:

This morning I got lumber for the head gates Brown wanted me to build, and at home I sawed it all up in readiness to nail together, got dinner, and just as we were starting out the rain commenced to fall so fast that we had to come back home. So I did only 3½ hour's work today. In the afternoon I helped Phil Robinson hang paper in the house he was living in.

April 23:

After writing a letter to Mr. Weise in answer to his
telling me of his proposition, went to work and worked nine and a half hours today, finishing up the job given there.

April 24:

This morning I presented the bill to Brown and sent a letter to Irene telling her Doctor Handy's advice. We received letters from Marion Clark and from Mother and Sister Hammond. Sister Hammond's children are very sick with Pneumonia. Monday we received a letter or a card from Orville telling us that his son A. was sick with Typhoid fever at Payson, and they were now there having been sent for. They thought he was some better at time of writing. I at once wrote back to him.

April 24: Cont'd:

Last evening Odine was taken quite sick with high fever, then in the later evening baby Clarence was taken with the same sickness. Odine was taken down while Evelyn was at Relief Society meeting. Yet they were not so bad, but we thought it was a light illness due to something they had eaten. So we went to a little house party at the home of Bp. Harris, where we had a very pleasant time until midnight. This morning Marvin awoke with the same malady and a very high fever. Odine is a very feverish child, and her condition is alarming to us. I administered to her, and she became better soon. The administration was not performed until the morning of

April 25:

During all the day and night of the 24th all three remained very sick. At about 3 P.M. Marvin's fever was so high that we called Doctor Handy in. He gave them each a careful adjustment and said he did not know just what the malady was, but it was a child of the Flu. In the afternoon they each became better, and the baby was up and about playing a little.

Last evening the School Board met and considered the filling of vacancies in the teacher's staff at Boise. Nine new appointments were made, but Elwood and Glendora were not appointed, this regardless of the fact that the Supt. had given us good reason to believe that Elwood would be employed. I called him up by phone and he told me this morning that the reason was that they had no vacancies in any kind of position that would meet with the requirements of Elwood's application. They were all of primary grade and carrying a salary below that at which Elwood would work. We are very much disappointed at this. I at once wrote Elwood and told him of it this morning. I also wrote to Harold.

This afternoon I was summoned, no yesterday afternoon, as a Juror in the District Court of Ada County. While Doctor and Sister Handy were at our home today, we made arrangement to go out on the hills and take lunch if the babies were in fit condition tomorrow after Sunday School. There was a dance tonight at which Rulon and Rhea attended.
April 26, Sunday:

The children are all much better this morning. Just as I was getting ready for Sunday School, I was informed of the regular monthly meeting of the Stake High Council and requested to be in attendance at once. I quickly made ready and attended. The chief thing considered was the organization and establishment of Monthly Union Meetings of all Priesthood Quorums and auxiliary organizations of the stakes at the new Tabernacle when completed the last of next Month, and the question of uniting the two Boise Wards because of much dissatisfaction among the people relative to the use of the new Tabernacle for meeting purposes of the Second Ward. Bishops Hogansen and Harrison each expressed their views in the matter which were directly opposite and stated with no little emphasis on the part of both. Finally committees were appointed to investigate and consider the matter, and a special meeting was called for next Sunday at which report would be made and, if possible, a decision reached. In the afternoon we all went up on the hills as per appointment and had a very pleasant afternoon. From this we returned home and at once went to evening meeting, at which Elder Lavon Robinson and I spoke.

April 27:

This morning is beautiful. The children attended school. Rulon did not go to work. I went to the Court house at 9:30. A jury was drawn to try a case, The State of Idaho vs. Mrs. Robinson. But my name was not drawn and I, with others not drawn, was excused until Friday morning at ten o’clock. I returned home and studied part of the day as best I could without glasses. In the evening I went with Evelyn and Rulon to our Priesthood and Relief Society meeting, where I again taught my class. Brother Gambling took my glass frames and fitted a pair of lenses in them from old stock in the establishment in which he works, and brought them to me to use until I could do better. They do very well and afford me opportunity to see now for study.

April 28:

This morning Rulon went to work. I called on Brown and secured the money, $28.25, due for my work last week and with it paid our month’s rent, leaving $8.25 in the bank, $5.00 of which must be paid for tithes. This evening we attended M.I.A. and I taught my class, the last lesson of the year’s study.

April 29:

Rulon has work again. I remained at home with nothing to do but study awaiting my Jury duties. This forenoon I received a long distance phone call from Cora Clark at Blackfoot
in which she informed us that Orville's son, A., had died this morning at 3 o'clock at Payson, Utah, from the typhoid fever. This will be a great blow to them. Their oldest son, a bright and good young man, no home and in their unsettled condition. I wrote them a long letter, trying to console them the best I could and telling them I would not be able to attend chiefly because of my Jury service.

April 30:

Last evening, or rather yesterday afternoon, Evelyn and I assisted in cleaning the Jewish Synagogue, which our Ward has been using for some time to hold our services in. We worked hard all the afternoon. In the evening we whiled away a little time in a game of Rook, then read a story. Just after the telephone call of yesterday from Cora, we received a telegram also from Brother Henry telling us of A's death. This forenoon Evelyn and I worked, moving the furniture from the Synagogue to the Tabernacle and in fixing the upholstering on the pulpit. Brother Benson helped us to move the heavier things. We received letters from Orville, written the day before his son's death, saying they thought he was improving at that time and expressing high hope of his recovery. We also had a letter from Harold telling us he was well, one from Mr. Weant of Cascade, to which I replied. Yesterday we received a letter from Elwood telling us of his disappointment in not getting the school in Boise. By their putting him off as they did and holding out hope to him, he has lost the principal-ship of the Grace schools which had been offered to him and just declined last week, thinking he would sure obtain the position sought for in Boise.

Rulon worked again today. I remained at home this P.M. reading and writing letters.

May 1:

Today is Olive's fifteenth birthday. She is a fine, big girl of whom we are justly proud. We are very thankful to see her health improved. Today the schools celebrated May Day. The children attended parades. The day was whiled away after I had tried to locate employment in vain.

May 2:

Today Rulon worked again. Yesterday I appeared in accordance with my summons as Juror, and we were all dismissed. I drew but two day's pay amounting to $6.30, which I placed in the bank. About noon today Bishop Hogansen suggested that I try to obtain an appointment on the City forces, as he had been told by those having to do with such appointments that the Mormon people were entitled to one appointment, and they wished he would make recommendations. He said he would recommend me if I would accept. I told him I would gladly do so if suitable appointment could be obtained. I at once called
on Pres. Hale, and he promised his assistance. I also made appointment to meet John Eagleson, brother to the Mayor, soon as he returned to the city at 5 this afternoon. According to this arrangement I met him in his office. We are old acquaintances, having served in State office together. He was glad to see me and promised to do what he could to assist me and to learn by Monday morning what appointments were open and to assist me in making application. After this was over, Evelyn and I with the children, all but Rhea, went up in the hills and there joined Brother Handy and family and Brother Larsen and family in a little evening camp and supper. We had a very pleasant time, but Rulon had trouble with our car and had to leave it on the road and walk to and from town with his associates. I at once returned to the car and was assisted by an old experienced garage man to locate and remedy our trouble. It was all in the timer. It was to pieces. We then spent remainder of evening until 12, at Brother Handy’s home.

Evelyn has had a very painful swelling on one of her breasts, and it caused us some anxiety for fear it is a cancer. Yesterday she went to Doctor Handy with it, and he told her he was very sure it is a cancer, but tells her he can cure it if taken know. He gave her a treatment and will make a blood test next Tuesday. When Evelyn informed me of this I felt very sorry, yet I don’t believe it is a cancer. I can’t feel that it is in spite of the fact that the doctor feels so sure. We will do all we can and take every precaution and trust in the Lord, and I feel she will be all right. I believe it is the result of a bad bruise and irritation. Whatever it is it is very painful.

May 3:

This morning the Stake Presidency and High Council met according to appointment in special meeting to consider the interests of the Boise two wards and arrange programme for Stake Union Meetings. It was unanimously decided that the wards would not be united, that they would maintain separate and distinct organizations and meetings, that a joint meeting of all Saints would be held every Sunday evening in the Tabernacle assembly hall with Stake Presidency in charge. This meeting would be so arranged and held that it would be adapted to drawing visitors and investigators to it. And that if after trying out our plans it was found necessary, that the First Ward have more members than they could now or then muster, the boundary lines of the two wards would be changed so that they would be more EQUALLY DIVIDED. The first ward would continue to meet in its chapel and the second ward would meet in the basement of the Tabernacle. My suggestion as to monthly Stake gatherings, Priesthood meetings and Union meetings was adopted, and the programme arranged accordingly. At four P.M. we went to the Elm Grove and there our Ward members met under the direction of the M.I.A. Suptcy., and a meeting was held in which the Scouts took principal part. It
was devoted to American Forest Week programme. I spoke on forestry. We had a fairly good meeting. It was announced that our Sunday School would be held next Sunday in the new Tabernacle basement. In the evening I received a long distance telephone call from Mr. Weise of Cascade, asking me and Rulon to come at once and work for him until the 17th inst. when he would know regarding the option held on his place. I told him that if I did not arrange for my contemplated position or business, making certain of it before Tuesday noon, we would leave here that afternoon for his ranch. If I did secure this here, I would call him by phone before that time.

In the late evening a man was killed near our house, a few doors east, by imbibing too freely of booze.

May 4:

This morning I wrote to the Great Western C.M. Co., asking for explanation as to the terms of their loan contract. At ten I went to see Mr. Eagleson. He had not been able to learn anything definite and would let me know just as soon as he could do so. In the evening we went to Relief Society and Priesthood Meeting held at the home of Brother Handy because the Tabernacle is not ready for us to occupy. After meeting the sisters served a nice lunch and ice cream. I spoke to the brethren and sisters relative to making a little trip into the mountains next Saturday and remaining over Sunday and holding a little meeting in the event we could not get into the Tabernacle. Some consented.

May 5:

I went again today to see Mr. Eagleson, and Brother Hale went with me. Mr. Eagleson promised to do all he could for me. We also met the Mayor. Eagleson and he, too, said they would try to find something suitable for me. I was unable to do any work for want of work to do. Rulon worked for Bro. Anderson.

May 6:

Rulon worked for Brother Anderson again today. I tried to locate employment but was unable.

May 7:

This morning I obtained some lumber scraps from the Tabernacle and hauled them home. Then I hauled a load of shavings for a carpenter and coal for Anderson. Also hauled three loads of trash away from the building for him.

May 8:

I obtained 75¢ for hauling the shavings, and Brother
Anderson paid me $3.00 for hauling the trash away. I hauled the coal to pay for the lumber scraps he gave us. Today I worked building a contraption for cooking over camp fires. I made it of scrap iron found at the trash piles taken from old automobiles.

May 9:

Inasmuch as we cannot use the Tabernacle for meetings yet, we have concluded to make the trip to the mountains. So we all worked hard to make ready this forenoon, and we got away early in the afternoon. We have a big load and a jolly crowd. It was a steep, hard climb to the summit, about twelve miles. We arrived at Barrel Springs early. It is a place of lovely water and beautiful mountain scenery. Brother Handy, Bp. Harris, Bro. Burnside, Bro. Tolley and families all joined us during the afternoon and evening.

May 10, Sunday:

Early this morning Brother Larson, Brother Borup, Brother Labrum and families all joined us, and we held a short meeting, at which I was asked to speak. It being "Mother's Day", I tried to make my remarks appropriate, but suppose I did not succeed very well. We spent the day in games of Horseshoe and other amusements. The children spent their time sliding down the steep mountainside on boards. They had one great time. We have had a very happy and most pleasant day. In the afternoon and evening Bp. Harris, Bro. Labrum, Bro. Borup, Bro. Larson and Brothers Tolley and Burnside and families returned to their homes. Bro. Handy and family and we remained overnight.

May 11:

We ate early breakfast and made ready for a start back home. We drove down Morris Creek and then up the Boise River to Arrow Rock Dam where we spent a short time, then came on down home. We were very fortunate in not being wet with the heavy rains which seemed to fall all about us. When we arrived home we found it had rained here very hard, but we did not get wet. Just as we were leaving the Dam, Scot, our dog, fell from the running board and the truck with its heavy load passed over his front parts, hurting him very badly. We put him on and brought him home. It rained again hard here after we arrived home.

May 12:

I went again to see Mr. Eagleston about position promised, but nothing definite is yet learned. I wrote to Elwood and
J. T. Carruth. Having nothing to do, we spent the day resting and reading. Yesterday afternoon Evelyn went to her Relief Society meeting held at the home of Sister Harris.

May 13:

I returned two pairs of spectacles to dealers who had sent them to me on trial. They will not do for me, so I am returning them according to agreement. Brother Gambling gave me a pair that does very well for the present at least. Our dog, Scot, is much better this morning and we now think he will live.

May 13 to May 17:

I tried to locate work and obtain the position promised me. But those promising put us off, and there seems no chance to obtain employment in this City. Our need is sore for life's necessities, and we must find a means of obtaining employment. Brother Gambling just returned from an inspection trip to Northern Cal., and speaks very highly of the new country. We will investigate and see if we can find employment there.

May 17, Sunday:

Home missionary appointments were postponed on account of today being set apart throughout the Church for Aaronic Priesthood day. We had no Sunday School, because we had no place of meeting. Some of the children attended First Ward Sunday School, and we all attended meeting there in the evening which was held jointly, or both wards participated. Rulon was called on to take charge of the meeting, and he responded and did remarkably well. I am proud of him and his efforts.

May 18 to 24:

I tried every possible opening for work, and Pres. Heber Q. Hale helped me in every way he could. The City Mayor again promised work for the present, and a little later on a good overseeing job on the approach construction. But I have little confidence in their promises. I am a Democrat and they are rock-ribbed Republicans. We have made all possible inquiring regarding the new country, Butte Valley, in Cal. I wrote Brother Bramwell, and also sent a telegram to see if we could obtain employment if we went down. He wired back that we could at 60¢ an hour with nine hour day. We have very reluctantly concluded that we must go if we cannot obtain some means of support here. I wrote letters telling Elwood, Thatcher and Evelyn's mother that we would go unless we could obtain employment right away here. I have promise made by the Mayor and Mr. Lusk, Councilman, that if I meet him Monday at half past seven A.M., they will arrange for work for me.
May 23, Saturday:

Today is M.I.A. Annual day, and the contests are being held in public speaking and singing. Last Wednesday our Ward met in the First Ward chapel, and there Rulon won in public speaking for our ward. Rhea made the best talk for the girls, according to my judgment, yet was declared second best, so will not compete further. Today Rulon met with those from other Wards and was again declared victor. In the evening they met for finals, and Rulon was again successful, so is chosen to represent the Boise Stake in Salt Lake City. If we can afford to let him go. I was one of the judges in the first district. A Miss Yancey from the Weiser was declared best for the girls. During the afternoon we had sports at the High School park and had a good time.

May 24, Sunday:

We met today for the first time in Sunday School capacity and Sacrament meeting in the new Tabernacle. It is fine. Rulon was the first man to deliver any kind of religious address in the building. We had a good Sunday School and meeting. We have concluded to leave for Macdowal as soon as we can get ready, if the promised job does not materialize tomorrow. I received a long and good letter from Elwood, and he thinks we are doing wrong to move again. But he does not understand our condition and our absolute need. It is not because we want to go, for we do not wish to leave Boise. But it is a need over which we seem to have no control.

May 25:

I called on Mr. Lusk according to appointment, and he informed me that they did not have any kind of work that they could give me now, and if there was any it would be shoveling on the streets. I told him I would not accept such a job in Boise. I am not afraid of honest toil, but I will not engage in such menial labor after what I have been in Boise to this people and the State. I believe I would steal first. No, I would not. So we have now decided that we must go. I again went to Bro. Hale, and he again tried, but again in vain. So I wired Lothair at Los Angeles to send me $100.00 at once. I wired him in Salt Lake last week, but Charlotte wired back that he was in Los Angeles at Charlotte's. Last week Rulon and I earned $12.00 working at the Tabernacle. I wrote a long letter of further explanation to dear Elwood. He has asked me to let Rhea go to him and Glendora at Blackfoot. He sent the money to pay her R.R. fare. I will leave Rhea to decide the matter without expressing my desires in the matter. But it will be very hard for me to part with her. The last of my dear Lottie's children left with me.

This evening instead of holding regular Priesthood and Relief Society meeting, the Saints turned it into a social and
farewell party for us. Brother Burnside and family expect to
 go with us, so they, too, were invited and made honored
guests. The people are so very good and kind and have showed
us every possible honor and respect. Many spoke and some
shed tears because we are leaving again. I, too, have shed
tears because of the necessity, more than once. A nice lunch
was served, then a dance was had. A most pleasant time was
spent. Many Saints say they will follow us if we find it
favorable for establishing a home. They all hope and pray we
shall come back. Yesterday we and the Bishop and wife went
out to the home of Bro. and Sr. Tolley and had a very nice
time.

May 26:

Lothair wired to Salt Lake, and they sent me the money
asked for by telegraph today. We have prayed the Lord to open
the way for us to remain here yet if it is possible. If not
to move Lothair to send this money so we could go. It has
come, yet I shall still be ready to remain if there is a
chance. I paid current up to today. I got One Dollar from
Ormsby on the old zccount. I arranged with Dr. Weaver to
make my new teeth again before we leave and had him take Mr.
Ormsby for the pay. We are arranging for our journey as fast
as possible. The children attended the Nat this evening.
I did not attend Mutual because of our hard work.

May 27:

We have worked hard all day. Rulon was laid off his
job, making only two days this week thus far. We continue
our preparation for journey to California. We moved most of
our household goods except table, chairs and sewing machine,
out to the little office building on the coal yard grounds and
had it insured. Those things we left with a Sister Gridley.
We are very tired tonight.

May 28:

We have concluded to let Rhea go to Elwood at Blackfoot,
although it is a very hard thing for me to part with her. We
continue our packing and loading and storing of things.

May 29:

Last evening Brother and Sister Handy got up a little
home social at their home for us, and we spent a very happy
evening in the company of that good family and friends. This
morning we are loading and making ready for our start. Many
good and dear friends continue to call on us, loathe to have
us go. We received a nice letter from Bro. Smoot in which he
says they wish to have me return to Boise and take care of
their business as we have contemplated just as soon as they
can get things shaped to that end, and that they believe there
will be no more disappointments. This makes us all very happy, for we do so dislike to leave and hope with all our hearts that we shall be permitted to return and yet have a good business.

Brother Burnside and family pulled a short way out of town and then started on their way ahead of us with the understanding that we should meet at Baker, Ore.

Sister Handy prepared a very nice dinner for us, and we ate with them at four P.M. and bid them an affectionate and sad goodbye. We left Boise at 5 P.M. and journeyed rapidly and without mishap to Weiser, where we arrived late and went to the home of Robert Weber, where we were gladly received and made welcome.

May 30, Decoration Day:

Rhea is to leave Boise today for Blackfoot. We had a good visit and excellent entertainment at Brother Weber's home. As we were ready to start, they brought us a crate of fine strawberries and a gallon of good cream. We left their home at 9 A.M., and journeyed without trouble all day until we reached Baker City. But here we are unable to locate Brother Burnside and had to go on without them. We are much disappointed at this. We journeyed on to Legrand and just beyond on the Grand Ronde River, where we made a very nice camp for the night.

May 31, Sunday:

We remained in camp until 3 P.M., hoping that Bro. Burnside would overtake us. I put new brake bands and transmission bands on my car, then we drove on. We have passed through much beautiful and interesting scenery and country yesterday and today. We drove down a new and very good road just constructed down the mountain from the Summit toward Pendleton, Ore. It was grand scenery, and as it wound in and out like a corkscrew down the mountainside, it gave us quite a thrill. We drove into Pendleton, where I purchased a wrench and some extras for the car so I could tighten the connecting rods which appear to be loose. We then drove on to the Umatilla River below Pendleton, where we camped for the night between the highway and the river where there were a few trees and much rock and sust.

June 1:

We broke camp early this morning and had to make a very quick climb from our grounds to the highway. In making up our beds and load, I had left my rifle on top the cab. As I made speed to get up this steep pitch, it fell from the cab and went out a long way from the road into the rocks with a great crash. But fortunately it did not break or seriously
injure it so far as we can tell. We went on our way, having a very good time and happy trip nearly every mile of the way since our journey began. Before we left camp this morning I tightened up the connecting rods as far as I could reach them, but could not reach the back one. So we drove on until we reached Echo, when I stopped about noon and took the car to a garage and had them all tightened again. It cost me $3.50. We then drove on to just below Arlington on the Columbia River, having struck the Columbia this afternoon. It was the first sight any of my family had had of this great river. Arlington is a pretty little town nestled in a deep canyon on the side of the Columbia. Here we obtained more provisions and gas.

June 2:

We drove on well all day through sandy and desolate country within sight of the Columbia, until we reached within about six miles of the Dalles, where we turned from the Columbia Highway and took the Dalles-California Highway running south to Bend and Cal. We saw some lovely scenery, and just before noon we obtained a large bucket of milk of a farmer above the Dalles. We camped for noon just out of a little town in the mountains where we ate a very nice dinner. We drove on to a little town called Madras, and just beyond this we camped for the night.

June 3:

We broke camp in good time and today reached our first stage of the journey in the great pine forests. They are most grand and beautiful. We reached the Summit and drove five miles beyond a little town called Crescent, where we camped for the night. Being without sufficient water, Rulon and Otho walked back several miles and carried water to us for camping purposes.

June 4:

It froze hard last night here in the tops of the mountains. We broke camp early as possible and journeyed on. We struck our first dirt road yesterday. It was a part unfinished but is being made very good. We passed a little station called Beaver Marsh, where we obtained gas and oil and sixteen miles beyond this again came onto the macadamized road. After about six miles travel on this, we came to a pretty camp and stream of water called Sand Creek, where we camped for noon. We traveled over lovely road and viewed some beautiful scenery as we entered the Klamath Falls Valley and came in view of the lake. It is a beautiful sight. We passed through Klamath Falls in the late afternoon after obtaining more groceries, oil and gas and journeyed on to Reno, where we came to the end of the State Highway and camped near a
school house for the night. We feared it would rain so set up our tent.

June 5:

We broke camp without trouble from expected rain. Our road is the worst of the entire journey today. After leaving the great Klamath Valley, we passed over a high divide into Butte Valley from the North. Just about two miles before we came to this divide, we crossed the boundary lines of Oregon and California, so we are now in California. The Butte Valley, our destination, looks quite good from a distance. But as we journeyed on through the valley toward Macdowel, where we arrived about noon, we did not like its looks so well. We inquired for Brother Bramwell, but he was reported out of the town, so we drove on to the home of Brother Little five miles farther. This man, Little, is an old friend and neighbor of Bro. Robert Weber's, of Weiser, Idaho. And inasmuch as we preferred the company of Saints, though strangers, to that of those who are not of our faith, we went to his home and were there kindly received by his wife. He was away in Macdowel. We were made at home and pitched our camp near their house on the canal. Bro. Little came in later and made us welcome. Here we passed our first night rather disappointed in the Butte Valley.

June 6:

Today we anxiously waited for the coming of Bramwell, having been told that he was expected home last night. But he did not come today. Rulon was given work by Bro. Little on the canal.

June 7, Sunday:

We spent the Sabbath day rather lonely in camp. Bro. Bramwell had not come at the time meeting was closed, but he came in later. And this evening he and his wife drove up to our camp and had a talk with us. He promised that Sister Bramwell would go with us to the manager of the mills who had promised us employment, in the morning. She brought for the children some candy, crackers and ice cream, which was appreciated.

June 8:

According to arrangement, Sister Bramwell and her daughter called for us this morning and took us to see Mr. Burkhart, manager of the Siskiyou Lumber Co. mills here. He said he would give us work at once at 50 cents an hour. This is rather disappointing, as we had been promised by Bro. Bramwell, or he told us that we should get 65¢ an hour and up. But we
are very glad for this opportunity, and I told Mr. Burkhart that we would try to move in this evening.

We then returned to Macdowel and Sister Bramwell showed us over some of the country, the more of which I see the less I like it. Bro. Bramwell brought us back to Little's home, after which we quickly packed up and drove up to the mills about three miles over the worst road of the age. We pitched camp and reported ready for work tomorrow morning.

June 9:

I called on Burkhart early this morning, and he told me to have Rulon go to the woods to swamp, and I could work on the ranch. But on going to the log train to see Rulon off, Burkhart told me to go to the woods also, as he did not have time to show me what work he wished me to do this morning. So I went with Rulon with lunch for only one, and I worked as I usually do with the result that when quitting time came, I was completely given out and could hardly get back to camp. Rulon came back with some refreshments and helped me home. Never do I remember of being so completely exhausted.

June 10:

We made ready for work, and Burkhart told me to go again and swamp. This I did, but the work is awful hard on me. Yet I did not suffer as I did yesterday, and I believe I will be able to stand up under it after I get a little used to it.

June 11 to 13:

We worked hard all the week in the timber, each day growing a little easier for me.

June 14, Sunday:

Today is dear Rhea's birthday. She is far away and I do hope she will be very happy.

Our camp was in such a state that we commenced work after the day's toil in the timber was done yesterday, and we worked until ten at night and had to quit. We then commenced early this morning and continued hard at it all day, although it was Sunday. We felt we were justified, for we had no decent protection from rains and no conveniences for camp work. Olive and Otho went to Sunday School. I went to Macdowel and to the store at Hebron.

June 15:

Last night Sr. Bramwell came to our camp and told us of prospective work for the children in the beet fields, and we thanked her and told her the children would be on hand in the morning, so today they went down and obtained work in
Bro. Neufer's beets. Rulon and I worked in the timber. So the Lord is blessing us with work and strength to do it. We worked all the week in the timber and the children in the beets. They earned $39.50 and Rulon and I earned $48.00 this week.

During the week we received letters from Rhea and Elwood and Irene. They are all well. Orville and his family have returned to Blackfoot. I wrote several letters to our friends in Boise, Bro. Handy, Bro. Gambling and Tolley.

June 21:

This morning Rulon and I drove to a ranch and obtained an old stove for our camp. We, all but Rulon, Olive and Owen and Marvin, went to Sunday School and meetings. It was a frontier type in every way. I was called on to speak. That was rather rough too. During the meeting and Sunday School it rained very hard, and some hail fell. Bro. Bramwell came just as the meeting was closed and called the people together again and explained what he was doing for them in the matter of securing dairy cows, employment and money for them. It sounded very good and hope it proves just as good. We purchased more supplies at the store and returned to camp where we found it had not rained at all. In the afternoon Rulon and the children went to a lake for fishing. Evelyn and I remained at camp.

June 22:

During the entire week Rulon and I worked in the woods swamping and knotting. Because a few hands left the work, I was asked to do both the swamping and knotting for one gang, with the promise given that I should have help soon. But the help was not forthcoming and the "skinner" and "bucker" would not use an axe at all, so this left me with two men's work to do, and it continued all the week with exception of a little help I received a part of two days, some of which was worse than no help at all. The weather is very warm and at times almost unbearable in our work. Mary and the smaller children worked in the beets the entire week and earned in all up to the present more than sixty dollars.

June 27:

Today at noon I was asked to "Buck" (cut in lengths) some ties on contract for 3¢ each. I worked all the afternoon with a bad saw and "bucked" 71 ties, making $2.10 for the afternoon's work.

June 28:

Last Friday the 26th Mary went to help Sr. Roberts, who has been confined. Today she met us at Sunday School and
came home and spent the day with us. We nearly all attended school. The heat is very oppressive. And I am very tired from hard work.

During this week we received a letter or card from Rhea and one from Harold, saying they were well. Harold had been to North Idaho in company with some school companions. I do not know the purpose. He says he will stay in Salt Lake City this summer on account of his eyes which are bad again. A letter from Irene said they were well.

**June 29:**

Today is dear Mary's birthday. She is seventeen years old today, a good girl and beautiful, of whom we are very proud. Today Otho went to the woods with me and helped "buck" ties, but they did not have sufficient cut to keep us working, and we had to quit at noon, having bucked only 131 ties, making 202 in all, for which we should receive $6.06. After noon I went back to swamping. Rulon is also swamping. Olive and Owen are at work in the beets, Mary is helping Sr. Roberts. We worked until Wednesday night, the 2nd of July, when the mill closed down for the Fourth of July vacation. But the new manager came and set me to work at carpentering, fixing screens and doors and windows on the company buildings, the morning of July 2nd, and I worked nine and one-half hours on that date.

**July 3:**

I worked again nine and one-half hours. Rulon helped Olive and the others in the beets yesterday and today.

**July 4:**

Although a national holiday and nearly all people are celebrating in some way, we all remained at our work. I at the carpenter work and the others in the beets, Mary at Roberts'. In the evening Bro and Sr. Bramwell and Bro. Anderson called on a friendly visit. They are doing all they can, it seems, to obtain better conditions for us and better work for me. To make us contented and feel to stay here. They are very kind. I worked again nine and a half hours today.

**July 5:**

Sunday. It is very warm. We attended Sunday School. Then we came to camp after purchasing supplies at Mr. Hebron.

**July 6:**

We commenced our hard work again swamping, and to that is added the work of the knotter too. So we have very heavy work. This morning or rather afternoon, Otho and I bucked,
cut more ties. But it is very hard work, and we make little, if anything, more by it. During all the week we continued our work in the woods, and after returning home at night I would work until it is too dark to see at the fixing of a house and protection against the horrid flies. In the morning I commence at this work at about 4:30 and work until time to take the log train.

**July 7:**

Otho and I bucked ties this forenoon, and until after 2 P.M. Then we came down to camp and worked the balance of the day on the house.

**July 8:**

All the children worked again in the beets today, and all but Otho, Monday and Tuesday. Rulon and I worked in the woods.

**July 9:**

This morning the boss, Mr. Stephensen, informed me that I should stay down at the mill and help with the commissary and all supplies and freights, a general roustabout. This will be much easier on me, I hope, though the hours will be much longer. Rulon continued in the woods. This evening Mary returned from her day's work in the beets quite sick. Cramping and dysentary.

**July 10:**

During the balance of the week Rulon worked in the woods, I at the general diversified work about store and mill. Mary is quite sick today, having passed a very bad night. The heat is awful, and some of the nights are so warm we cannot rest well. The mosquitoes are so bad, too, that it is a miserable effort we must make to obtain rest.

**July 12, Sunday:**

I remained home all day and worked hard on the camp and accomplished much toward its completion. We are fixing a small room at the side of the tent and making a large projecting cover for it and the approach in front where Evelyn has to cook. We are placing screen about the room and leaving it all open for ventilation and light. Rulon went to Macdowell and took the other children to Sunday School at Mt. Hebron. He also purchased supplies and some screen wire.

**July 13:**

Rulon continued all the week at his hard work swamping and knotting, and to this was added the work of the "jumper" for the last three or four days, because so many men are
leaving and are being made sick because of the awful heat and water. On the last four days of the week, it was so very hot that it is almost impossible for us to endure the heat. The mercury has registered around the 100 mark in the store where I keep it well ventilated and the floor sprinkled. So it is hot enough out in the boiling sun to scorch a man.

I continue with my roustabout work. Had I been at the other hard work in the woods, I fear I should have failed this week. On Thursday Mary went to Macdowel and obtained more screen and things for our little room and obtained the gun for the boys which we had ordered from Montgomery Ward and Co. They are very pleased. Mary was sick for several days. She is now quite well but weak. During the latter part of the week we received letters from Harold, Elwood and Rhea and from others at Boise. During the week I have learned of reported good employment in the hop and grape fields, and I am considering it, trying to learn all I can regarding it. Saturday night I drove a small load of household goods to Macdowel for shipment for a man leaving the mulls and going to the coast. He, too, has advised us to go to the hop and fruit picking instead of remaining here.

July 17, Friday:

I quite completed the little room at my odd hours, and we are now quite well protected from the flies. It is so good to eat without fighting them from your mouth and eyes.

July 19, Sunday:

We are all so tired today and are so far behind with our correspondence that we all remained home and wrote letters about all day. I wrote to Handy, Harold, Rhea and Elwood, Tolley, Clarence Allred, Pres. Jos. W. McMurren, and to four men, inquiring about work in the hops and fruit. The heat is something awful. I would not live in this valley if they made me a present of the whole thing. I was never more displeased with a place I ever saw in which I even thought on making a home.

From July 19:

Until the close of the week we continued our work without interruption, but Rulon obtained a change in his work in which he is appointed assistant time keeper and takes charge of the little commissary on the hill, for which he will receive in addition to his former wage of $4.00, his board and bed, making a wage of $5.30 per day. He finds this work much easier and more pleasing.

During the week we received a card and then a nice letter from dear Elwood announcing his and Glendor's marriage in the Logan Temple July 17th. The ceremony was performed by President Joseph Shepherd. We are indeed thankful for this union and pray the Lord will bless and make them very happy.
Dear Elwood has passed through so much trial and unhappiness that he can better appreciate a good wife and the happiness her companionship will bring. I wrote them a letter and also wrote to Rhea on the 26th, and also wrote several other letters. I sent off an order for shoes for me and an order for clothing for all of us to Sears, Roebuck & Co., and an order for tire and tubes to Montgomery Ward & Co.

July 27:

Today is dear Thatcher's birthday. Oh how I wish I could see him and know he is well and happy and serving the Lord. It has been a very long time since we had a line from him, not since before we left Boise. We are told he is in the Yellow Stone Park, Wyoming, driving passenger conveyances for tourists.

The heat had again been very oppressive on the 28, 29 and 30th. On the 26th of July, Evelyn had her hair bobbed. On that date we rode with Bro. and Sr. Johnston to Bray for the purpose of interviewing a forest ranger regarding certain lands in Oregon, of which he had told Bro. Johnston, but he was no longer there. We then returned home and on the way called on one Mr. Caldwell, who has a very nice, nice for this country, dry farm located in a very pleasing little cove. He is raising a fairly good garden and grain. The best we have seen. He gave us some radishes and peas and turnips. Bro. and Sr. Roberts and Bro. Larson, their brother, called on us a short time today and took dinner with us. Bro. Roberts cut Evelyn's hair.

We continued our labors as usual during the whole week with no unusual occurrence.

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August 1:

Another month has come and finds us quite well employed and comfortably living, for which we thank the Lord.

August 2:

Sunday. I could not leave my duties at the mill and pumps so did not attend religious services. Rulon attended his studies. Some of us went to Mt. Hebron and obtained the mail. In it was a letter from Sr. Handy and Katherine, saying they would leave Boise for Mt. Hebron on Saturday morning the 1st and would come direct to us on a visit. So we anxiously expect them within three or four days.

August 3:

Rulon returned to his work at the camp on the mountain and I to mine at the commissary.
August 4:

Doctor Handy and his family arrived this evening about 6 P.M. well and glad to see us as we were to see them. It does seem so good to see old and dear friends.

We spent a long and pleasant evening in visit and talking over many things of mutual interest. Among these was the question as to what we should do relative to returning to Boise. These friends are most anxious and solicitous that we return at once to Boise and tell us that all our many friends there are very desirous that we return, each promising to do all in his power to help make conditions favorable for our remaining there permanently.

We have talked of going from here to the hop fields of Oregon or Cal., during the time the picking lasts, then on to the apple picking in Washington, and with a hope that during this time we would receive definite and favorable word from our Salt Lake associates in the coal business that we could return to Boise and resume our yard building and business. So I told them we would at once get ready to leave here and take with them a long journey through Oregon to the coast, seeing the country. And if we did not receive encouragement relative to our Boise project, we would remain somewhere in the hop fields and they could return to Boise. We would follow soon as it was advisable. This plan was approved, but each member of my family is very anxious that we return direct to Boise without remaining for employment in Oregon or Washington, and feel that we shall be able to succeed there. I fear to undertake it again unless I am more certain of opportunity to provide a living for my family than I have been in the past. We however begin at once to prepare for our journey.

August 5, 6:

I continued working with the milling company, but each hour was making all possible preparation to leave and informed the lumber co. that we would leave on Friday, if possible. Rulon could not go to work again because of his very particular attachments to Miss Katherine. So he spent the time in assisting us a little and visiting with Katherine much. We drew our pay on the evening of the 6th, which in all amounted to about $263.00. In the evening Bro. and Sr. Oscar Johnson called on us and said they would join us at or near Medford Monday. We would visit the Crater National forest and lake, then go on down the river to Medford.

August 7:

Today we pulled out from Mt. Hebron and bid goodbye to our work and the valley which we came to in June with such high hope that it would afford suitable conditions for obtaining a home, but with which we are now very much disappointed.
We have a very heavy load. Brother Handy, in contrast, has a most beautiful car, the Packard, and a light load - a great combination for a long journey together.

We arrived at Klamath Falls about noon where I obtained an Oregon permit for non-residents and some lunch which we ate while journeying on. We passed through some most beautiful country on our road to Crater Lake, the choice of which seems to be held by the Indians in Reservation. The climb up the mountain was a hard one for our heavily loaded little truck, but we arrived at the Park entrance about 5 P.M., paid our entrance fee of $2.50 and slowly journeyed on to a fairly good campground within the Park high up on the mountains.

August 3:

We broke camp quite early and continued our journey through most beautiful timbered country, gladly and gradually ascending the mountains. The last three mile's climb was a heavy one. But I made it, and we arrived at the Crater rim about 10 A.M. We quickly rushed to the wonderful rim of the Crater and there gazed with admiration, wonder and awe down more than a thousand feet into the blue waters of the grand lake occupying the crater below. It is the most wonderful sight of my life. Many things have I seen to cause wonder and admiration at God's great work on earth, but nothing stupendous and vastly beautiful like this Crater and its beautiful lake, about six miles in diameter and studded with two beautiful islands. The deep blue is most wonderful. We pitched our camps and in the afternoon Dr. Handy, Rulon, Katherine, Clair, Vern, Otho, Owen, Marvin and I descended the long winding trail to the lake below. It was an inspiring trip and sight all the way. Sr. Handy also went down with us, but soon returned. The rest of us remained and fished for some hours. I caught one nice trout, and Vern also caught one about as large, and a small one. We spent the night in this camp on the Crater's mammoth rim.

August 9:

We were in no particular hurry to break camp this Sunday morning. It seems hundreds and hundreds of people are gathered here from all parts of the country to see this wonderful sight. We broke camp reluctantly about 9:30 A.M. and journeyed rapidly down the mountains over onto the Beautiful Rogue River. I had considerable trouble with my car on account of worn brake bands. The roads are the finest ever, and the wonderful pine forests are soul-inspiring. We traveled to a camp below Prospect, where we made hasty, late noon camp, from which Bro. Handy, Rulon, Katherine and the smaller boys went down the steep mountainside to fish, while I remained to "cuss" and work with my car which is causing so much trouble. They returned in a few hours without having made a catch, and we ate an early supper. Then we decided to travel on to a better
camp where we had hoped we would be free from the troublesome gnats and mosquitoes here. We were told such a camp was but about six miles below. But we traveled on until very late in the night, covering about twenty miles, when we found a very nice, small camp on the river banks near Weaverville at the Steel bridge.

August 10:

This is such a convenient camp and appears to be such good fishing that we have concluded to lay over here today at least. The large salmon and steelheads can be seen swimming about in the clear water under the bridge and tempt the would-be angler very much. But I did not share their pleasures, nor fell the fisher's disappointments, because I had to tinker with my car, and found it so bad that I had Bro. Handy tow me 19 miles into Garie Point, the nearest garage, where I had the car fixed. Mary accompanied us. She and Bro. Handy at once returned, and I remained a few hours until the car was fixed, then drove back to camp, where I found disappointed fishermen. It seems the fish will take no bait they can provide, despite the fact that the big fellows are very numerous and jump far from the sparkling water of the river. I spent a pleasant evening. Yesterday I wrote a card to Bro. Johnson at Medford, according to our former understanding, but had to tell him that we were unexpectedly delayed by my car troubles and would not reach Medford until perhaps Tuesday.

August 11:

Tent stakes were drawn early, and we were on our way for many miles through a much less pleasing country or scenery than that hitherto passed. Near noon we arrived at Medford, where I got a postcard from Bro. Johnson telling me he had called Monday morning, and there being no word from us had driven on with hope of finding us farther on. My card was not received by him.

From Medford we passed on through some very pretty hill and valley country where we can see abundant crops of hay, grains, fruits and vegetables. At Grants Pass, a very pretty little city, we purchased some nice peaches and all had a treat in eating our first fruit this year. This purchase and trip to Grants Pass was not made until "tomorrow" the 12th. I got ahead of my story. We drove about twelve miles below Medford to Gold Hill, where we were again told wonderful fish stories and induced to blow in for more and different fishing tackle. We then drove off the main highway up the river about three miles to this wonderful fishing place, and camped early and early began fishing. The others did. I had no State license so did no angling. Our party of anglers fished late with no success whatever, other than to witness the catching of several large and beautiful steelheads by a more successful angler near our camp. This set us "aflare" again, and they resolved for early and successful fishing tomorrow.
August 12:

Early daylight found our fishermen and women in the water, but a few hours found them out again a disgruntled and disappointed lot. We again took up our journey and today passed through Grants Pass and much beautiful country. The road is much up hill and down, winding in and out through the mountains, valleys and hills, bordered by beautiful forests and smaller vegetation. In the late afternoon we reached the Coos Bay Junction. At Dillard nearby we purchased some nice melons and tomatoes. We concluded to drive direct to the ocean and not go up to Roseburg where I had planned to meet Bro. Johnson, because we were so long delayed. It was too late to obtain mail from the Post Office and we had little hope of meeting him there and supposed he had gone on down to Coos Bay. I have had continuous trouble today again with my car. I purchased new bands for the transmission at Myrtle Creek. Those placed on at McClellan are completely worn out. We drove on to a place, on what is in high water times a river, just below the cascade divide, where we made a late and very tired camping. This is a day and journey of little pleasure and lots of hard work and worry for me. Here the forest and other growth is so dense that the air is damp and cool.

August 13:

We broke camp early and because of my need to travel slow and laboriously, Bro. Handy went on, Rulon as usual accompanying him, with the understanding that they would travel on to Bandon on the Sea, then on to Port Orford, which we have determined on as our coast destination, having been told it was the most pleasant place and where we could see the large seagoing vessels come to anchor. We had considerable trouble all the way because of my worn transmission bands, but to cap the climax at or about two miles below Coquille, we had a serious blowout which cut out the rim of our casing on the hind wheel and tore big holes in the inner tube. But in all this trouble I must and do acknowledge it is "not so bad as it might have been", for we are here near the only city within miles where tires and tubes could be purchased.

I obtained opportunity to ride back to Coquille, and left the family with the car. I purchased tire and tubes, paying $42.00 of our hard earned and much needed money for these necessities. The dealer took me out in his car. We put on our new tire and were soon on our way.

We arrived at Bandon late in the afternoon much disappointed that Bro. Handy had gone on to Port Orford, for we here learned that much of the road there was bad and that it would not afford what we sought and had been told we would find there. However, we must make it regardless of the bad condition of our car, so we set out very tired and unhappy. In order to make the hills I would go down the one approaching it at full speed. This way we managed to pull or rush the grades and reach Port Orford, twenty-eight miles on, very late in the evening. Here we found Sr. Handy standing by the
roadside in the little town anxiously awaiting our delayed coming, and to pilot us to the campgrounds a mile below on the ocean beach. We arrived late after some pushing and pulling and pitched our camp in a pretty but very windy place. The air is very refreshing, though somewhat cool to us after sojourn-ing so long in much warmer climes. Rulon and Katherine and Bro. Handy had caught a few fish.

August 14:

Today we fished and tried to rest, but for me there was little rest, as I had to put on transmission bands and tear the car again to pieces. However, I had the pleasure of catching several nice fish today—Sun fish they are called. They are very pretty and quite gamely and nice to eat. It is a time of pleasure and enjoyment to the whole family as none of ours, but myself, ever before saw the ocean. The rolling waves and their crashing upon the cliff sides, the rising and falling of the tides are all a source of wonder and admiration for all. Here we pleasurabley spent the 14th, and 15th, Friday and Saturday of August.

August 16, Sunday:

Regardless of the fact that it is Sunday, we broke camp and commenced our journey back, as I have now been quite fully persuaded by Bro. and Sr. Handy and my own family to return direct to Boise unless favorable opportunity is offered near Eugene in the hop fields, and we receive no word of encouragement relative to our proposed coal business in Boise. Another reason for our leaving here today is that Dr. Handy must be back in Boise not later than the 22nd, and it will require quite constant traveling to make it. And the prune picking at which we have been promised work by Bro. Labrum, is expected to commence on the 25th.

While coming down the river above Bandon, we met Bro. Johnson and family camped near the river anxiously watching for us. It was a pleasure to all of us to meet again after our disappointments in arrangement. They were well and had traveled over the country of which they had been told and came to see, and were not at all satisfied with it, so concluded to return to their home in Butte Valley and make preparation to return to Idaho at the earliest opportunity. I promised to try to find some suitable dairy property there that he could lease. We brought for me a tire and tube I had ordered while at Mount Hebron, not received there by the dealer when we left. We are glad to get these, for our tires have traveled many miles of rough, hard road under heavy strain and may give way any time.

We journeyed back by way of Bandon and up the river over the divide again on the same road. At or just above Myrtle Point we stopped to obtain water for our car. Otho went down a very steep bank to the river for this, carrying a bucket. As he dipped the water, its weight caused him to lose his
footing on the steep bank and slip into the river. We heard him cry twice and heard the jamming of the bucket as he struggled in the water. I at once rushed down the steep incline to the river where he was hanging onto a large saw log which was floating in the still water near the shore. He had thrown his bucket full of water over the log and its weight helped to steady him and keep the log from rolling. But as I tried to reach the log I, too, slipped in the wet clay and went in, but not so far. I again regained a solid or more firm footing. The log was gradually floating out from the shore and Otho's condition was a perilous one. I, without due consideration, told him to drop the bucket that he might have better chance to help himself. But soon as he did this his own weight caused the log to again commence rapidly rolling in the water and this threw him repeatedly, almost completely under it and in the water. But the motion caused the log to draw nearer me, and I obtained hold on one end and drew him to shore. We feel the Lord was kind and helped in preserving our son's life.

Our car continued to cause us considerable trouble, so that we did not overtake Dr. Handy until late in the afternoon. Then he said he would drive on a reasonable distance and camp awaiting our coming. Otho went with him. His son Clare and daughter Barbra remained to ride with us.

We were unable to make farther than the divide where we camped at a beautiful spring of good water for the night. Here on the tops of the Cascade Range the air is most invigorating and although very tired, we enjoyed our night's rest.

August 17:

We started early but had quite a bit of trouble starting the car at first. As we neared the North and South highway, we met Bro. Handy and party returning to see what was the matter. They had journeyed on to Roseburg, foolishly thinking that we, too, could make such a journey with our truck and its troubles. They brought our mail which had been forwarded to Roseburg as per our instructions at Mount Hebron. In it we had good word from many of our loved ones and also a very encouraging letter from Bro. Smoot of Salt Lake promising that there was very good news for me relative to the hoped for coal yards at Boise. This news broke down all my opposition to returning there, and with that hope I eagerly looked forward, with the rest of the family, to our return to Boise. I also received shoes I had ordered from Mason Shoe Co. and bill for the tire and tube sent from Mt. Hebron. This money I sent off at the Roseburg P.O. Here I met an old acquaintance from Blackfoot who now lived here, by name Egley.

We journeyed on, I much more light hearted and hopeful than hitherto. Our way led through most beautiful valleys and hills dotted with beautiful, prosperous homes. We went through the city of Eugene in the late afternoon and traveled a few miles beyond for night camp in a wayside camping ground, paying the fee of 50¢.
August 18:

Again we were moving quite early, traveling all day through the beautiful Willamette Valley. It is a wonderfully beautiful and prosperous country.

We had much trouble with our car in the afternoon before reaching Portland. We had intended to camp before reaching Portland, but because of a detour near Holley, we got on the wrong road, or we should have taken the road down the East side of the river. We went down the West side, and the heavy mountain climbing was almost impossible for us. Our car would not pull well, and the brake bands were so badly worn that it was dangerous going down the steep hills. Yet we kept journeying on because we could not find a suitable place for camping until we were, in spite of our troubles, in Portland almost before we were aware of it. Our lights would not work, so we had to rush on through the city to the camping grounds beyond and down the river four miles from the bridge where Dr. Handy said they would be. We arrived at the camp grounds near the Sunken Gardens just as it was coming dark. We registered and obtained room to park our car and make down beds. So we made ready for the night, a tired and very sore bunch, and I was full of gloom because of my hard work and worry. Just after camping we located Bro. Handy's children. He, his wife, Rulon and Katherine were in the city attending a show.

August 19:

We arose as early as we could because our car must be repaired before we could make an advance. I took it to the authorized Ford garage which was very near, and they ground and replaced valves for me, tightened up the connecting rods and sold me some inner boots, etc., making my bill near $15.90. But the car is in fine shape, and we had it ready to start a little after noon. We ate a hurried lunch and pulled out shortly after 2 P.M. We journeled up the Columbia Highway greatly enjoying the most beautiful scenery. Rulon drove and remained with us for the first time for many days. This gave me much needed rest and opportunity to enjoy some of the beautiful sites. And I was free from car troubles and worry incident to that which has been with me ever since we left Mt. Hebron, Cal.

Before leaving Portland this morning, I sent a telegram to Bro. Labrum of Boise telling him we would be there by the 25th, to help them with the fruit. He had promised us work in the fruit if we would come and let him know in time.

We camped in a very pretty place controlled by the Forest Service near Myeth, above the Multnomah Falls.

August 20:

We broke camp early, Bro. Handy going on in head again with the understanding that they would stop at Arlington for
us and there camp with us for the night. Rulon remained with Bro. Handy again, or rather with Katherine. We went along very well during the forenoon and stopped just above the Dalles to the side of the road for our lunch. In the afternoon we were again made acquainted with trouble, car trouble. But first as we came by the Dalles we stopped and watched the Indians standing on the great rocks in and above the falls of the River catch fish with nets fastened to the end of long poles. It required great skill and daring for this hazardous work. But they were successful, and we saw them take several very large fish from the river in this way.

About twenty miles below Arlington our car began to sputter and would not fire on the Magneto. I worked quite awhile with it but was unable to discover the trouble. But it would fire a little on the battery, so we started out again trying to make it this way. But soon that ceased to work, too, and we were left stranded on the road far from our hoped for camp and with no suitable place near for camping. I worked for some time. Finally a man came along in a Ford, and I asked him if he could help us. He understood more than I did regarding the firing mechanism of a car and it was not long until he discovered the trouble. A broken cotter had lodged on the magnet post, or North pole as it is sometimes called and caused a short circuit. This prevented any firing. This was soon removed, and we were again on our way rejoicing and hoping that we should safely reach our destination. But soon we were stopped again, in what appeared to be the same way. I went after it and found another still larger piece. We went again on our way and arrived at Arlington shortly after dark. The campgrounds were filled, but Bro. Handy had secured and held a space for us. Soon we had supper and were resting after the hard day.

August 21:

Brother Handy and family started on at five o'clock this morning, expecting to go right on home fast as possible and be with us no longer on this journey. We got away pretty early and traveled all day with little trouble until toward noon as we neared Hermiston. Here our car refused again to work. The trouble was in the ignition somewhere. We stopped and found a screw-gone from the spring on one of the coils. We managed to reach the town and had it put on. We supposed our trouble was over, but no — we had gone but a short distance until it ceased to work again. I hunted for the trouble and supposed our lost screw was upon one of the coils, but could not locate it. We finally got into the next town, and at the garage the mechanic took out the coils and located the lost screw and also fixed some other thing which was bothering. We went on to Pendleton, but it continued to bother some, and there I got hold of the foreman of the Ford garage and he soon located the trouble in bent and broken compression springs in the coil box. He straightened these up, and I found
the drain pipe to the radiator was gone, so I stopped and had a new one put on. Fun - Yes, lots of it. When this was done we again "hit the trail", this time with far better success than we had even dared hope. For we pulled up the great, steep, long and winding climb to the summit of the Blue Mountains, a great part of the way in high. We drove on until quite late until we came to the Boy Scouts' camp and park near the top of the Blue Mountains. This is under State supervision and we had a good camping place. But, oh, how tired we all are.

August 22:

Again off quite early. We have seen most beautiful country all the way through these Blue Mountains, and the valleys are beautiful too. We passed LeGrond, Oregon, early in the day and on to and through Baker, then on to the home of Rob Weber at Weser. Here we were welcomed and remained for the night, having a very pleasant visit and receiving the best of treatment.

August 23, Sunday:

We are again on our way loaded down with melons and cantaloupes given by Bro. Weber and family. The quantity of watermelon eaten by us made every member frequently hunt the "bush" on our whole day's journey, and once as Rulon made a quick jump for cover, he landed in a deep water ditch which was hidden from view by the high hay and weeds. We got a great wetting, to our amusement and his discomfort. We arrived in Boise early in the evening and went directly to the home of Bro. Handy, as we had been "commanded to do". We were not in time to attend any of our meetings, except that Rulon and Otho attended evening meeting.

August 24:

We are again in good old Boise, glad to be back and to receive the kind and loving welcome our many friends extend to us. This morning Rulon and I drove out to Bro. LaBrum's place and Rulon went to work for LaBrum in gathering cantaloupes and other fruits and vegetables. I looked and found a suitable place to pitch our tent and make our camp and returned to Boise. In the evening I went back for Rulon. We together attended Priesthood meeting. Here we were given a very warm welcome by our brethren and friends.

August 25:

This morning I moved our things out to LaBrum's and put up the tent. Evelyn and the girls remained yesterday and today at Sister Handy's, washing clothes. In the afternoon I came to town and brought them all out, and we spent the night again under tent cover. Olive helped me put up tent and arrange camp this afternoon.
August 26:

They were not ready for fruit picking as expected this morning, so during this whole week Rulon helped Labrum, and I worked about helping Evelyn when I could in putting up fruit and pickles and hauling wood, etc. It is another week of expense, and only Rulon's wage coming in. During the week we received letters from Rhea and Elwood and Glendora. They are well and happy and Rhea has concluded to go to Montana, Three Forks, and stay with Thatcher this winter. I left her to make her own choice in the matter, and she decided to go. I hope and pray it will end well for her, but I have some cause for uneasiness, and do most earnestly pray God to keep her safe and strong in the Faith. She left Blackfoot for Montana.

August has passed, and we are back in Boise hoping and praying that the Lord will help us to remain here and to support ourselves in a suitable way and to be of service to Him.

August 30, Sunday:

We all, but Olive and some of the smaller children, attended Sunday School. Then we remained at Bro. Handy's home and took dinner. Bishop Harris and wife spent the afternoon there too. Mary went back to Labrum's and remained with the children too. In the evening I spoke in the First Ward by previous request and appointment. My subject was tithing. Evelyn and our children in town attended with me as did Bro. and Sr. Handy. After meeting we changed our clothes and went back to Labrum's and our tent.

August 31:

We thought prune work would commence today, but no, it is put off until tomorrow.

September 1:

I did my first picking of prunes today, and we all worked hard. I and Beth picked 40 boxes today. I'm tired. During this whole week we picked and hauled prunes to the cars. Friday evening and night it rained. Sunday they did not pick.

September 6, Sunday:

Evelyn and I brought the children in to Sunday School. I was not feeling well, so we did not go. But we drove about to see if we could not locate a suitable house for renting. After the meeting was out we returned to Labrum's, and in the evening we again came to town and attended meeting.

September 7:

It rained last night so they could not pick prunes today. So we helped put up fruit.
September 8:

During the entire time of the week, we picked and hauled prunes, and Evelyn worked at putting up fruit.

September 12:

Today is the first day of the Boise Stake Quarterly Conference, but we could not attend because of the rush of prune work. In the evening a Pageant was held in the Tabernacle representing the restoration of the Priesthood and the organization and development of the various associations. It was very nice. I took Mary, Olive and Otho to attend it, but as I did not have time to change my clothes I could not go in. But I saw a part of it from the window in the small electric lamp room.

September 13, Sunday:

Conference continues, and it is with much regret that we are unable to attend. I commenced work very early this morning in the loading of a car so that I might get off long enough to attend Stake Presidency and High Council meeting at 9 A.M. I did this, and at once returned to my work and rushed with all my strength that we might attend the afternoon session. We were able to do so and had the happiness of hearing Apostle Ballard and others of the visiting members. Apostle Ballard informed us that he had been called to preside over the South American Mission, which would be opened up right away and that he would soon leave for his field of labor. This fulfills a statement that I have made and a long cherished hope, that the South American Mission would be opened up during the lives of my children, and I have urged them to make ready for the work. I informed Apostle Ballard of my feelings in the matter.

In the evening we attended a very good meeting under the auspices of the M.I.A., at which Prof. Bennion spoke, also some of the visiting sisters. This is a real happiness to us to have this privilege.

September 14:

Last evening they finished picking all the prunes, and this forenoon and early afternoon I finished loading the last half car. In the evening could not attend Priesthood meeting.

September 15:

This morning Rulon and I continued our search for a house to rent. We found and rented one, 1622 Washington St., for which we are to pay $28.00 a month. There is a range in the house which we are informed goes with it. We brought one load of things down, and Mary came with us to arrange the house. We took her to it and unloaded fruits brought down, then rushed back for more load. When night had arrived we had moved all our things and were ready to make beds down on the floor. Glad
to again be in a house and sit up to a table under a roof.

September 16:

We continued arrangement of the house. Rulon and I brought furniture stored at the little house on the coal yards, and we soon had things more comfortable.

September 17:

Last evening I was taken quite sick with dysentary and cramping. It continues today, and I feel quite bad. I ordered a phone placed in our house with intention of engaging in a commission business if our coal business does not materialize. Today a letter came from Bro. Smoot with a check for $150.00 in payment of rents. This makes us very happy, for this has again promised that we shall succeed.

September 18:

Evelyn called Mr. Davis and he came to our house and received the $150.00 check in payment of the next year’s rent. I am quite sick today and confined to my bed, what time I am not running to the toilet.

September 19:

I have received a letter from Lothair asking me if I could come to Salt Lake if he would send expense money, as he will be unable to come to Boise as intended. I wrote him that I would. I continue quite sick all day, some better toward evening.

September 20, Sunday:

The children attended Sunday School, but I was too weak yet. Evelyn and I did attend afternoon meeting held at 2:30. The first Sacrament meeting held under the new plan in our ward. Home missionaries from Nampa, Bros. Stevets and Johnson, were the speakers. We had a good meeting. In the evening we met in the Tabernacle main assembly room in our first General Meeting of the two wards, held under the supervision of Stake Presidency for the purpose of preaching the principles of the Gospel. Bishops Harris and Hognansen were the speakers. They did very well. There was a large attendance. I am so weak it is hard to walk.

September 21:

Saturday and today the telephone was installed. Rulon went again to his work for Mr. French, and with him went Mary and Glade Wilson. They work in the onions. They returned very tired at night. In the evening we attended Priesthood meeting and Relief Society meeting. I was called to teach the class again and was informed that I would be expected to
teach it this winter again. Yesterday the Bishop informed me that I had been chosen to teach the United Teachers Training Class of the two wards. I hope the Lord will bless me to do His work there as He would have it done and to strengthen me for it. Today I talked with Pres. Hale relative to my proposed Commission business, and he thought it would do very good, and gave me much encouragement to undertake it. I made inquiry regarding the law of licenses governing such work as I proposed and found it did not require license. The business proposed is outlined on sheet attached herein.

**September 22:**

Today I placed advertisements in both papers, and hauled a load of wood, and took Evelyn with me to Bro. Plant's and Tolley's where we obtained green tomatoes and carrots. I commenced my work in a small way.

**September 23:**

This morning I received a letter from the Brethren, Smoot and Croft, with an enclosed check for $25.00, asking me to come to Salt Lake at Conference time and visit the mines and with them go over our proposed business. I also got a letter from Lothair in which he said he had just seen Smoot and they had decided together to have me come at once if I could in order that I might see Lothair before he had to go to Los Angeles. If I did not go until Conference time he could not see me. We have decided that I should go, and will likely start tomorrow morning.

**September 24:**

At 5 A.M. I bid the dear ones goodbye, and Rulon drove me to the Passenger Station, from which I took train for Salt Lake City, arriving there a little after 7 P.M. Lothair and N. E. Snell met me at the station and drove me to Lothair's home, where I found all well. On the way to Lothair's home they stopped at Snell's office and took with them the Model of Lothair's Automobile Signal Device, which he is promoting. In the evening he showed and explained it to me. I think it a most wonderful and valuable patent that should make good.

I found Bro. and Sr. Parkinson, Charlotte's father and mother, at their home visiting.

**September 25:**

I called on Smoot and Croft at their office and arrangement was made to make a trip to the mines just as soon as other men could get ready to go with us.

**September 25 to 30:**

I assisted Lothair what I could in making ready for his trip to Los Angeles, and also visited Aunt Matilda, found her well except that she is just recovering from the effects of a
broken arm received in falling. During the week I attended a picture show with Lothair, Bro. Smoot obtaining tickets for us. He also obtained a ticket for me to attend with him and his wife an Opera in which Lucy Gates was principal actor and singer. While it was very good in many ways, I could not appreciate it and therefore did not enjoy it very much. I received frequent letters from dear wife telling me all were well at home. I have gained some in strength and weight.

October 1:

I went today in company with Bro. Smoot, a Mr. Strevell and a Mr. L. C. Miller, also another man whose name I cannot recall, to the mines in Gorden Creek canyon. On the road the man whom I cannot name was taken very sick, and we had to send him back home by train which we just had time to catch at Soldier Summit. We then went on and had a very pleasant trip, although we had tire trouble. We visited the Railroad and place where yards are being constructed for tracks and tipple. It is a most excellent road, and the coal with its location is the best I ever saw. We went through the new tunnels being constructed by the Consumer's Coal Co. and saw their cola, just across the canyon from ours. It is the best coal I ever saw. This is a new mine, not the Great Western, which Bros. Croft and Smoot have leased from Mr. Strevell and associates, and it is better located than any lands in that section that I saw. Bro. Smoot has promised to make me a director of the new Company and issue to me some stock. For this I will be very thankful. We returned to Salt Lake City, arriving quite late, but having had a very good trip full of deep interest and profit.

October 2:

During my stay in Salt Lake, I was introduced by Bro. Smoot to several brethren who are very persistent in their practice and teaching of Plural Marriage, among them one Leroy A. Wilson, a well educated man well versed in the teachings and doings of our Church and authorities from the beginning. He has submitted many letters and questions to the present Church authorities in this matter, and from all I can learn he seems to have the better of the arguments, to have them "on the hip" so to speak. And it appears that the matter will yet become a very knotty problem for the Church authorities. I am unable to stand against their argument. I thought I could, but when put to the test I fell down miserably. There are many men and women in the Church taking very active part in this matter.

October 3:

Today Lothair and I were invited to attend a private meeting being held tonight by these people at the home of Bro. Ezra Clark in Farmington. I invited Bro. Parkinson to
go with us, and he said he would, but on hearing our destination he backed out and insisted on returning to Salt Lake City. He did in spite of our urgent request to continue with us and also the personal request of a relative of his who seems to be "neck deep" in this problem.

On reaching Bro. Clark's home we found a few people assembled from various parts, one from Southern Arizona. I will not name any of them except Bro. Clark and his wife, Cleo Call Clark, with whom we were well acquainted in Mexico and who was a pupil in my classes in school. Her father was a very dear friend of many year's acquaintance.

The meeting was commenced by singing and prayer, after which Bro. Clark made a very impressive talk of about thirty minutes. He was very much in earnest, and I must say had a most excellent Spirit with him manifest all through his talk. Every person present told of their experiences and bore some very strong testimonies that were convincing to me and to Lo-thair that wonderful power was with them and their effort to do what they were surely convinced was right. I am more than half convinced that they are right in much of what they say and teach. I was perfectly convinced of one thing regarding the wearing of our Temple Garments, and that was that it is not right to wear any but the approved pattern of long sleeve and leg; collar and strings, just as used in the Temple. And I there firmly made up my mind that so long as I am worthy to wear that sacred garment, it will be no other than the same as used in the Temples.

The meeting continued until midnight, full of interest and much that was wonderfully enlightening, and there was a spirit of harmony and love that is seldom manifest even in our other Church meetings. So great was its effect on Lo-thair that he afterward told me it was the best meeting that he remembers of ever attending. I am very glad, for it has given me a better understanding of their viewpoint and position, and hereafter I shall never be one to censure until I obtain a greater evidence than I now have that they are wrong.

October 4:

The Semi-annual Conference of the Church convened this morning, and I was in attendance. I attended all the meetings, and after the first two sessions had good seat where I could hear most all that was said. Some wonderful discourses were delivered from a scholastic standpoint, but I could not feel the Spirit of the Lord in them as I would like to have done. One discourse delivered by Elder Roberts was a real Spiritual feast, also part of Elder Ballard's talk. It seems to me of late years that our Church is taught and guided by the learning of men more than by direct inspiration from God. We surely have some of the most learned men now at the head of the Church that has ever presided over it, and it really seems this great worldly learning is taking precedence over the humble Spirit of God's dictation.
October 5 - 6:

Conference continued, and I attended all meetings.

October 7:

I attended special Priesthood meeting as a member of Boise Stake High Council. It consisted mostly of business matters.

October 8:

Lothair wants me to go to Lost Angeles with him, and I have concluded to do so. We will start tomorrow by stage.

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September 28:

Today Lothair met a man by the name of W. S. Holdaway, who has patented a twin screw pump and wishes me to look at it with a view of becoming interested with him in promoting its manufacture. In the evening we met at the office of Atty. N. E. Snell and there met Bro. Holdaway, a man of about 73 years, hale and hearty and very intelligent. He exhibited his drawings and patents, explaining the pump in detail. I was convinced from the very first that it was a most excellent invention and in compliance with his request, Lothair and I consented to become interested with him in financing and promoting the manufacture of the pumps. It seems that these pumps have now been on the market for several years, having been manufactured by a company organized for their promotion and manufacture about six years ago. They were then constructed with a different screw under another patent of Mr. Holdaway's, but the promoters seem to have proven themselves sharks, and they beat Mr. Holdaway out of nearly all he owned on earth, something more than one hundred thousand dollars. So he devised another and better screw and had it patented, and it is with this new screw and patent that he comes to us. We consented to accept his proposition, Mr. Snell also becoming associated with us. We agreed to meet again tomorrow and go farther into detail and then have contracts drawn up covering the whole matter and our connection with it. I am convinced it is a most excellent thing and will not only make money for those concerned, but will be of great worth to the world today.

September 29:

We met again as per agreement and after going carefully over all details of the proposed business, Mr. Snell was asked to draw up the papers ready for signature tomorrow.

September 30:

The contract was drawn up and agreements entered into
whereby Mr. Holdaway became president, I vice Pres. and Mgr., Mr. Snell Secty., and Lothair a Board Member, also a Mr. Wileman of Sawtell, Calif., was appointed a member of the Board of Directors. He was a good friend to Mr. Holdaway, and he wishes to acknowledge his great kindness by issuing to him two shares of stock and making him a member of the Board of Directors. Lothair and I are to sell the stock on a commissi

The Corporation will be incorporated under the name of The Intermountain Pump Corporation, with a Hundred Thousand Dollars capital stock, Mr. Holdaway holding 51 shares. There was to be issued to me and Lothair, each, Thirty shares valued at $100.00 per share and to Mr. Snell 29 shares. There will be sold $40,000.00 worth of the stock. I feel very thankful for this excellent prospect and must say that I believe it will be of great value to all of us. I think Bro. Holdaway one of the finest and most honest men it has been my pleasure to know. There has grown up between us in our very short acquaintance a bond of mutual interest and affection, trust and faith which I hope will last forever. He says he has had dreams in which he saw me and Lothair with him and feels it is an indication of future success. We agreed to commence the selling of stock within Ninety Days.

Our reason for not undertaking the promotion of this patent at an earlier date is that we believe it will require that length of time to complete Lothair's patent and place it on the market, and we wish to have that off our hands before undertaking this new one. I am to take with me to Los Angeles orders for pumps that are there and with authority to transact all business that may be of material benefit.

October 9:

I have written to wife and with mutual understanding have decided to go to Los Angeles with Lothair. We left on the "Big Six" stageline. Our fares cost $15.00 each. We traveled through Southern Utah towns via Filmore, Beaver, Holden, etc. We arrived at St. George about 10 P.M. very tired. I have not visited some of these towns since I was six years of age in company with my parents who were on a trip to attend the dedication of St. George Temple and visit relatives and friends. So I know mighty little about it, but I do find it very disappointing. It is so dry, desolate and far behind other sections of our intermountain country.

October 10:

We set out quite early this morning and traveled through some of Utah's most antiquated towns, places of dust and desolation. The road led us through hills, mountains and most dreary desert that I ever traveled through. The only thing that appeared to be magnificent was distance. For late dinner we arrived at Las Vegas, Nevada, a town and R.R. center (for the desert mining country). It is located on springs that come up right in the level plain surrounded by some of the
most desolate desert country I ever traveled in. The name is Spanish and means Fertile Plains or Meadows. It is quite a little town, I should think of about one thousand or twelve hundred population. Just before reaching this place we broke a hind spring of the big car and had to wait here for several hours to have new one made. We then traveled on through more desolate wastes until about 10 P.M., when we arrived at a place called Baker and got lunch. This place is at the south end of Death Valley. It is so dark we cannot tell anything about the place or what the country looks like. Here we rested about two hours and then traveled on through the long dark night, tired and very glad I could not see more of that dreary, awful desert.

October 11, Sunday:

Just as it was breaking day we arrived at the first little railroad town, then on to , where we took breakfast. Then we drove on toward Los Angeles. We passed through a long stretch of desert country first, then we came to mountains. The desert country over which we have just traveled is a high table land which is about level with the very top of the mountains which we came on to like they were rushing into our faces, as we looked down into the valleys, canyons and depths below us when we came to the "jumping off place". The road then led its winding way down steep mountains over what is called the "Rim of The World", until we reached the canyon, then level plain again far below. We went into the outskirts of San Bernardino, than on through level country, most beautiful, covered with orange groves, grape vineyards, palms, walnut groves, flowers, etc. We arrived in Los Angeles shortly after ten A.M. From the Stage Station, Antlers Hotel, we took a taxi to Charlotte's home. They were not expecting me and of course were very much and happily surprised at my coming. I found them all well. In the afternoon Irene, Jack and Harold came to Charlotte's home and we all had a most pleasant and happy meeting.

October 12:

During the week we visited various parts of Los Angeles and surrounding country. It is a wonderful city of such a great variety of building design that it is actually confusing. The climate is grand, and the great variety of trees, palms and flowers make it most beautiful. We also attended to matters pertaining to making of dies for Lothair's automobile signal, which is now well underway. We went out to Sawtell and met Mr. Wileman, Bro. Holdaway's friend, and member of our Board of Directors. He was delighted to know that he had been appointed and is very enthusiastic over the prospects, as he is well acquainted with the pump and has seen it work.

October 18, Sunday:

We did not go to meeting as we should have done, but
inasmuch as Jack could get off from his work only on Sunday, we all went out to Venice on the beach. It is a most wonderful playground, and the sights are almost beyond description, so varied and attractive to the eye and to the pocketbook too.

October 19:

During this week we looked after manufacture of dies for the auto device and also to securing the pumps that were here that they might be shipped back to Utah. We also traveled over much of the city and immediate surrounding country. It is so wonderful in a thousand ways that is actually bewildering.

October 25, Sunday:

This morning Charlotte, Harold, Jack and I attended Sunday School in the Hollywood Ward. They had a very good attendance, something over two hundred. They rent a hall that is quite comfortable. Here I met some old friends, Ed Austin and wife formerly of Bear Lake Co., Idaho, Hazel Skousen LeBaron, formerly of Mexico. The Bishop announced that there would be special missionaries this evening at the ward Sacrament meeting, so we concluded to attend. But when we got there but one of the promised missionaries was present, and the Bp. at once made a line for me where I thought I was hid. But at his urgent request I spoke and was blessed of the Lord. After the meeting many of the Saints gathered about me, some in tears of joy and others to make acquaintance and ask questions. We were kept there long time after we should have been on the road home. But it was a source of great comfort to me to think that the Lord would make some use, though little it be, of me. Sr. Skousen insists on me visiting them tomorrow eveing.

October 26:

We spent the day in usual routine, and in the evening Charlotte and I went to Sr. LeBaron's home where they had invited other friends to spend the evening with us. We had a very pleasant time. The whole evening was spent in Gospel conversation. Sr. LeBaron had invited a certain sister, whose name I cannot recall, that she might possibly be comforted by testimony. She had lost a lovely child, and it was hard to become reconciled.

October 26 to 30:

We spent the time in usual work on the dies for the automobile device and in traveling from place to place trying to find glass manufacturers who could make the colored glass required. The work is well toward completion. The main dies were completed on the 29th, and the glass dies should be ready
in about three weeks. I have concluded that I should return
to Salt Lake and home, that I might look after the interests
of our pump company and see the dear ones at home from whom I
have now been away about six weeks. It seems almost many months
in spite of the great changes of travel, place, friends and the
like that I have met.

October 31:

This morning I bid goodbye to Charlotte, Harold, Irene
and Lothair and Jack, and was driven to the Stage station by
Lothair and Perry McKonkie, his associate in business.
They left me there, and after about an hour's wait we set
out, there being four passengers, three men and one young wo-
man. We traveled as far as San Bernardino, through that beau-
tiful country of magnificent homes, beautiful orange and wal-
nut groves, great grape vineyards, stately palms and blooming
flowers, that is a most wonderful thing to see. But we soon
went out into the desolate desert country where dry, dreary
land, sand and rocks make one wonder what purpose God could
have had in creating such a desolate waste. But when one has
once seen and passed through this, it is most certain that he
can better appreciate the places of beauty and plenty that God
has prepared so bounteously for His children. The day's travel
was hard and late in the evening we reached Las Vegas, where
we stopped for the night.

1925 November 1, Sunday:

We were on our way quite early and traveled all day
through desolate wastes and rocky mountains without a sign of
vegetation on them, all of which I hope never to have to pass
through again. Charlotte had put up for me a most excellent
lot of lunch, and this served me well nearly all my meals on
the trip. We took dinner at St. George, then drove on to
Beaver City, where we stopped for the night. The road has
been bad part of the way today between Beaver and St. George
because of construction work. At Beaver I attended the con-
joint M.I.A. They had some good singing, but the balance of
the programme was a rather poor balance. In our travels to-
day we have passed through what is called "All Mormon" settle-
ments. In nearly all of them people were working, and in one
a large group of men and teams were building road within a
few hundred yards of the house of worship from which others
were then just coming.

November 2:

We were again off quite early, took dinner at Provo in
rain, then drove on to Salt Lake City, where we arrived
about 2 P.M. Bro. Holdaway met me at the station and we
talked business and made arrangements to meet at Snell's of-
finance tomorrow morning. I then went on to Lothair's home and
found all there well and glad to see me. I have taken a slight cold in my head during my trip, and this evening I went to the drug store nearby to purchase some cold tablets. On my way there I attempted to blow my nose, and the air which I was attempting to force through the nostril all at once stopped just as though a valve had shut it off, and it rushed into my ear through the passage there and caused a loud pop-like explosion, with great pain in my ear. I returned to Lothair's house and did what I could to relieve the pain, but it gradually grew worse and worse during the night.

November 3:

Suffering with continual pain, I went to Snell's office and met Mr. Holdaway and Mr. Snell. We arranged some details as to Bro. Holdaway securing investors in event of his death, as some of the prospective stockholders do not like his son, one that is in Los Angeles, and who would with the other children fall heir to Mr. Holdaway's interests in event of his death. He agreed to arrange so that Mr. Wileman of Sawtell should receive sufficient stock at the death of Mr. Holdaway to give the stockholders the balance of power, so that the son could not tie the business up should he feel so disposed, and his past attitude toward his father and his inventions causes men to distrust him.

I went to Bro. Smoot's office and had a short talk with him, and told him of my accident. He at once consented to go with me to the Temple grounds and there have the Elders from the Temple administer to me. We went up, and a Bro. Peterson with Bro. Smoot administered to me, praying that I should fully recover and my hearing not be impaired.

Because of the pain I went back to Charlotte's as soon as I could. The distress grew worse until in late evening I made up my mind to go home tonight. Charlotte loaned me $25.00 for that purpose, and at about 9 in the evening I took street car for the station. I waited here until after 11 P.M. for train and then rode in the chair car because pullman fare was too much. The night was one of suffering relieved by repeated doses of Aspirin.

November 4:

I arrived home this morning about 10 A.M. and surprised the family very much by my coming. I found them all in good health, except that Owen had suffered a broken arm on Oct. 25th, in jumping from the banisters around the porch. It was a bad break, and his condition required the attendance of two doctors to set it and administer the anaesthetic. It is now mending nicely. Mary had secured position in the Telephone exchange on October 12th, and is now working there. Today she is off duty, and I found her at home. Rulon is yet working for Mr. French. Soon as the effects of the anaesthetic left me I had to go to bed. But Oh how thankful I am to
be home where I can have the loving care of my dear wife and be in the company of my good family. Dr. Handy was called in and did what he could for me this evening.

November 5 to 12:

I continued to grow worse and suffered pain that I do not care to live to pass through again. On this date Dr. Jones, an ear specialist was called in. He at once punctured the drums of both ears. Pus ran from both, but more from the left ear. On Nov. 6th, Rulon quit work for Mr. French and now has no employment. I became easier after this operation, but the pain continued so bad throughout my head that I was made very sick and became very poor. The following week I remained very sick and suffered much. Evelyn found a furnished house on 15th St. that is offered for $35.00 per month, and I advised that we take it at once, as this is but $7.00 more than what we are now paying for the empty house in which we are living. Thatcher kindly sent us $35.00 for payment of the rent in advance, so on November 17th we moved into the furnished house, 1221 N. 15th St. They took me up in Bro. Handy's car, Sister Handy driving us. It does seem so nice to be once more in a furnished home with some decent comforts.

Sister Ella Pollard helped us every day in our preparation to move and in our cleaning and getting straightened around in the new house. Evelyn and she worked very hard for many days to clean and make things very comfortable.

I continued very bad, with ears running and pain in my head, such that I could get little rest night or day until about November 30th, when I began to slowly mend. The saints and many of our dear friends have been very kind and invoked the blessings of our Heavenly Father in my behalf. I was prayed for in our Ward meetings and in the Stake Conference at Blackfoot, and in the Temples at Salt Lake and Logan. The Elders came in every few days and administered to me.

November 26:

Dear Evelyn's birthday and Thanksgiving day. Elwood sent to us two days since a very fine dressed goose, sweet potatoes and cranberries. Kind friends brought in other food, and Bro. Klepfer brought or sent to us three large dressed chickens. The big goose was made ready for our Thanksgiving dinner, and all did justice to a wonderful meal for which we thanked God and our dear Elwood and friends. I sat up to the table for the first time and ate quite a good meal. It is Dear Wife's 41st birthday. She grows better and dearer with every return of her blessed birthday. We all pray our Heavenly Father to spare and give her many very happy birthdays as full of usefulness as the past.

Rulon obtained work again of Bro. Klepfer. He has been very kind to us. The work lasted all this week, until ......
1925 December 1:

During the month I continued to improve in strength and became gradually more free from my distressing pains. Rulon gained gradually but is very sore and lame. Dr. Handy cared for him during his recovery.

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COPY OF LETTER WRITTEN BY M. F. COWLEY TO B. H. ALLRED

Chicago
December 8, 1925

B. H. Allred,

My Dear Brother:

Your interesting and very welcome letter of 26th Ult, came duly to hand and contents read with a great deal of interest.

Inasmuch as Xms holidays are approaching we are kept very busy with our work, so I am going to ask you to pardon me if I answer your letter in pieces, and take several of my letters to answer one of yours. You will also pardon me if I answer the last part of your letter first.

In regard to the Revelation given to Pres. Taylor Oct. 13th, 1882, was printed in small leaflet form and not kept a secret. In it Elders George Teasdale and Heber J. Grant were called to the Apostleship, and Elder Seymour B. Young to the Presiding Council of the Seventies, provided, as you say, that he would enter into Plural Marriage. This he promptly did under very trying circumstances and was a good faithful man even unto death. Elders Teasdale and Grant were already in Plural Marriage and were faithful and true to the Principle, as Prest. Grant is now ever since. So as to any of the Authorities denying the authenticity of that Revelation, as far as I know not any of them ever did, and you can depend upon it Prest. Grant would call them down promptly if they did, for his call to the Apostleship was based on that Revelation from God through his Prophet, Prest. John Taylor.

The other Revelations you refer to were given as follows - one to Prest. John Taylor Sept. 1886 - one to Prest. Woodruff, 1889, I think was the date. Both Revelations bearing upon the subject of Plural Marriage and the effort of men to secure a compromise. There are copies of these Revelations in existence. Bro. Nathaniel Baldwin has copies of them all. I don't know where he got them. If you get a copy, dear Brother, don't expose them to others. Take my counsel on this and you will not go astray regarding this matter.
Also, Bro. Allred, let me caution you against a certain class of men. Some one has told you that the Divinity of the Revelation you referred to has been doubted by some Church Authorities. Such a statement is not true. A certain class of men who are always agitating Polygamy are glad to get something against the Authorities. They are hunting it and hoping for it. Such men are wrong in Spirit and will go farther into darkness if they do not repent.

When I see you, if you will remind me, I will give you their names in as much as you will be true to me and hold my confidence in you as perfectly confidential, and I feel sure that I can trust you. Such men are the kind who have deceived, lied to and shamefully robbed poor confiding Nathaniel Baldwin out of nearly every piece of property he has on earth, and will succeed in doing so if God and the civil courts do not come to Bro. Baldwin's rescue.

Beware of all such pious, pretending imposters and hypocrites. One of them claims to be called of God to be a great One in Israel, and the whole bunch are very "Loyal" in their testimonies on Plural Marriage.

Now, Dear Brother, this is only a partial, and perhaps unsatisfactory answer to your letter; but this is only part. I will write more later on general principles.

I will close my letter by saying this - If the Authorities of the Church make mistakes, it is not our prerogative to set them right. That belongs to the God above. Again, if they go wrong (but I don't think they do to any great extent) it is because we, the people of the Church are wrong, and not worthy to have our prayers answered, for are not at least 250,000 adult men and women, boys and girls praying twice a day for the Lord to bless those men and lead them by His Holy Spirit, and if He doesn't then He doesn't answer our prayers. If, as you say, the people do not pray then all the worse for us. And when we consider how well the General Authorities of the Church have lived good clean, chaste lives, been faithful to the duties of their ministry at home and abroad, we must admit that if any man or set of men are worthy to know God's will it is they whom we vote to uphold and sustain, and that with all their failings they are the best men in the Church, and in the world, and so dear Brother, let us not be doubtful of them, but true and faithful to them, and I'll promise you this in the name of the Lord, If you stand by and uphold the Authorities of this Church, God Himself will stand by you and sustain you in this life and exalt you in the life to come.

God help us to do so is my humble prayer. With love and best wishes for you and Sister Allred and family, I am always your friend and brother.

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Chicago, Ill.

Copied by /s/ B.H. Allred
Read and verified by /s/ Mary E. Allred
and /s/ B. H. Allred
December:

Just before Christmas we received parcels of Christmas presents from Lothair, Thatcher, Charlotte and Irene, until there is promise of a most excellent lot of presents for the little ones and older ones as well. We received word from Elwood that he and Glendora would come to spend Christmas with us, providing Bro. Malcolm's health would permit. He has been very sick again. About eight days before Christmas I received a fine letter from Dear Thatcher in answer to one I had written. He has been praying for the Lord to heal him of his awful skin trouble that has been such a painful and annoying disease for several years. He asked me to Consecrate and send to him Olive Oil and that we would all remember him in prayer on the evening of the 24th. This spirit and attitude gives me great joy, and I most earnestly pray that God will answer his prayer and heal him that his faith may increase. We sent him a nice bottle of oil, Consecrated.

During the week before Christmas, Bro. Klepfer of Kuna and his wife and daughter, Sister Pehrman, came to visit us. He brought us a large quarter of beef, sack of flour, sack of carrots and onions mixed, several bottles of fruit, about 40 lbs of sugar, two lbs of butter, a dozen eggs, two boxes of candy and nuts and a lot of popcorn on the cob. His son sent to us a nice piece of venison. Bishop Harris brought us a box of fruit, meat, etc. Bro. Smoot and Croft sent to me $15.00 as a Christmas present. Clarence Allred of Raymond, Canada, sent us $10.00. Bishop Hugansen returned the $15.00 I had paid him for money borrowed with which to pay rent, and wished us to accept it as a Christmas present. Bishop Harris brought us a check for $10.00, which we turned in on liasing. Bro. Edgley placed in my hand $2.00 when shaking hands in parting after paying us a short visit with his wife. George Clark and Brothers sent to Evelyn $5.00, but we will return this, for we fear they need it as much as we do, as they are heavily in debt. Elwood gave me a check for $50.00, and many kind friends sent in various kinds of nice food. Thus God has through our dear relatives and kind friends wonderfully blessed us. Dear Mother, Evelyn's mother, sent some nice aprons and things for Evelyn and Modine. Aunt Mary and Henry sent ties and handkerchiefs. There are so many nice things and so many people have been so good that I fear I cannot now recall and name them all. With All Our Hearts We Thank God and These Good Souls and Pray God To Abundantly Bless Them.

December 22:

Evelyn, Marvin, Modine and Clarence and I have all taken bad colds. Tonight Modine has the pneumonia. We sent for Dr. Handy and he treated her reducing the fever. Clarence nearly choked with tonsillitis. They are both in bad shape. Evelyn is feeling almost worn out besides the distress she is in bodily.
December 23:

Both children are very sick today. Modine is pronounced dangerously so by Dr. Handy. He treated her and the fever at once subsided. Clarence became easier. Evelyn remained up most of the night last night. During this night of the 23rd I sat up all night. The children rested better.

December 24:

Today is Dear wife Lottie's birthday. She would have been 55 years old today if living. At 3:19 Otho, Owen and I went to the depot to meet Elwood and Glendora. It is my first ride out so long. We met them, and 0 how thankful I am to see them so well and apparently so happy. This is the first time we have seen them since their marriage. We drove home, and the meeting there was one of pleasure to all. This evening all the children are excited over the prospective coming of Santa Claus. We decorated the tree, and the larger children remained up to help distribute the many beautiful presents sent by loved ones. There are so many that we have never before known such a wonderful variety, and all are very appropriate and useful. Not one in all the things sent can be called of little value. We spent a very happy evening and retired late.

December 25, Christmas:

About 2 o'clock this morning Beth jumped from her bed and started downstairs to see what Santa had left. I called to her and had her return to bed. The children were all up early, but Modine and Clarence, who had to remain in bed because of sickness. All are overjoyed at the wonderful display and gifts received. Modine and Clarence's things were carried to them in their bed. They are all eyes and shouts. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us, first that we are all preserved, our numbers remain unbroken, we have all been kept in the faith and I think from previous sin. Last evening as we surrounded the table, we all knelt in prayer, special prayer for Thatcher. Bro. and Sister Handy were with us at prayer. We asked the Lord to remember his long suffering and hear his and our prayers for his relief and restoration. I believe the Lord will hear and answer. The day has been one of excitement, real joy and happiness. Olive spent the Christmas Eve and night with her friend Eileen Gridly. She returned home and enjoyed the day with us. In the evening Elwood, Glendora, Olive and I went to a nice picture show. Rulon to the dance. I walked several blocks going down because we missed the car, and on our return had to wait more than half an hour. This tired me very much and caused pains in my back and legs that did not permit me to rest much. The little ones were so that Evelyn remained home to look after them. They are better.
December 26:

We spent the day in pleasant visit. Rulon has work with Bro. Kлепфер, so he is at that. The evening too was spent in games and visiting. Mary was at Telephone 5 hours.

December 27, Sunday:

Rulon, Olive, Otho, Owen, Beth, Elwood and Glendora went to Sunday School. From there Elwood and Glendora went to visit Phil Robinson. They wished us to come, but we could not go because of the children's sickness, so they went. At the afternoon Sacrament meeting Elwood and Rulon spoke. I am much disappointed that I could not attend. I am very proud of my dear boys and the record they are making. This evening all of us but Evelyn attended evening services. It was my first time out at meeting since my accident. Bps. Hogansen and Harris spoke. I could hear but very little that was said. Many friends kindly greeted me and expressed real pleasure at seeing me out again. We hurried home as I was very tired. Pres. Hale announced that there would be no religious meetings of any kind in either of the wards during this week.

December 28:

Today I took another treatment of Dr. Handy. Elwood and Otho met me at his office after my treatment, and we went together to Alexander's store and purchased for Otho a suit of clothes. Then we went from there to the public library where Elwood and I spent some time in looking over account of discovery of great temples and buildings in Central America, recorded in the Geographical Magazine, Vol. 24. It was very interesting in its support of A. of Mormon histr. Elwood and Otho and Owen walked home. I took the street car. Glendora went to visit some friends in Nampa today. Elwood met her at 6 P.M. We spent evening in visiting and playing games.

December 29:

Idaho Teachers’ Institute Convention is now convened in Boise. Elwood and Glendora attended this P.M. the first session. In the evening all but Beth, Marvin, Modine, Clarence and I attended the play given by the M.I.A.'s. Olive won the prize in word contest and thus secured tickets for herself and mother. Owen helped Phil Robinson in his Janitor work and earned his ticket. Phil has been very poorly since last Sunday morning. Then Rulon helped him. The little ones are much better today and tonight, so I had real pleasure in tending them and enjoying their company. On return from play the folks pronounced it quite good.

December 30:

Today I used $18.55 of the money Elwood gave me and
sent it to Montgomery Ward and Co. for a suit of clothes for me. Elwood and Glendora attended Teachers' Convention. They are not very well pleased with programme given. During the day Sister Handy and Katherine called on us. In the evening Katherine came back and we all spent a very pleasant evening in playing games. We purchased a new deck of Rook cards.

December 31:

This morning we got up a little before 4 o'clock in order to get Elwood and Glendora off on the 5 o'clock train for home. We could not start our car so had to phone for a Taxi. They left in good time. We are very sorry to have them leave. We have had a time of real happiness in their pleasant visit. This morning I took another treatment. Rulon is at work. Just about four o'clock this P.M., Orlan Clark gave us a happy surprise by walking into our house. He is well and looks fine. He reported Anice, his wife, in much better health and informed us that Marion's wife, Zina, was in a very precarious condition, that they have taken her to the hospital and doctors pronounce her case very serious. Marion too is in very poor health, suffering with leakage of the heart. Orlan said all the rest of the folks were well. Orlan had come to the Boise Valley in company with Johnathon G. Hale and Pres. James Duckworth to purchase dairy cows for Bro. Hale. He reported having had some trouble in locating us and said that Bros. Duckworth and Hale would soon be here. They presently came in and spent an hour or so with us, then had to leave in order to inspect and load cattle purchased tonight. Johnny Hale and Pres. Duckworth returned to the City and Pres. Duckworth came to stay with us for the night. Johnny went to Henroid's home.

All the older children attended the New Years Dance at the L.D.S. Tabernacle Hall. There they danced the old year out and the new year in. We spent a pleasant evening in visiting with Pres. Duckworth, and retired at 10 o'clock.

1926 January 1:

The day is pleasant, though somewhat cooler. Pres. Duckworth and Johnny Hale went on their way home at about 8 A.M. Rulon worked today, Mary put in five hours at the Telephone office. Olive went to assist Bro. Proctor's wife last evening and did not return home until this afternoon. At about 1 P.M. Evelyn and I went with the two smaller children to the home of P.B. Robinson and took dinner with them. We played games and visited until 5 P.M. Then he brought us home. Rulon and Mary went out to John Larson's home to spend the evening.

January 2:

Usual work of the day. Rulon worked for Bro. Klepfer. In the evening Bro. and Sr. Kelley came and spent the whole evening with us in playing Rook. We had a very nice time.
Olive helped Sister Wilcox this evening.

January 3, Sunday:

Not many attended Sunday School this morning. I, Evelyn, and Mary went to Fast meeting, the first meeting I have attended at home for a long time. We had a good meeting. In the evening we attended services. Bro. Lewis delivered the main talk. Pres. Hale spoke on New Year's resolutions. There was good programme of song and recitation.

January 4:

Usual work of the day, washing. We got an electric Easy washer to try it out. It did excellent work, the best we have seen done. Evelyn, Rulon, Mary, and Otho attended Priesthood meeting and Relief Society meeting, after which they all attended a party given to Ted Larson who is going on a mission. I remained at home with babies. I took treatment of Dr. Handy again today. My ears are quite bad and I have heavy cold which hangs on hard.

January 5:

I wrote letters to Mrs. Vath, Bro. Johnson, Pres. Brigham S. Young of North Western States Mission, asking him to send Elders to Mrs. Bodily's home. We also wrote to Mr. and Mrs. Callaway of Thorsby. In the evening boys attended Mutual. So did Mary. Ella came to stay with us this afternoon. It is a pleasure to have her with us. In the evening I prepared some gospel outlines for use in speaking, should I be called on again.

January 6:

Evelyn is much better of her cold and pain in her back today. I took treatment again of Dr. Handy. I wrote to Bro. Roberts of Mt. Hebron. We received letters from Elwood and Thatcher. Thatcher says he is better than he has been for four years. And he has great hope that he will get well. Others were well. Elwood and Glendora arrived home safely, but owing to an epidemic of scarlet fever in the town contiguous to their school, the trustees ordered the school to remain closed another week. We wish we had known this would be so that they might have remained longer with us. I recorded gospel outlines in my looseleaf book. Thatcher sent to us $15.00 to help pay our rents.

January 7:

This is Little Clarence Eugene's second birthday, and our hearts go out in gratitude to our Heavenly Father that he is the bright perfect child he is today. Two years ago he was a broken mass of bones, drawn apart so that he bent over
the doctor's hand like a piece of heavy rawhide, and the doc-
tor thought it was impossible for him to live; but through
God's blessings he is our bright, strong and healthy Clare-
ence today.

During all the day I wrote Gospel outlines and studied.
I received a letter from Lothair asking my opinion about his
coming here in interest of his Automobile Signal and the
Pump business. I answered, encouraging him to come if he
could meet the expenses incident to the work. I also wrote
to Rhea.

We received a nice letter from Thatcher saying he
was better of his trouble than for four years past. Thus the
Lord has answered our prayers. This letter was received
yesterday when the check came.

January 8:

I took another treatment from Dr. Handy. I paid our
house rent to Day Realty Co. up to February 17th, $35.00.
I also paid the water rent, $1.65. I purchased Cod liver
oil and hair tonic. Rulon purchased himself a nice suit of
clothes. I placed snapshots in the album and copied Gospel
subjects and studied. In the evening Evelyn, Olive, Rulon
and Otho went to singing practice, then to a dance afterward.
Ella came to stay with us again tonight.

January:

Lothair and Wm. S. Holdaway arrived from Salt Lake
City.

August 24:

Lothair, Charlotte, with Demar and Perry McConkey, arri-
vied from Salt Lake City for the purpose of assisting in
effecting new organization for our pump business, and my health
is not so good. I am very weak. Modine is not well tonight.
Lothair and Charlotte went to Frank Smith's home for the night.

August 25:

We held meetings nearly all day transacting our business
and effecting organization. I walked down in town with Lo-
thair, but am very weak.

August 26:

Meetings were held again today, and we recorded our
Organization papers in the County Recorder's office of Ada County. I arranged for having Seal made and for the printing of Certificates for our new Company.

August 27:

We held meetings again today. I was appointed Manager, Secretary and Treasurer of the new Company and was allowed a salary of $250.00 per month for my services, to be paid in cash if we had it. If not, to be paid in Certificates of Beneficial Interest. I was on my bed part of the day but continued arrangements for printing, and in making copy of Minutes. I purchased Minute and Account book for the Co.

August 28:

I am very poorly this morning, but attended as much of my work as possible. In the evening we went to Frank Smith's and spent a few hours with them and Lothair and Charlotte. Most of Charlotte's time has been spent with her Aunt Carmon Smith, and we have had her at our home but very little. They stayed again at Smith's tonight.

August 29, Sunday:

I am not as well this morning, but inasmuch as a special High Council meeting has been called for 10 A.M., I was taken to it by Frank Smith in his car. Lothair and those with him left the City about noon, taking Bro. Holdaway with them. His absence is a great relief to us. He has been with us now since last February, and it has been a great burden to wife and the girls who have had to do everything for him and furnish his food as well as that of the family.

At our H.C. meeting much business was transacted. Bp. Hogansen was released on request as Bishop of the Boise First Ward, and Bro. Samuel Worthington was sustained in his place. Sister Archibald was sustained as Pres. of the Stake Y.L.M.I.A. Bro. Brown of Weiser was sustained as Stake Supt. of Teacher's training. Much disagreement developed about his appointment. The Stake Presidency recommended that he be sustained for this position, and I made motion that the H.C. sustain the Presidency in this selection. The Pres. had already written to him and asked him if he would accept. There has been much trouble in this Stake caused by disagreement between Bro. Brown and many other Weiser Ward members and the Stake Presidency relative to one C. J. Brown, who they had preferred a charge against and once refused to sustain.

I did not agree with the Stake Presidency and other H.C. members in the final action taken, for reasons set forth in a letter written to Pres. Hale, although I voted with them in order to avoid what I feared would be unpleasant
developments. I have copy of the letter to Pres. Hale and may copy it hereafter.

At the 2:30 P.M. Sacrament meeting the Genealogical Society conducted the exercises and instruction. I was asked to speak on the necessity of writing and recording history and genealogy. I was so very weak that I almost collapsed. As we entered the building for our meeting, we met Sister Nellie Plant who has just this morning returned from her mission. We were all glad to see her.

On reaching home I had to go to bed.

1926 August 30 to September 5:

I was confined to my bed and my room very weak and almost discouraged to the point of giving up. Evelyn is working hard every day that she can get work away from home and then all the balance of the time at home. During this week Rhea obtained a school at Stack Rock, a small district about ten miles West from Boise. I tried as much as possible in my weakened condition to further the business of our Company by having cuts made and printing done and plans for Contract with the Boise Iron Works for manufacture of patterns and pumps and screws.

September 5 to 12:

I am confined all the week to my room and much of the time to my bed, very weak. The last three days I am some stronger and able to walk about a little. I continued arrangements for pump work by having men call at my room.

September 12, Sunday:

Quarterly Conference of the Boise Stake was held yesterday and today. It was chiefly devoted to Convention work. There were many visitors from Salt Lake City, among them Apostle J. P. Smith, Elders Rolapp and Kirkham, and three Sisters. I felt so much better that Bro. P. B. Robinson called for me in his car and took me and Evelyn and Mary to the afternoon meeting. At the close of the meeting I was set apart under the hands of Apostle Smith and Pres. Hale as a member of the Stake High Council, Elder Smith being mouth. He pronounced a very good blessing upon me and asked the Lord to heal me up and make me strong again. He also admonished me to teach the "simple things of the Kingdom" etc. Rhea was chosen and set apart as a member of the Stake Board Y.L.M.I.A. this afternoon. In the evening we also attended, but I was very tired and could not hear the talks made. Rhea spoke and made a very good talk, most of which I heard. Frank Smith hauled us to and from meeting.

September 13:

I am feeling some better. There is little I can do to
assist in the hard work and care that develops on wife and the girls. Last week I sold a few pairs of shoes and from the proceeds hope to pay for another outfit known as the Stay-Prest Trouser Pressers with which I hope to make some sales and a little money to help along. I am unable to attend Priesthood meeting, as I cannot walk.

September 14:

I wrote to Harold today and to Elwood yesterday. I received a nice letter from Harold and one from Pres. J. G. Allred of the North Central States Mission.

Today I obtained the engraved printing plates for printing our Certificates and letterheads. We paid $19.50 for them. They were promised one week ago last Saturday, but the work has been delayed. Evelyn is at home today washing and putting up fruit. I helped a little by cutting prunes. I received another letter from W. S. Holdaway. Yesterday I received a telegram from Lothair asking that I obtain from our Company one thousand dollars which he said would be required as a deposit before the stock we authorized him to sell could be disposed of. I wrote him telling this could not be done until ample security could be had for its full return and arrangement made by which the Company would be reimbursed for its use. I received a telegram from Lothair on Sept. 2nd sent from Salt Lake, asking that I send him $150.00. But it could not be done for more reasons than one. I soon after received a letter from the Automobile Securities Co. of Salt Lake asking for information as to Lothair's whereabouts. These things cause me much worry. May God bless and keep my boy clean and straight.

September 15:

Syms York man called at the home this morning and took order for printing our Certificates and letterheads. I wrote a card to Rulon. It has been more than three weeks since we had a word from them. Evelyn went to work this morning for Mrs. Davis. I wired Holdaway for particulars about screws.

September 16:

Syms York returned today with proofs of printing and cut. The cut does not appear satisfactory thus far to me. They will make complete impression in two colors and return tomorrow. I received a letter from Lothair telling of his desire for the Thousand Dollars and saying he could raise the money, or rather sell the certificates. Inasmuch as I had given definite answer on the 14th, there will be no need to write again until I hear from him. We received letters from Rulon and Katherine. They are well. Rulon was to receive his high school diploma on the 15th inst. He works as
a masseur in the Chiropractic College. He now receives $30,00 per week in his work. He says his tuition cost about $85.00 per month. Katherine is earning about $80.00 per month so they should get along well so far as finances are concerned. I received a nice letter from Holdaway, too.

**September 17:**

Syms York returned with completed proofs of printing from cut we had made, and it is not at all satisfactory. I returned it to the Engraving Company, and they promise to do what they can to rectify the trouble. I helped Evelyn with tieing a quilt today and am very tired. She did not go out to work today, so was at home all day. Mary, too, was at home and she calcimined the bathroom and the kitchen.

On the evening of the 16th, Rhea received a telephone call from the trustees of the school she had depended on obtaining, and was informed that they had hired another teacher. Thus it is with the world. Very little honor among men.

Rhea feels keenly this disappointment. So we all do Yesterday Olive worked a good part of the day on long distance work. That is an excellent recommendation for one of her years and experience. We received a card from Thatcher saying they were in pretty good health, very busy in his commencement of school work and would write a letter soon.

**September 18:**

I should have finished my ward teaching this week, but my health is such that I have been unable to attend to it. I received a letter from the Getsey-Jung Company saying they had shipped the Stay-Prest pressers I had ordered, and we received the signed contract returned from the Watkins Company. So Otho is now by means of my contract with them a full-fledged Watkins man. He is liking his work better and does fairly well.

We worked again tieing a quilt today, and Evelyn in putting up fruit. Rhea in cleaning house.

**September 19, Sunday:**

The children attended Sunday School. They, Evelyn, and Mary, attended Sacrament meeting. But I did not feel able to attend, inasmuch as I would have to walk or beg a ride. Olive worked at the telephone office. The afternoon meeting was devoted to genealogical work. In the evening Evelyn, Mary, Rhea, Otho and Owen attended the general meeting at the Tabernacle. Pres. Hale was the principal speaker, subject "salvation for the dead". I wrote letters to Thatcher and Rulon. Evelyn and Mary also wrote.
September 20:

Evelyn went to work at Falk's home this morning. It is very cloudy and threatening storm this morning. I felt pretty good most of the day. Evelyn attended her Relief Society meeting in the afternoon, and in the evening Bp. Harris came for me in his car and took me to Priesthood meeting. The plate for Certificates was finished and sent to the printer today.

September 21:

Evelyn worked today for Mrs. Pierce, who is sick. We received a letter returned to me which I had sent to Lothair because of wrong address. I at once returned it, adding a few words. I am feeling fairly well and gaining in strength.

September 22:

Today we received a card from Irene saying they were in Blackfoot and well, but said nothing about when they would come on here to see us. Evelyn worked at home today. This evening Bro. Thompson called and desired to take the town agency for the Stay-Prest on a basis of 50¢ for each set sold. He took the Sales outfit home and promised to study it well and come back Friday for sales book.

September 23:

I received another telegram from Lothair this A.M. asking why I had not replied. In the evening I replied by a Night Letter telegram of fifty words. I fear he will not take my determination kindly in the matter of his desiring that I permit him to use One Thousand Dollars of the Co.'s money that he might use it in procuring sales of Certificates which we gave him contract to sell. I wrote another article for the Capitol News on Primary Elections and sent it to Gov. Hawley for criticism. But he said it was so good that he had none to offer. Tonight Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney fought at Philadelphia for the world's championship. Gene Tunney won, to my surprise and disappointment. I received a letter from Holdaway and answered it today.

September 24:

It has turned very cold. I sent the article to the paper and wrote most of the day, correcting and arranging it. Evelyn worked for Mrs. Pierce again.
September 25, 1926:

Last evening I received the 200 certificates and spent the entire evening in making out those to be issued and in posting up accounts. This morning I mailed eight certificates to Mr. Holdaway for his signature, and last night wrote him a long letter of instruction. Today we registered them to him in a mailing tube. Mr. Long came yesterday afternoon, and we reached an agreement as to the drawings for the pump case. He proposed to build the case complete and the pattern for the case for $225, half cash and half certificates. I accepted his proposition, and today he brought it written out as agreed, and I approved it. Last night and yesterday afternoon I was taken with diarrhea and cramping again and passed a very bad night.

Today I received a letter from Lothair in answer to my reply to his request for me to advance $1,000.00 from the Company funds in my charge, which I refused to do without ample security for its return and payment for its use. As I feared, he was very much displeased and tendered his resignation as a Trustee of the Company. I wrote him a long letter, the copy of which is on file, and made out the papers covering his contract to sell and attesting his authority to sell the 50,000 shares of Beneficial Interest. I will mail the book No. 2 of Certificates to Holdaway after signing the Certificates and placing the Seal on them, for his signature with instruction to forward it to Lothair when he has signed them up. Last evening I received an answer from our Charlotte calling my attention to the fact that Lothair had not received reply from me. She spoke of coming to see us at Christmas time and intimated something of the sadness of her life. I answered it this morning before Lothair's letter came. It is hard for one who has not felt just what I feel regarding Lothair's attitude in this matter. It is indeed a keen disappointment to me.

It has been a very cold day. I feel some better this evening, but have suffered all day. Thompson has not put in an appearance yet about those Stay-Prest sales.

Sunday, September 26:

My bowels are in bad condition again, and I am suffering much pain. The smaller children all went to S.S. Mary and Olive to the telephone work about noon. In the afternoon at regular hour for Sacrament meeting, a meeting was held under the auspices of the Primary Association. Evelyn and Rhea attended. Evelyn remained to an officers' meeting after the regular meeting closed. I do not feel able to attend any meeting, but I obtained Brigham Young's sermon excerpts, our textbook for Priesthood study, and prepared my lesson for tomorrow evening. Evelyn wrote letters to Rulon and Sister Handy. In the evening I rewrote my letter to Lothair, not being satisfied with the way I had been able to word it. I prayed to the Lord for wisdom that I might be led to so write the letter that it would make a proper impression upon my
son's life and show him that I had done the right thing. It was finished and is much more satisfactory. Evelyn and I did not attend evening Tabernacle meeting.

September 27th:

This morning I prepared one book of Certificates containing all numbers from 101 to 200 inclusive, by signing and placing the Trustee's Seal on them and forwarded them to Mr. Holdaway for his signature with instruction to forward them on to Lothair. I sent Receipt blanks to Lothair ready for signature of the Brokerage Co., acknowledging receipt of book of Certificates. I also wrote a letter to Mr. Holdaway and mailed under separate cover six Certificates for his signature, two of which he is to retain and four of which is to be returned for mine and Mr. Phippin's use in selling.

I obtained a refund of the Idaho Power Co. of $10.15, which I had deposited with them at the time of installing electric meter at the Water Works for our demonstration.

I received letters from Aunts Matilda and Mary consenting to the appointment of Orville with power of Attorney for the sale of the Guadelupe family farm. Lothair's letter and Mr. Holdaway's was taken direct to the P.O. by Otho.

I purchased a rubber stamp with my name and address for use on our papers. Evelyn worked during the forenoon for Mrs. Falk, in the afternoon for Mrs. Pierce, and then came home and did her own washing. We do all most earnestly pray that God will bless and strengthen her for this heavy work she is called upon to do and do with such a willing heart.

Notice of freight from the Watkins people was received. This evening Jack and Irene arrived from Blackfoot. They are all well and we are indeed glad to see them.

September 28th:

Evelyn worked at Pierce's two hours this morning. We spent the day visiting and working. We purchased one ton of Nut coal and kindling wood for $1. The girls paid the Stone Lumber Co. the old coal bill of $12.50, too. This evening I got a nice letter from Orville and Zelma. They and family are well. In the evening Jack and Irene took Evelyn and I to attend a picture show at the Strand. The first time we have been out to a good show for many months.

September 29th:

Evelyn worked today all day at a home on State Street. I am feeling very much better and stronger. In the afternoon, Jack, Irene and Jack's sister and I rode up to the State penitentiary. They went through it. I received a very good letter from Lothair. The spirit of this letter is very much better and gives
me cause for gratitude. I at once wrote back to him and also wrote to Orville and sent them down by Owen to be posted. I wrote the Getgey-Jung Co. about their deceptive practices in advertising and selling to me their agent's outfit. Evelyn is feeling quite poorly. The change of life seems to have come on, and the pain is very distressing. In the evening we played cards with Jack and Irene.

September 30th:

Evelyn worked all day for Mrs. Pierce. She feels better today. I did not feel quite so well today. I spent the day in reading and writing. In the evening we attended a picture show at the Rialto.

October 1st:

Jack and Irene left this morning at 8:30 for their home in California. Evelyn went teaching. The girls are at home today, Mary and I put in a large glass for the window. Last evening we received a fine letter from Thatcher saying he was very much better and happy in consequence of his much improved condition. He urgently requested me to come and visit them. I wrote a reply today and of course had to decline.

I received Stock Certificates signed by Mr. Holdaway this afternoon. Yesterday the printers brought 1,000 letterheads and the same number of second carbon sheets. I wrote our first Company letter from the new stock today. I wrote the Patent Office in Washington asking particulars about making application for assignment of patent of Mr. Holdaway's.

Mr. Eck has had several men here looking at the place we are living in, and it appears that we will have to find another for rent. We commenced trying to do so this afternoon.

The little children, Owen, Marvin, Beth and Modine, went to a picture show this afternoon. In the evening the Relief Society Bazaar was held. It looks much like rain today.

October 2nd:

I ordered another pair of shoes for Evelyn. Those received before were too tight in the instep. She gave them to Olive. Evelyn worked two hours this p.m. for Sister Lewis. On her return home she called at the home of Sister Waltman, who gave her a nice used coat, suit and dress and waste, that will do for Olive or can be made over for Beth. Rhea attended children most of the day for a neighbor. In the evening she attended a dance. Thompson returned the Stay-Prest outfit, having made a sale, for which he paid me $2.00 retaining $.50 for himself. He is going to work in the logging camps driving team for the Boise Payette Lumber Co. I wrote a letter to the Gorden Creek Coal Co. (attention Smoot), informing them that the rent on coal grounds here must be paid on or before the 13th inst. I asked about Davis' Stock certificate which he says he has never received. I also asked if we could obtain a car of coal soon.
Sunday, October 3, 1926:

This morning Evelyn and I attended Sunday School, the first for a long time. Fast and Sacrament meeting was held immediately after S.S., but I returned home because I was tired, and was asked to speak this afternoon at the funeral of Brother Carl Borup. This service was held at 2:30 p.m. There was a large attendance. Bros. Labrum, I., Bro. Lewis, Pres. Ward and Pres. Heber Q. Hale spoke. I never made such an ass of myself in effort to speak at a funeral before. I do not know why. I had most earnestly sought the Lord for His Spirit and His help, but I was left to a most miserable failure. I wish I could fully understand the whys of these many recent failures I make. I am wrong in some way. I believe I know, at least I know of one very serious fault I have which I will not mention here, and for the reason that I know of no other that should forfeit my right to the Spirit of God on such occasions. I am going to overcome that one or quit trying to speak in public. All the other brethren spoke well and the service was good, in spite of my failure to do my part. In the evening an M.I.A. conjoint meeting was held. Rhea attended.

October 4:

Evelyn worked for a lady today. I did little more than bum around and nurse my grouch. In the evening Evelyn, Otho, Owen and I attended Priesthood and Relief Society meetings. Just before meeting time I was summoned by phone to appear at the County Court House tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. as a juror.

October 5th:

Evelyn worked out again today. I attended the jury room and was chosen as Juror on a civil case. In the evening I attended a Democratic Political meeting. Senator Nugent was present and did his utmost to encourage those present to have faith and hope in a Democratic success at the polls next Fall. I took active part, and was appointed one of a Committee of three to arrange for withdrawals and completion of candidates for the ticket, if necessary in effort to County fusion with the Progressives.

October 6th:

I attended Jury again all day. Evelyn worked at the home of Mrs. Write during the forenoon. In the evening Rhea attended an M.I.A. party in the 1st Ward. I received a nice letter from Orissa, my sister in Mexico. They were quite well.

October 7th:

At, or on the Jury again all day, having been chosen again on another case. Evelyn worked for Mrs. Pierce today. Last night Evelyn was quite sick with cramping most of the night. In the evening I answered Orissa's letter and sent to her the genealogy she asked for.
October 8th:

On the Jury again all day. Evelyn worked out again today.

October 9th:

The case was given to the Jury at 5 p.m., and we did not reach a decision until nearly two o'clock this morning. Then the findings were in behalf of the Plaintiff, the Earl Fruit Co., against Mr. I purchased some shoes for Clarence and some coveralls for Modine. At 1:30 p.m. I met with candidates and central Committee men at the Silver grill where we took lunch and talked over campaign plans and particularly the matter of some candidates withdrawing, as the Democratic party has been a third rank party since 1918, and we had hoped to arrange a fusion with the Progressive Party; but owing to the influence of Ray McKaig, state chairman of the Progressive party, such plans have repeatedly failed, and this despite the fact that the rank and file of both the Democratic and Progressive Parties are very much in favor of it. It being thought and quite correctly too, that if we divide the liberal vote between the two parties the Republicans will carry the election sure. In our meeting it was decided that the weaker candidates on our ticket withdraw and that we endorse good men now nominated on the Progressive ticket, that we might elect men to those offices, as the issues both parties contend for are identical, and it is a folly that two parties should exist to represent them.

I tried to get off the ticket too; but they insisted that I remain on as it was believed I would be about the strongest candidate on the ticket, so after much discussion I consented to remain and make the fight.

Sunday, October 10th:

I and the children at home attended Sunday School. In the afternoon we attended Sacrament Meeting at which Elder Frank Pollard spoke, having very recently returned from his mission. In the evening we attended services in the Tabernacle at which Judge Alfred Budge spoke on the "Making of the New Testament," a very good address.

October 11th:

This morning I visited the Democratic headquarters where we again discussed campaign matters. I then went to the printing office and ordered two thousand cards for my own use. It will cost me $12.80. I paid $10.00 down, all the money I had left from my Juror's fees. Great wealth which to conduct a political campaign, eh? Meetings have been arranged for the greater number of nights remaining before election. In the evening I and the boys attended Priesthood meeting. Evelyn attended Relief Society meeting, work meeting, during the day, so there was no meeting for them in the evening.
October 12th:

I prepared an outline for my campaign talks and commenced my effort to memorize it. But oh, my memory is all gone it seems. Evelyn worked out during the day at Mrs. Harper's.

October 13th:

I studied all day hard on my subject, but it seems that my memory will retain nothing. I never experienced anything so distressing in my life. Hitherto my memory has been such that I could prepare a subject ready for delivery in a few hours, but I get no where it seems now.

October 14th:

Today I went up to the hills where I thought I could be alone and my memory would be better; but I studied and struggled from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., and my case seems quite hopeless. Our first meeting is to be held tonight in the Columbian Hall, and never in my life was I so ill at ease and illly prepared. I fear I shall make an ass of myself and be put to shame. I have asked the Lord to help; but it seems "He has gone on a long journey."

October 15th:

Well, our meeting was held, and while I did not do very well I did not make a miserable failure that I really expected I would make. My disjointed talk seemed to take very well with all who expressed themselves, and I was made many promises of assistance. Rhea and Olive have been canvassing the City for me, making visits from house to house. They are meeting with a very good reception from the people. Nellie Plant too started to assist Monday, but owing to her poor health she has to give it up. Sister Ella Pollard has promised to do some work for me out on the bench, too.

October 16th:

I studied hard all day and redrafted portions of my talk outline. Evelyn worked out yesterday and took us all to the picture show last evening. It rained a little.

October 17th:

This morning at 9:15 Brother Williams and I started for Kune where we attended Sunday School and meeting. At which we both spoke as home missionaries. After meeting we did some campaign work among the Saints and were promised active help, although this ward is not all in Ada County as we had supposed. We took dinner with Bp. Kleopfer and then drove to Melba where we tried to arrange for meetings and learn something about Democratic prospects; but to our disappointment found that all of Kuna was in Canyon County, but the Melba precinct four miles East was in Ada county. So we drove there, but could not find a
live democrat or any body that remembered of ever having seen one there. We drove back home arriving about 6:30. Then Evelyn and I and Rhea and Olive attended evening meeting. Dr. Mason spoke.

October 18, 1926:

I wrote letters to Lothair, Holdaway, Irene and Rulon. At noon I attended a luncheon at the Owyhee Hotel, where we listened to a short address by Judge Ben E. Lindsey of Denver. He is an unusual man. All people engaged in youth welfare work and candidates for Probate Judge were in attendance. I studied my subject a little, and in the evening I rode to Barber with Judge Morgan and Jim Pope, where we spoke to a small audience of men and boys only, not a woman was out. But we had a good meeting and a very attentive audience.

October 19:

Today is Marvin Laddie's birthday. He is a fine fellow of whom we are very proud. I pray the Lord to bless us with wisdom to guide and influence him right that he will grow up to be a man of God and great use. Evelyn worked again at Mrs. Harper's home. I studied, wrote, and prepared for another meeting to be held in South Boise this evening. In the evening we attended a meeting in S. Boise with excellent attendance. I received a warm welcome and congratulations on my talk.

October 20th: This evening we spoke in Hyde Park O.O.F. hall to a fairly good sized audience. Today Evelyn worked at home.

October 21st: Otho is canvassing the country districts West of the City, leaving my card and letter at home. Rhea and Olive are canvassing the city from house to house for me. In the evening I spoke at Star with Judge Morgan. We had an immense crowd of very attentive listeners. Otho had worked down the valley to that point and joined us at the meeting in the evening. It was a cold ride for him. During the day I was summoned on a Coronor's jury investigation in a collision with a Boise Traction Co. Street car. The Car Co. was found innocent of any neglect in the matter.

October 22nd: I remained at home during the day. Studying. Evelyn worked out again. We received letters from Elwood and from Irene. All were well.

October 23rd: I worked some in town and then studied remaining part of day. Otho and the girls continue their canvassing every day. It commences to look somewhat favorable for my election.

October 24th: Sunday: Stake Church Institute was held all day in the interest of Teacher's training. Religion Class movement, and the training of Teachers is general. Prof. Guy C. Wilson of Salt Lake City, now supervisor of Church Religious training was in attendance at all meetings and spoke very well. In the evening another meeting was held at which he was also the principal speaker. Pres. Hale is doing what he can consistently to help me in my election.
October 25th: I visited the State Law library and did some studying during the forenoon. In the afternoon Mr. Phippin called and we together visited the Boise Foundry and inspected the work being done there on our pump. In the evening we, Evelyn and I and Otho, and Owen, attended Priesthood and Relief Society meeting.

October 26th: This morning I attended the Office for Louis Wiliams, Democratic headquarters. He went into the country and arranged for meetings. In the evening I spoke at a meeting of the Women's Voter's League in Y.M.C.A. From there I went to a meeting at Maple Grove School House and joined Judge Morgan and Louis Williams. Evelyn and Mary rode out with me in Louis Williams' car, which he kindly left for me.

October 27th: I remained home most of the day and wrote out some sentiments for Harold Rich to be used at the part to be held this evening in behalf of Bishop Hogansen, retired. I talked politics with Mrs. ? In the evening we, Louis Williams and I, attended a meeting at Valley View School House, we had an attendance of thirty. The Progressives met there a few nights before and had but eight.

October 28th: Evelyn was out working yesterday and today too. I visited some men in town and obtained promise of their assistance in my candidacy. I wrote to Charlotte and to Mr. Holdaway, forwarding to him three blank certificates for his signature. Rhea campaigned nearly all day for me. Otho delivered Watkins goods greater part of the day. Tonight we are to speak at Victory School House.

October 29th: Last night I and Mr. Pope spoke at Victory School House to a fairly good sized audience, and well interested. Evelyn worked at home today. I visited the library today. In the evening I rode to Soldiers' home where Judge Morgan and I spoke to an interested group of the soldiers.

October 30th: Today I spent most of the day at the Carnegie and State Libraries looking up data on the tariff question. Evelyn is troubled much with bad pain in her head and neck. This evening I rode in company with Mr. Pope and Louis Williams to Eustice where we attended a meeting. It was the dryest meeting of the campaign thus far. When we came out of the school house we found that the mischievous boys had let the air out of tires on all our cars, some of every wheel, and then destroyed or threw away the cores of the valves. We had a time in getting off again.

October 31st: Sunday. I remained at home during the forenoon writing out an advertisement to be printed in the local papers tomorrow. Bros. Kleopfer and Andersen proffered to pay for them if I would have them inserted. In the afternoon we attended Sacramento meeting and Relief Society conference. We had a very good meeting. From this meeting Nellie Plant came home with us and remained until evening meeting. Evelyn suffered much distress
with that pain in her back and neck today, so that Phil Robinson brough us home in his car. I and the girls attended evening meeting at which Bp. Hogansen was the principal speaker. Sister Willis also spoke a few minutes. She is leaving Boise to join her husband in Portland where he has been for years.

November 1st: This morning Rhea, Otho and Owen all worked for my election in distributing cards and a letter. Olive will work when off duty this afternoon. Evelyn and Mary did the washing. Evelyn is much better this morning, but is yet in some pain. I prepared some home brew this morning. In the evening, our Priesthood meeting was held. I attended for the opening exercise, then was excused to attend the large rally held at the High School auditorium. Senator Nugent spoke a short time, but his voice is so nearly ruined with the much speaking during the campaign that he had to quit. Judge Morgan spoke the balance of the time and made an excellent speech. Just as meeting commenced, we were handed a sheet containing names of candidates selected from the Progressive and Republican tickets which the K.K.K. had selected to support and were distributing among their members. It came to light too late to counteract its effect at the polls, and may defeat me and others that would otherwise have been elected.

November 2nd, ELECTION DAY: What it holds in store for candidates on the three tickets can not even be guessed. It appears to me that the contest will be a close one.

November 3rd: The election went overwhelmingly Republican. Only one Democrat, Sheriff Pfoest, was elected, and not one Progressive was elected in the County. It is a puzzle to me and to everyone who talks of it to me. They all seemed so sure I would be elected. There is something rather strange about it. But the opposition to a Mormon in this County is so strong that I do not believe a Mormon could be elected dog catcher. My Democratic associates, Judge Morgan, received 2911 votes, J.P. Pope for legislature, 2680, while I received only 2354. R. C. Gambling, an L.D.S. running on the Progressive ticket for the legislature received 2201, which was way below his associate candidates. This seems quite conclusive that the vote is against a Mormon. My opponent on the Republican ticket received 5084, more than double what I did, or more than I and the Progressive candidate Adams received together, he received but 2143. And it was generally thought that I would be elected in this three-cornered race. It is all right, and no doubt for the best, if we could but understand it. I am sure of one thing, and that is that the Lord is satisfied with it, so I should be, and am.

November 4th: I remained at home writing today. Evelyn worked out.

November 5th: Last evening we held our first home evening programme, the first for several years. I hope it will result in good and assist us in properly influencing our children. They, the boys at home particularly, seem to be getting away from us. They are very disrespectful and many times disobedient to us.
They are very uncouth and ill mannered. We have tried hard to properly train them, but we are having the hardest time ever thus far experienced by us in properly influencing our children. I earnestly pray God to help us.

November 6th: Lothair's birthday. I hope he and his are well, and that each year from now on he will grow to be a better man, and a greater instrument in God's hands for good.

November 7th, Sunday: I attended S.S. with the children, and Evelyn. We also attended Sacrament and Fast meeting at 2:30 p.m. This morning at 9:30 Marvin Laddie was baptized by Barr N. Smith. At the afternoon meeting, 2:30, I was privilege to confirm our boy a member in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I do hope and pray that he will grow up to be a man loved of God and his fellowmen, a man of great use in the world.

After this meeting Evelyn and I went with Brother & Sister Hansen to their home for supper, expecting to return in time for evening meeting; but after supper we learned that Bro. Hansen could not well drive his car at night, so we had to wait there the evening. Brother and Sister Tolley came over and spent the evening with us, then took us home in their truck. We had a pleasant evening.

November 8th: This morning Evelyn worked at a new home until noon. Then she came home for lunch, after which she worked with the Relief Society sisters until late evening. I and Otho and Owen went to Priesthood meeting this evening. I taught the class. We had a good meeting.

November 9th: I wrote letters to Lothair and Holdaway yesterday, telling them of the time that our pump test would be held. I called on the Foundry this morning and had a long talk with Mr. Long. The work is going on well, but slow. Yet, he says he will have everything ready by the 20th. I paid him $25.00 toward account hoping it would hurry him up for more. He brought me back home in his car.

I engaged a Mr. Franklin a competent hydraulic engineer for our test work. It will cost us $25.00 per day for his services. I wrote letters to Harold, answering his letter received last evening in which he sent to me $15.00 I am thankful for this help now. I wrote to Elwood, Thatcher, Jack and Irene. In these letters I told all but Elwood that I had determined to take the Foot Correction course and that if I could not raise the money this week, would ask them to loan me $50.00 each. I wrote to Mr. Phippin yesterday telling him we must have the money now for the Shares he wished to purchase. Evelyn was at home all day today. This morning Rhea obtained a job in the Mode store. She is to be paid $12.00 per week. She commenced the work this morning. I also wrote letters to Clarence E. Allred of Raymond and Oscar Johnson of Mt. Hebron, Cal. Clarence sent us a Lethbridge paper telling of a disastrous fire in Ray- mond which burned the Raymond Mercantile buildings and some
others in the city, causing a loss of about $175,000.00. They were the finest public buildings, or business buildings, in town. Most of them were owned by Pres. H. E. Allen.

November 10th, 1926: This morning Evelyn went to work again. Yesterday I paid up my campaign expenses for printing out of the money Harold sent to me. The printing has cost me $29.00, besides $9.30 paid by Bros. Kloepfer and Anderson for me in advertisements.

November 11th, Armistice Day: All places of business are closed today. We remained at home and did studying. This evening Rhea became engaged with my consent to Morris Kunz, a seemingly fine young man of excellent character. He has filled a three year's mission, and comes from an excellent and old family of Bear Lake with whom my Father and his Father's family were well acquainted. I had a long talk with him this evening after he had asked my consent to their engagement. He evidences great faith in the Gospel and all its principles, and has promised me that he will live and obey all of them just as fast as he is given opportunity. Rhea and he have not been keeping company long, but they have been acquainted for about four months, and she feels that Morris is "the only man" for her. She is very happy. I earnestly pray God that her happiness may continue ever.

November 12th: Evelyn worked at the home of Mrs. Pierce today. I visited the foundry and examined the work being done on the pump. It is good thus far. They have informed me that they think they can be ready for the test by the 22nd of this month. I inquired of the State engineers' department, asking them to recommend a competent hydraulic engineer for our pump test. They recommended Mr. Franklin. I got in touch with him yesterday by phone, and he said he would take care of the work for us. I wrote to Lothair and Bro. Holdaway yesterday telling them of the work and that I had found this engineer. Mr. Franklin has conducted such work for large pump companies several times and is competent. His fee will be Twenty-Five Dollars a day.

November 13th: I called again at the foundry and arranged as well as I could for the coming demonstration. This afternoon Pres. Hale called on me and requested that I represent the Stake Presidency at a special meeting in Glens Ferry tomorrow. I consented. Then after all arrangement was made, a long distance telephone call informed us that it would not be necessary to make the trip now, as the trouble for which the meeting was called to settle had been adjusted.

November 14th, Sunday: I attended Sunday School with the smaller children. Mary also attended with Rhea. Evelyn prepared a nice dinner for us. In the afternoon we all attended Sacrament meeting. In the evening we attended the preaching services at the Tabernacle. Bishop Johnson and another brother from Nampa spoke.
November 15th, 1926: We were informed by phone from Mr. Pierce that his children had the measles, so Evelyn did not go there to work today. About one week ago I wrote to Thatcher, Jack and Harold, telling them that if I could not raise the needed money to pay my tuition fee for Foot Correction Specialist, and if the pump test did not justify further continuance with it, I would ask each of them to loan me $50.00, making a total of $150.00 for the payment of this fee. I received a letter from Harold today in which he informed me without any quibbles that he would not loan me a dollar for that purpose, as he thought it was a very undignified business. He does not understand. But he was kind enough to say that he would both loan and give me money for buying food and clothing. I wrote to him and explained the matter. Evelyn worked away today. In the evening we attended Priesthood and Relief Society meetings. I taught my class.

Mr. Phippin called on me today and informed me that he had raised $250.00 more toward the expense incident to our coming pump test. We figured up as close as we could the actual needs, or smallest amount with which we could do, and it will cost at least $475.00. He says he will try to raise the balance.

November 16th: I called again at the foundry today, and was informed that they would have things ready Monday for the test. I at once wrote to Lothair informing him of it, and got in touch with engineer Franklin, who informed me that he would be on hand. I ordered lumber for the platform for the pump and motor, and had it taken down by Jack Taylor, drayman.

November 17th: I went down this morning intending to build the platform, but on reaching the foundry was informed by Mr. Long that they could not be ready before Wednesday the 24th. So I at once went to see Mr. Franklin and arranged for the deferred time, also obtained instructions from him relative to the building of the weir and installation of the pump. I then made out bill of lumber required and ordered it from the B.P.L. Co. The 2 x 6' for bottom and sides will have to be milled, so I ordered that done today. Evelyn is working out again today. We received a nice letter from Irene and Jack. They were quite well. Jack readily consented to loan me the $50.00 any time I wanted it. This evening Teacher's training class was held. I attended.

November 18th: It rained nearly all night last night and today. I could not do any work at the building of pump equipment. I wrote to Bro. Holdaway, to Lothair yesterday, and today I wrote to Elwood, Thatcher, Irene and Harold, informing them all of Rhea's engagement. In the evening Bro. and Sister Tolley called for quilts we had been making for them. They remained some time and played rook with us.

November 19th: This morning Mr. Phippin and I went to the Foundry to look over the screws and case that had been built. I found that the screws had not been built in keeping with my instructions, so that it was impossible to test out the efficiency of the two kinds of screws, because they were not both built on
the same pitch. One was built on a 66 degree and the other on more than 70 degree pitch. I knew this would not do, so at once asked Mr. Long for an explanation. He informed us that he had built them in keeping with Mr. Holdaway's written instructions. It appears that this is correct; but knowing that it would not do, I and Mr. Phippin at once went to our engineer Mr. Franklin. He informed us that I was correct and that the screws would all have to be built with the same pitch. So we returned to the shop and instructed Mr. Long to build two more sets of patterns and screws, both of the plane type, one on a 66 degree pitch to conform with the pitch of the off-set screw now built, and the other on a 45 degree pitch. This will give us three different pitches in the one plain screw. This will take at least another week's time, so we set the day for December 6th. I arranged with the engineer for the delay, paid him $50.00 retainer fee, then wrote Holdaway and Lothair, informing them of what had been done. Mr. Phippin deposited $150.00 more on his account. It has rained much of the day.

November 20th, 1926: It rained nearly all night last night, and continues this morning. Evelyn is not feeling at all well today. I received the 1000 envelopes ordered from the North West Envelope Co. They are pretty good, and we saved about $3.00 by sending away for them. We intended to work on the pump platform today, but it rained so we could do nothing.

November 21st, Sunday: In company with Bro. Kleopfer, I went to Bramwell Ward today as High Council missionary. Chas. Borup, Sister Archibald and Clarence Parker went with us in interest of M.I.A. organization. They effected organization of the two associations in part. We arrived in good time, but there was no one on hand to commence Sunday School until nearly eleven o'clock. Then Bishop Rose came and started the school; but the Supt. Munsen did not arrive until after 11 a.m. There were but about 35 in attendance, old and young. There is not a very good spirit there. There is little union, or interest taken as it seems to us. I spoke rather pointedly on the subject of punctuality and obedience to duty as an L.D.S. There was much rain, and the roads were very bad. This may have accounted in part for the poor attendance and little interest. We took dinner at the home of Fred Hale. We then came home by way of Fruitland and Nampa because of bad roads and mud the way we went by Freeze-out. Evelyn is very poorly today and yesterday. In the evening I attended meeting. Bros. Louis and Bp. Harris spoke. A Mr. Whalen, who married May Kelley, a distant relative of ours, is a Catholic, or rather he was born a Catholic. He manifests some interest in the Gospel. He talked with me all the way as we went to meeting this evening. Mary attended meeting with me.

November 22nd: It rained nearly all night last night again and kept it up much of the day today. Evelyn is very poorly. We received letters from Elwood and Thatcher. They were well. Elwood informed me of the excellent success he is having in his school work. I am thankful to my Heavenly Father for this good son and the way he is succeeding. I will attach his letter to
this page. It will show why I have reason to be thankful. Thatcher informed me he had been hunting with success. The dear boy wrote that he was very willing to help me with the loan of $50.00 if I concluded to take the proposed foot culture course. In the evening I and Otho attended Priesthood meeting. Evelyn is not well enough to attend. Owen too is feeling quite poorly.

November 23rd: It cleared away during the night last night but commenced raining again before morning. I wrote letters to several trust companies inquiring about the standing of Dr. Stephensen, that I might know better whether to take his course. Evelyn went to work today for Mrs. Hasbrook.

November 24th: It continued raining nearly all day and night.

November 25th, Thanksgiving Day: Evelyn and the girls prepared a nice dinner which was partaken of at 5:30 this afternoon. Morris Kunz took dinner with us. I feel exceptionally sad and lonely today with all of our married children so far away. We have labored all our lives to the end that our children might be well and happily married and live near us. But now they are all far away, and I fear that we are drifting farther and farther apart. Oh how I have hoped and prayed that we might live to have comfortable homes near together where we could enjoy each other's society, and all labor for the advancement of our fellow men, ourselves and the Kingdom of God; but it seems to me that as the years drift by we grow farther and farther away from that which has been my life's ideal. Evelyn and Mary went in the evening and did some kitchen work for a Mrs. Davis, then returned home and we spent the evening in playing games.

November 26th: It cleared away a little today, so that Owen, Marvin and I worked at the lumber yards on the weir for the pump test. I worked on it during part of the afternoon of the 24th and became so sore and stiff and full of pain that I could hardly get home, and when I did get there I was in much distress. Today I suffered much the same; but not so badly. I rode to and from the work on the bus, so that made it some easier. This evening Rhea and Morris attended the dance at Tabernacle.

November 27th, Dear Evelyn's Birthday. God has indeed blessed me and our dear children in the birth and life of this good wife and mother. May He bless her to live long and very happy, and provide us with means so that she can be better cared for and not have to work so very hard. We had no means with which to buy a token of remembrance for her, except that Rhea purchased and presented her with a nice motto picture. Evelyn received from Rulon yesterday a letter containing a P.O.M.O. for $5 as a birthday present, and today she received from Katherine a most beautiful cushion of her own handwork. These things are appreciated. This evening Otho attended the performance given by Mr. Richards the magician. Ella Pollard called and took supper with us. It has rained most of the day today. This morning I received a Telegram from Lothair containing these words:
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 27 Nov. A.M.
B. H. ALLRED
1221 N. 15th St. Boise, Idaho
WIRE FROM CHARLOTTE SHE AND VERL SEPARATED I MUST SEND HER
MONEY AT ONCE, CAN CO. SEND ME THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX? HER
CONDITION IS SERIOUS.

L. W. ALLRED.
On receiving this sad news I at once sent this telegram in
Night Letter:

BOISE, IDAHO November 27th, 1926

LOTHAIR W. ALLRED 568-2nd Avenue
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
PHIPPIN HAS NOT SOLD SHEEP YET, IS MEETING EXPENSE ITEMS FOR
TEST ONLY AS THEY OCCUR. THINK HAROLD WILL TELEGRAPH CHARLOTTE
TICKET ACCEPTING MY STOCK IN PAYMENT PROVIDING SHE WILL COME.
IF NECESSARY I SHOULD ASK HAROLD WIRE CHARLOTTE'S ADDRESS.

B. H. ALLRED

I sent this telegram to the office by Otho; but did not
think until long after it was dispatched that the rule of the
telegraph company would not make it necessary for them to deliver
a Night Letter until on the morning of a business day. So Lo-
thair will not receive this until Monday. This is sad and dis-
tressing news indeed. From what I can learn, it seems their
whole married life has been one of distrust and unhappiness. I
do pray that God will bless her and overrule things for her good
and happiness, and preserve her clean and pure.

November 28th, Sunday: This morning at 10 a.m. I attended High
Council Meeting at the Tabernacle. In the afternoon we met in
what should have been Stake Union meetings, but owing to a pro-
gramme prepared by Officers of the Relief Society, all the time
was devoted to lectures by certain Doctors. I became very tired
and nervous, so that I could not feel able to return to evening
meeting. Evelyn is quite sick with bad headache and pains in
her whole body. Morris Kunz took supper with us. Olive was at
home all day today, and tended home while we went to meetings.
Mary was at home until 6 p.m., then went to the telephone office.
She attended meetings with us.

November 29th: It rained again nearly all night and continues
to fall this morning. We wrote letters to Rulon last evening.
I attended Priesthood meeting in the evening, and Evelyn atten-
ded her R. Scty. It rained so hard that the Bishop called for
us and we rode to meeting in his car. We had a good class meet-
ing.

November 30th: Rain again this morning and nearly all day.

December 1st: Rain again today and last night. Evelyn worked
out each day that she could find labor.

December 2nd: Last night Mary came home sick, having suffered
nearly all day with cramping, headache and vomiting. We feared
she had scarlet fever so called Dr. Anderson in. But he says it is a bad case of flu. She could not work today at the telephone office on her shift.

December 3rd, 1926: Mary is quite sick today, but we do not think she has scarlet fever. Today is the anniversary of Dear Wife Lottie's death at Blackfoot. A sad and desolate day that brought to us. Now it is eighteen years since her death occurred. Last evening I received a letter from Thatcher. I answered it today.

December 4th: Mary is much better this morning, and insisted on returning to her duties at the telephone office. Today we went to put the pump in place for the demonstration Monday and to our great disappointment found that the pattern maker and machinist has made another blunder on the offset screw and pattern. This necessitates another delay. I wired Lothair that it would be delayed until Monday the 13th inst. I arranged with Mr. Franklin our engineer for the delayed work. I called Mr. Phippin and we together went to the shop. I hired Bro. Tolley to haul and help me with the machinery and completion of the work which I worked on, and we moved Thursday. It is the day of our Stake Quarterly Conference. I attended the meeting this afternoon. There was a small attendance and a poor meeting.

December 5th: Sunday. This morning at 9:30 we met in High Council meeting, and at ten in the morning session of our conference. Bro. Nibley and his son, and Elder Alma O. Taylor were in attendance. Bro. Taylor delivered an excellent talk in the forenoon and in the afternoon a most appropriate discourse. Had it not been for Elder Taylor's attendance, our Conference would have been a very dull affair, as neither of the Nibleys can speak well.

December 6th: This morning I visited the foundry and did all I could in furtherance of the pump work. In the evening I attended Priesthood meeting. Evelyn could not go as Beth is down with the same sickness Mary had. She is quite sick. Modine, too, is sick with the same malady.

December 7th: Beth and Modine are quite sick today, and Otho, too, is ailing today. Today I visited the foundry and looked after the correction of the pattern for the offset screw.

December 8th: Beth and Modine are some better, but Otho is quite sick today. Evelyn worked out at Pierce's. I visited the foundry again, I also purchased a Gate Valve and piping for the pump work. I arranged for the building of light pipe for the intake and discharge. Morris Kunz used his name as an employee at the Wholesale Hardware house and purchased for me the gate valve and some piping. Evelyn has hurt her back very bad in lifting and hard work, so that she is almost down tonight.

December 9th: I continued work in the arranging for the pump test. Evelyn is a little better this morning. Otho is quite sick, but is some easier this morning. Beth and Modine are up
and much better. I received letters from Lothair and Thatcher. One from dear Thatcher for which I am very glad because of its excellent spirit. Lothair said in his letter that he could, or would come up now if he could, as he had nothing to do there but wait, so I wired him this evening that I would wire tickets for him and Holdaway in the morning. Evelyn worked out all day.

December 10th: This morning I went again to the foundry. I also visited the engineer, Franklin, purchased valves, paid for pipe that I had made, and telegraphed tickets to Lothair and Holdaway. I fear the tickets will not reach them in time for Lothair to leave Salt Lake today, as I had wished him to do. Pierce's folks are sick, so Evelyn did not work there as planned today. Mary is home today. Otho is much better and is up. I wrote to Harold in answer to his letter received a few days since.

December 11th: I received a telegram from Lothair saying the tickets telegraphed were delayed, so he would wait and come with Br. Holdaway Sunday. I engaged a motor for our work of a Mr. Boley.

December 12th, Sunday: I did not attend S.S. or meeting today; but went to Mr. Boley's to engage the motor. Mr. Pippen driving us up. Lothair and Mr. Holdaway came last night at 1:20 a.m. Lothair went with us to Boley's. In the afternoon I had Bro. Tolley go in his truck for the motor. Pippen and Lothair went up in Pippen's car to help him. I did not attend evening meeting either.

December 13th: Last night it snowed two or three inches, and it continued to hard all day, so that we could not work. We set the motor up and had it ready. In the evening I attended Priesthood meeting and taught my class. Lothair and Holdaway went in town.

December 14th: It continued to snow all day so we could not work. We have had the loveliest weather all Fall for our work; but we had so many troubles and hinderances that we could not take care of it until the snows and cold is upon us.

December 15th: We commenced our pump test today, and it keeps snowing; but not so hard as before. We have Engineer C. J. Franklin, and a Mr. Moon with one assistant from the Idaho Power Co. They have all modern instruments with which to test all speeds, power, etc. It stormed so hard we could not finish the test with the first screw.

December 16, 17 and 18: We continued our work in storm and freezing so that the work of the engineers is hampered greatly. The test thus far is favorable. I have a very bad cold, and this exposure is not helping me.

December 19th, Sunday: It continues to storm. I did not attend meeting, only S.S. I was asked by Pres. Hale to speak this evening in the Tabernacle; but owing to my ill health and work with the pump I asked to be excused. In the evening Lothair again went into town.
December 20th: We continued today with our test in such freezing weather that we had to keep hot water pouring over the mercury tubes and valves on the pump. In the evening I attended Priesthood meeting and taught my class, after which I went to a Trustees' meeting called late today to transact some business of which I knew nothing on going.

December 21st: Last night we had a stormy meeting, in which effort was made by Phippen, assisted, unwittingly, by Holdaway and Lothair, to make a steal of the stock he had subscribed and promised to pay cash for. I fought them all alone, and had to submit to the passing of measures that would permit Phippen to have 13,500 shares of stock without giving any security whatever for its payment. I felt that if I could have a private talk with Lothair and Holdaway I could make them readily understand Phippen's game, and I knew the meeting was not legally called and that I could thwart all action taken there if I could get Lothair and Holdaway with me. I talked with them at once on return from our meeting at 12 o'clock, and soon learned that Lothair had discovered the perfidy of Phippen and would be with me, Holdaway was soon made to see the light before we went to bed at night. I called on attorney Jas. H. Hawley, Sr., and obtained legal advice as to procedure to thwart Phippen's intended steal. I wrote out a protest and presented it to Holdaway and Lothair, then wrote out notice for meeting; but as they were very anxious to undo quickly the mischief of last night, Holdaway and Lothair wanted the meeting called at once tonight. So I wrote out a form of Waiver of Notice of Meeting and had them all sign it. These papers I will place here in the loose leaf book.

December 22nd: Meeting was called last night at my home, and Holdaway and Lothair being with me, it took no time to rescind the action taken at last night's meeting. When Mr. Phippen found he was beaten, he submitted, yet unwillingly. I insisted that concessions were made to him in prices of stock on condition that he would raise the money for our business, and that he should not have his stock issued to him until he had paid cash for it in keeping with our first agreement. Finally I consented that his stock should be issued to him if he would pay down $500.00 and sign a note payable Jan. 1st. 1928 for the balance, and make promise to us that he would not wait until due date to make payments; but would pay it up fast as possible. Anyone with common sense knows well that such a promise is simply worthless in business.

December 23rd: Mr. Phippen paid in $500.00 check last night. With it I paid Mr. Long $200.00, Mr. Franklin $100.00 and the Company paid Holdaway and Lothair each $75.40 on wages at $10 per day while here, and paid their R.R. fare back, $14.60. Lothair and Holdaway left last night for Salt Lake City. On going to our work this morning we found that water had been left in the pipe and gate valve and it had frozen hard, splitting the gate valve open along the side, so we could do no work today; but took it for repairs.
December 24th: This morning Mr. Tolley came in at 8 o'clock, and we went at once for the valve then to the works. The Boise Radiator Works charged us $11.25 for welding that crack. It was very cold all day; but we worked in the afternoon and completed the testing of the second screw, having provided a 15 H.P. motor for the higher test. We put the water 240 ft high today, and could not get a shut-off valve for want of power.

Today is my dear wife Lottie's 56th anniversary of her birth. Harold came yesterday on the afternoon train. We are indeed glad to see him. He is in better health, and his eyes are much better too. He is a fine, big, manly fellow. Yesterday we received from Rulon and Katherine two sacks of fine nuts, and from Thatcher presents for all the older ones. Morris Kunz also brought great sacks of nuts and candy, so we are sure well supplied with Holliday nuts and candy.

December 25th, CHRISTMAS: The children are all in wild ecstasy this morning. The Lord and many friends together with the labor of Mother and the dear girls has provided us all with the best, and I think the greatest abundance we have ever known, and this in spite of our great poverty, or rather dependence on our children for life's necessities. I cannot name all the nice things received; but will say that Clarence and Modine together received a tricycle, she dolls, Marvin and Owen together received a fine steel wagon. Beth dolls and dishes, etc. etc. So our home is one of shouting and laughing happiness today. Otho got a fine suit of clothes and shoes.

December 26th, Sunday: The children attended S.S.; but I am quite sick with a very bad cold, and Evelyn is so hard worked that she did not attend. They attended meeting in the afternoon, but I also remained home then.

December 27th: Today we completed our work in testing out the four sets of screws, and the engineer is now making up his report. From all we can now understand, it will be very favorable to us. We sent the motor back to Mr. Alter's, and I paid Tolley, or arranged to pay him for his services.

December 28th to 31st: During this entire week I was confined to the house with bad cold and awful spasms of coughing, so severe were they that at times I came near choking to death. Modine is almost down with bad cold and threatened attack of the pneumonia. For want of sufficient money with which to pay the engineers for their services, we are unable to obtain our reports. This is delaying our plans very much. Harold remained to attend the New Year's Eve dance, and a home party at Sister Thurber's until 4:30 Saturday morning, then he was driven to the morning train, which he took for Blackfoot. While he was here he purchased 120 more shares of Securities of me. I sold to him my own securities. He paid down $17.00, and promises to pay the balance at the rate of $20.00 per month. First I gave him 15 Shares as a Christmas present. Then I let him have ten more in
payment of a calf he let us have in Canada, which I agreed at the time to pay him for when I was able, to help in his school expenses. He had given us two fine cows, and this calf was born to one of these cows before he gave them to us. That makes 150 shares in all that I let him have. With what I gave him and paid on the calf, he has paid $72.00, leaving a balance due of $78.00. Evelyn is troubled with rheumatism quite badly in her knees.

January 1st, 1927: The Lord has been good to us during the past year, in that our lives have all been preserved, and that we retain full faith in His Gospel, have food to eat and clothing to wear, and have many true friends. We are indeed blessed. We spent the day at home. The girls working only part of it at the telephone exchange. I sold L.R. Tolley 50 Shares Stock.

January 2nd, Sunday: The smaller children attended S.S. this morning. My health would not permit me to do so. Evelyn attended Sacrament meeting with them. This morning Mrs. Lester Asburry was baptized, and Mr. Pead, together with four other converts to the Gospel.

January 3rd to 7th: I have written several letters during these days to Lothair and Holdaway relative to our delayed reports, and have received telegram from them.

January 4th: I assisted Arnold Phippen to sell to a Mr. Moore 150 shares of stock. Then prevailed upon him to permit me to credit his and C.F. Phippen's commission on C.F. Phippen's note so that I might have sufficient funds with which to pay Mr. Franklin $1.50, balance due him, and $50.00 to C.N. Carter, State Engineer for his services.

January 5th: Having obtained consent of Mr. Phippen to use and so credit his portion of this money received from Mr. Moore for stock, I made out checks in full for Mr. Franklin and C.N. Carter and sent them to Mr. Franklin this evening by Otho. Today I received from Montgomery Ward and Co. a fine Fountain Pen I had ordered. I had nothing with which to write my Certificates or keep my accounts. This is the finest pen I have ever owned. I wired Lothair and Holdaway that I had obtained sufficient money for the reports and would send them as soon as possible.

January 6th: Mr. Franklin could not get the reports signed by Mr. Carter today and has promised to have them ready early tomorrow morning. I am much improved the last three days. Last evening Bro. and Sister Kelley came over and spent the evening with us playing Rook. We had a nice time. This evening Bro. and Sister Tolley came to spend the evening with us. We do not have such good times with them because of Bro. Tolley's unpleasant disposition. He is ever finding fault with the "other fellow who is to blame for all failures." Sister Tolley is a good and most pleasant woman.

January 7th: Today is dear little Clarence E's third birthday. He is a fine little fellow, for whom we are very thankful. This
morning we obtained the reports, and I at once wrote Lothair and Holdaway and mailed to each of them one report. There were four copies. I kept the original for the records, sent one to Mr. Phippen. It is very favorable for us, and in substance says that with our poorly constructed screws we have a pump more efficient than the best Centrifugal pump built of the best materials, and workmanship. Mr. Arnold Phippen called in the afternoon and I explained the report to him. I also wrote a long letter to Lothair setting out the "high points" in the report. This afternoon I received all letters mailed to Holdaway returned to me. I at once wired Lothair telling him of this, and that I had mailed to Holdaway more letters and the report today, and for Holdaway to make sure that he got them. Mary and Olive were home today. It does seem so good to have those good girls home with us. She, Mary, went to the store and purchased a pair of shoes for Modine, and Otho went for a pair of overalls for Clarence. He is proud as the fighting cock, and is the biggest man walking. In the evening Mary and Olive attended the dance. I received from the Clear Sight Spectacle Co. a device for testing the eyes so that I could order a pair of spectacles. It appears so good that I am going to send for some.

January 8th, 1927: This morning I made out order for the spectacles and sent $4.48 for a Bifoco lens. It is cold this morning. Otho and Can went early with boy scouts for an outing. Evelyn is troubled much with rheumatism. In the evening Mary came home quite sick. She suffers with a dizziness and pain in her head.

January 9th, Sunday: Neither I nor Evelyn attended the S.S. Little Clarence and Modine have very bad colds. Other children attended S.S. and Sacrament meeting. They report the largest S.S. and meeting held for a long time. There are many legislators who visit our ward meetings now, and this adds much to our numbers and the interest taken. In the evening Bro. and Sister Waltman called just before meeting time and took us in their car to meeting. He expressed a great desire to know if I had any Pump Stock for him to purchase. I told him I would let him know if I had any that I could let go. Evelyn, Shea, Mary, Olive and I attended evening meeting. Bro. Magley of one of the wards in North East Idaho spoke. Also the Boy Scout supervisor from Portland. I was in such misery that I had to leave meeting before it closed. Evelyn came out, and we walked home together.

January 10th: Mary is much better. Evelyn too is better; but little Clarence is almost down with a bad cold. Modine, too, has a bad cold. Olive is home today from her work, so that helps mother. I wrote a letter to Irene and Jack. I talked over phone with Mr. Franklin, Mr. Long and Mr. Phippen about the contract with Mr. Long. He will call me when he has read the engineer's report. The day is warm, bright and pleasant. I am feeling some better and stronger.

January 11th: The engineer's report is not nearly so complete as we had hoped for and many complaints are being made because
of it. So today I wrote a long letter to Mr. Franklin, setting forth the causes for complaint. Last evening I attended Priesthood meeting and taught my class.

January 12th: I received a reply from Mr. Franklin to my letter making complaint regarding report. His reply is not at all satisfactory, in that it does not answer my questions and make clear the reason for incompleteness. I wrote Lothair and Holdaway and sent copy of my letter to Franklin and of his to me.

January 13th: This morning I met with the Phippen boys, and we talked over matters pertaining to the report. I asked Mr. Franklin for the readings made on the test. I obtained from him those made with the five horse motor, but had to go to the Idaho Power Co. for the others. They promised to have them ready tonight. Phippen received a telegram from Lothair in which he expressed much dissatisfaction in the report and blamed me for my approval of it. I have approved the report so far as it goes, and am of the opinion that Mr. Franklin did the best he could for us under the circumstances. The I.P.Co. did not get copy of the readings ready for us today.

January 14th: This morning Mr. Phippen and I went to the Boise Iron works and talked over with Mr. Long the report, and suggested that he proceed to the building of the pumps regardless of the dissatisfaction felt regarding the report. We all feel that the pump is all right and will sell well. This evening I obtained copy of readings made on the 15 horse motor by sticking right with the Power Co. men. I sent copy of the 5 horse motor readings to Lothair and Holdaway last night.

January 15th: I got copy of readings made by Mr. Phippen this morning and at once mailed one to Lothair and Holdaway. Last night I did lots of figuring on that reading and as near as I can determine, and I believe my figures are correct, Mr. Franklin has given us all the credit he possibly could, and in fact more than we are entitled to. This forenoon I received a telegram from Thatcher saying that Pearl was dangerously sick and had made special request that I pray for her. I did this and Evelyn earnestly joined me in our supplications to our Heavenly Father in Pearl's behalf. I received a testimony that she would recover and sent at once this telegram: BE OF GOOD CHEER I HAVE REASON FOR EXPECTING PEARL'S SPEEDY RECOVERY. We do not know what her trouble is. We have earnestly sought the Lord in Pearl's behalf in our secret and family prayers. I wrote to Lothair telling him that I felt Mr. Franklin had given us just as favorable report as it was possible for him to do.

January 16th, Sunday: The smaller children and Rhea attended S.S. this morning. Evelyn went and told me of the talks made. Royal Jepperson spoke. In the evening we attended preaching service in the Tabernacle, at which a Bro. Hansen and one other whose name I have forgotten spoke. Bro. Frank Kleopfer and I visited the NYSSA branch as home missionaries. We had a good meeting with 27 members in attendance, but they have no other meetings beside Sunday Schools.
January 17th: We have received no farther word from Thatcher regarding Pearl's condition, so in this case we feel that "no news is good news." I visited Mr. Lon's shops again and talked over the building of our pumps. He is favorable to the proposition and will determine at what rate he can do it. In the evening Evelyn and I attended Priesthood and Relief Society meeting. I taught my class, at which there was a good attendance. The matter of administering the Sacrament to friends and investigators who attended our Sacrament meeting services and offered to partake with us was discussed. The question was asked by Bro. Labrum, "If a friend of mine accompanies me to our Sacrament meeting and I know him to be a good man and an earnest seeker after truth, and if he offers to partake of the Sacrament with me, have I the right to refuse him that privilege?" I replied no, that he did not. Members of the class took issue with me on the question; but many others agreed with me. I cited scriptural proof of my position, and although it is in opposition to the statements made by Elder Talmage in his Articles of Faith, and to opinions advanced by many other prominent churchmen, I feel that the position I have taken is in accord with the revealed word of God.

January 18th: Last evening Bro. and Sister Tolley came to our home after meeting, and we spent a pleasant evening playing Rook. This morning I phoned to Pres. Hale telling him of the occurrence at last night's Priesthood meeting, and explained over phone briefly my position telling him that I would write him my reasons for taking that position. I then wrote to him a letter giving scriptural quotations which I feel proves me correct. I attach here a carbon copy of that letter. This evening we received a nice letter from Lucius Clark telling us some particulars regarding Pearl's sickness. He informed us that Pearl had given premature birth to a fine baby boy and that it had died a few hours after birth. He said he thought its lungs were not fully developed. Pearl and Thatcher felt very bad over their loss; but he informed us that Pearl was recovering physically. For this part of the report we are indeed very thankful to our Heavenly Father. Bro. and Sister Kelley came over and played Rook with us this evening. We had a pleasant time.

January 19th: Sister Kané's children are very sick with Chicken Pox and measles. I received a nice letter from Lothair and at once wrote back to him and Holdaway giving them my opinion as to another test. This afternoon we received a nice letter from Irene. They were well.

January 20th: Yesterday was the Seventy-Fifth anniversary of my Angel Mother's birth. "Time flies on wings of lightning." And this life is soon passed away. Today we received a letter from Harold with one enclosed to him from Clarence Allred of Raymond. This evening the following Saints called at our home and spent a most pleasant and happy evening with us. Bishops Harris and Worthington and their wives, Bros. Labrum and Borup and Robinson and their wives. Evelyn had prepared a nice little lunch and we spent a very pleasant evening together. I have been quite poorly during
the whole day today; but toward evening felt better so that I enjoyed the company of our friends tonight.

January 21, 1927: Last night the mercury registered below zero point. Our little dog "Babe" has been very sick so we sent her to the veterinarian's hospital yesterday morning. But he does not think she will live. This morning Otho went after her, and she is nearly dead. Mary and Olive are home from their work today.

January 22nd: Nothing but the usual today.

January 23rd, Sunday: This morning at 10 a.m. I rode on the street car to the Tabernacle and attended there the High Council meeting at which an outline for Ward Teaching in the Boise Stake was adopted, along the lines of my suggestions, coupled with approval of a special committee appointed.

I was appointed by the Stake Presidency and sustained by the High Council as STAKE SUPERVISOR OF MISSIONARY LABORS for the Boise Stake during the year 1927. It is proposed to inaugurate a special mission campaign. In the afternoon we attended Union Meetings. I spoke in the High Priest's meeting, by appointment on the Holy Ghost. Some lack of agreement with my position taken and explanation made was found among members present. It was decided to hold a High Priest's Reunion party on Feb. 27th. Because of my weakened condition, I could not attend evening meeting, so Evelyn remained at home with me.

January 24th: My condition does not improve. In fact I grow each day a little weaker, yet in the evening we attended to Priesthood meeting, and Relief Society meeting. Bro. Twitchell came for us in his car. I taught my class, with good attendance and interest. After meeting Bro. and Sister Tolley came home with us and played Rook. I become very tired and nervous having to spend all the time in the house with little but study and reading to occupy my time, and I grow tired of so much reading, or rather I cannot concentrate my mind on anything of real value to me. So I am very grateful for the presence of friends during the evening to assist in making the time pass more pleasantly. I am unable to sleep until after midnight, and some times little or not at all even after that time.

January 25th: Today I made arrangement with Dr. Anderson to have him examine me and if possible determine what was the matter with me, so that we might more intelligently do something for me. Dr. Handy was unable to tell just what my trouble is. In the evening the boys attended M.I.A.

January 26th: Today I went to Dr. Anderson's office, and he made a careful examination of my entire body, analyzing my blood, too, but as he can find nothing to indicate my trouble, he asked for a sample of urine. I sent this to him this evening.

January 27th: I have arranged with the Boise Iron Works to build twelve four inch pumps at once, and they will consider a
contract for immediate manufacture on a royalty basis. I am unable to do anything farther than ride on the streetcar, then walk a very short way to try to attend business. The 28th was spent in the same routine.

January 29th: Dr. Anderson informs us that he is unable to determine what my trouble is. He says my blood is pure, no sign of kidney or bladder trouble, that my heart has been weakened a little because of heavy strain during time of poison in my blood; but can find nothing to account for my condition. Today I wrote letters to Elwood, Thatcher and Harold. I have counseled with the Stake Presidency relative to plan for missionary work, and have determined upon a plan of call and procedure. I will attach hereto a paper showing the method of conducting the labors, which I have outlined and that has been approved by the Stake Presidency and Presiding officers of the Melchizedek Priesthood Quorums.

January 30th, Sunday: We attended Sacrament meeting, and the children attended S.S. I was unable to attend evening meeting. Bro. Jepperson spoke and his talk was broadcasted. He is from Blackfoot, a former Bishop of the 1st Ward there. He is now a member of the State Senate.

January 31st: This morning I got Bro. S. Kelley to go with me to see a Chinese doctor of the firm of Wing Lee. He has been highly recommended to me, so we have concluded to try him. He did nothing but to examine my pulse and flow of blood through the wrists of both arms, when he had finished this examination he told me things that I already well knew, such as that I had been sick a very long time, that I was so weak that I could do no work and could walk but little. He said that every organ in my body was weakened to a point very near collapse, and that there was not an organ of my body that was not thus weakened. I asked him if he could tell me what the matter was. He at once replied yes, your trouble is all in your blood. It is so impure and weak that it cannot build up your body. I told him that the other doctors had analyzed my blood and said it was pure. He replied that he did not care if they had, that they could not detect certain poisons in blood by any analysis. I asked him if he could cure me, and he unhesitatingly replied that he could. I asked how long it would take. He replied that in ninety days he could get me back into normal condition, and that in fifteen days I would know that I was being cured. I inquired the cost, and he said it would be from seven to nine dollars a week, he could not tell exactly now until he could know just how the treatment effected me.

In the afternoon I went back and he gave me a big bundle, two of them, of herbs which he instructed me how to prepare and take. I paid him a check for $22.55. I prepared it chiefly with dear Evelyn's help and went to taking it with high hopes of early recovery, for I have great confidence in what he says of my case and what he says he can do for me. In the evening I attended my Priesthood meeting and taught my class. The Relief
Society held a testimony meeting, after which we all reassembled and a little programme was given, games played and lunch served. He had a pleasant time.

February 1st, 1927: This afternoon we received a most excellent letter from Elwood reciting their troubles and blessings in effort to obtain his education. It contains such valuable faith-inspiring matter that I will attach it hereto for reference, with hope that it will strengthen the faith of my children, or any who may read it. I spent much time in effort to close a contract with the Boise Iron Works and Foundry Co. I have hope that one will be effected.

February 2nd to 5th: Was spent in working at the missionary programme. In effort to complete contract with Mr. Long and in shuddering over the swallowing of my nasty medicine. I feel better, a little in some ways, but little.

February 6th, Sunday: "This p.m. at 1:30 I met with Pres. Hale and with Pres. Robinson and Martineau, of the High Priest's Quorum, and with Brother Nokelsey of the Elder's Quorum, and Barr N. Smith of the Seventies. With them I discussed the plans outlined for our missionary work and received their hearty approval of plan outlined. In the evening I was too tired and weak to attend meeting.

February 7th: I met Mr. Long again this morning and think we will obtain contract. In the evening Fussen and I attended Priesthood and R.L. meetings. I taught my class as usual. I think I am gaining some in strength; but I think I too feel some ill effects of the workings of the medicine I am taking.

February 8th: Today I found that the letters I had written Elwood and Harold had not been mailed. I wrote a few lines and mailed them. We received a nice letter from Pearl, and I am very thankful for the spirit manifest in her. Last week we received from Rolen and Katherine a most beautiful picture of them, finished in colors and natural as life. In fact it is so real that it makes me tremble with desire to clasp them to me. I received a short letter from Harold in which he enclosed $10.00 toward payment for Stock sold him. Bro. and Sister Tolley called again and spent a long evening with us.

February 9th: Today I wrote a short note to Elwood telling him that we remembered the day of his birth 33 years ago tomorrow. I sent to him as a present a Certificate of Interest in our Co. of Twenty-Five Shares. I thank God for this good son and for his steadfast Faith in God and in His Gospel.

February 10th: Today is Elwood's birthday. Today I went to see the doctor again. He informed me that I was improving; but not as fast as he had hoped and wished me to. I visited Mr. Long's shops again.

February 11th: I have felt pretty bad today. I went down to the shops again. They have spoiled the castings of the pump
head, I had devised as an improvement. Will do it over again.
I wrote to Charlotte and Irene. In the evening we attended
the Drama given by the Church recreation Committee. It was
fairly good.

February 12th: It is snowing this morning. I rested well
last night. Modiro's and Clarence's tricycle was stolen last
evening. Otho and Owen found it in possession of some boys a
long way from here, and brought it home.
October 1st, 1929: I have failed to keep a diary, and today am brought to a rather unpleasant realization of what I have lost in actual knowledge, particularly as to business transactions and moneys paid out and received in connection therewith. This has been brought forcefully to me by a letter received from Harold, bearing even date herewith and found in my files of this date. I will try hard from now on to make a faithful record of all important daily transactions.

Today I paid up usual bills for papers and advertising. And Office rent up to the 15th of this month. I did this because I am not sure whether I will continue in business here as there is not enough being made to pay expenses, let alone profit to date. I worked as usual in the office with no evidence of profit.

October 2nd: Continue office work. Received a letter from Harold referred to above, which came as a considerable surprise. I supposed I had paid him for hogs purchased in 1920 and did not remember of his having sent money to me this year to apply on the pump business. If I had only kept full record.

October 3rd: Working in office as usual. Concluded to go hunting if I could arrange Sunday, so Owen could go with me. On September 27th, last month, Harold sent me $115.00 check to be used in payment of balance due on Mexico Patents. I had paid $10.00. For this money I have agreed to allow him an interest in my pump business at the rate of $5.00 value for each $1.00 furnished. I issued a receipt to him showing same. This money was received on the 30th of last month and sent to Lacey and Lacey, Washington, D.C., on the 1st of this month. See letter file.

October 4th: I purchased a Remington Express Rifle 30-06 Cal. of Baker Wholesale Co. at $32.90, more than $10.00 less than I could buy it elsewhere. I borrowed $75.00 at the First National Bank for this and amusement purposes. The first time I ever did such a thing in my life. I excused myself in the shot that I have been sick so long and have not hunted for years. I am fast growing old and will grow more feeble so I cannot go for such pleasure long. I have great hope that much money will soon be realized from my pump business. I realize that I am not strong, I am near sixty years old and in such a state do not expect to live a great many years to enjoy any money that I may make on this business. So I felt I was entitled to a little pleasure which I might possibly get by running in monetary debt for it when I had a mighty good show of paying it all back.

October 5th: I arranged with Mr. Tolley to go hunting, taking his car, Owen and I paying for gas and oil. We intended starting in the morning tomorrow, but on account of inability to find a rifle for Tolley, had to put it off until Sunday afternoon. I worked in the office. Purchased some hunting equipment and collected $5.00 from a Mr. Ormsby who has been owing me $50.00 for 12 years. Came as a surprise and mighty handy. This was well offset by my loss suffered thru a woman crook and my gullibility, which I will relate here with hope it may help someone who may read these lines.
The other day I stepped from my Office door ready to go on an errand, and was hurriedly accosted by a rather good-looking woman accompanied by a small boy. She said, "This is Mr. Allred, isn't it?" I replied in the affirmative. She said, "I am Mr. Stevens' wife, an old friend of yours who used to live here and moved to Montana. We have been running a rooming house in Butte and recently sold it, clearing up $2,000.00, which we wish to invest thru you in a home in Boise. Mr. Stevens told me to come at once to you and have you get the home for us, and he said that if I needed any money before he got here next Wednesday with the money collected on the place sold there, you would let me have it." She played up on her husband's acquaintance and confidence in me, and asked me if I could let her have a little money until Mr. Stevens came so she could start the boy in school. Well, I was fool enough to write her a check for $5.00. I saw her once since when I called her in as she was hurriedly passing over the street. She said she was then on her way to meet her husband who had just come in on the train, and they would call in right away and see about the house I informed her I had obtained for them. Oh-hu. Mrs. Stevens has not been seen since despite my much hunting.

October 6th: We got ready and left for our hunt about 11 a.m. this day. Last evening Tolley and wife spent a few hours playing Rook with us. I phoned to the Forest Ranger at Idaho City, and he said there was game near at hand on Pine Creek. So we left with high hopes today. I got a gun of Mr. Call for Owen. We arrived at our destination East of Idaho City about 3 miles at about 2 p.m. We ate a lunch and hunted during the remaining part of the day, having obtained a nice morn. But we found few sign of deer.

October 7th: We left camp at 7 this morning, agreeing to meet at camp again at noon. I came in 15 minutes to 12, and about an hour later Owen came in all tired out and excited and much worried on my account. He had been in to camp and having missed me at our expected meeting place on the mountain feared I was played out and down somewhere. He hunted all over those near mountains and actually made two hurried trips back to the R.R. tracks near Idaho City. The dear boy must have covered at least 15 miles in his anxious hunt. We waited at camp until 4 p.m. and Tolley did not return, so Owen and I set out to hunt him. We tracked him for a mile or two, then lost his tracks. We hunted and shouted until dusk came on, when we returned to camp fearing the old gun he was using had exploded in his hands and either killed or seriously injured him. It commenced raining hard. We hurriedly raised a small tent Tolley brought and made arrangements to go to town for help, but found Tolley had taken the key to his car. So we could not walk it, as we were completely done up. We took turns in setting up and listening and firing guns and shouting. About 11 o'clock Tolley came into camp, having been lost and wandered at least ten miles out of his way. We were mighty glad watchers. We had intended returning home today, but owing to Tolley's wandering and our lack of success in our hunting, concluded to hunt tomorrow forenoon. Tolley saw three deer and one bear, and Owen saw two deer, but I did not see a wild animal, tho many tracks could be seen.
October 8th, 1929: We hunted this forenoon and started home soon as we could get ready. On the way down, the radiator sprung a leak, Tolley having tied the two heavy rolls of bedding to the radiator cap, and we had a time to get home. We had to run about three or four miles, then go to the river for water, fill up and rush on another few miles, thus until we reached home about 4 p.m. It rained hard on us above Roby Creek. We found all at home well and glad to see us, tho we had no game. On reaching home, Evelyn informed me she had received a telegram from Morris announcing the birth of a baby girl to them. They are at Montpelier, Idaho. I went to the Office and there met Rex Thurber, who has been correcting my drawings of the pump to conform to those made for me by the Goodrich Rubber Co., so that I could use their cutless rubber bearings. He had done some good work, but owing to the fact that I had received word from my lawyers in Washington that I did not get a patent on the flared feature of my pump case, I had to write to them and learn just what to do about it. If I cannot use that, I will have much difficulty in arranging to use the features on which I did obtain patent. On the 5th, before leaving for my hunt, I received a letter from the Modern Equipment Co. of Michigan, in which they informed me they wished to manufacture my pump on a royalty basis. I mailed them pictures and informed them I would send blueprints and all particulars soon as the draftsman could make necessary changes. It was this work Thurber had been doing.

October 9th: I returned to the office this morning, little doing in business. I received a fine letter from Elwood. He has for some weeks been urging me and Harold to visit him and go hunting there about the 20th. I will go if I can arrange for it. In this letter I received answer from him relative to his memory regarding the settlement with him and Harold by me on the hog account Harold said was unpaid. Elwood says he does not remember whether I paid Harold or not, but that I did pay him in full for his share as agreed. Harold had asked me to pay him in stock in my pump business for $250.00, which he says is still due on the hogs purchased of him and Elwood in 1920. And he also asked to be repaid in the same way for money he had provided to assist in supporting me during my long sickness. While I had ever intended to well repay all my children for the much they did for me during my long indigence, I was somewhat surprised that Harold should ask to be recompensed for what he did to help at that time. It is right that I should pay him every dollar that may be due on any and every business deal, I hardly thought he would measure the help given me in my long distress by dollars and cents. I also offered to pay Elwood what I am and have been long owing him in the same way, but the spirit of his letter is far different from that of Harold's. They are both on file of this date. And will be kept for future use. Harold fails to consider that my dear children now at home and my dear wife have given every dollar they have earned, to the family's support and for my doctor's bills and support during these long four years, and that they have not saved one dollar for themselves beyond the bare necessities of clothing and food.
And they have been very poorly clothed, too, and they have sacrificed their pleasures and associations wholly for me during this long trying period. God being my helper, I shall reward them in a fitting way, both in this life and the life to come. Their pay will not be measured by a few dollars and cents. What I have left in this life beyond the payment of my just debts and a small sum to Lothair, Charlotte and Irene, a bit more to Elwood and Thatcher, shall all go to my dear wife and the children of hers who have sacrificed so much for me. Harold will have been paid in full, and that by his request now.

October 10th: I worked in the office all day yesterday and today. I received another letter from the Modern Equipment Co. of Michigan, in which they express repeated and earnest desire to manufacture my pumps. I cannot reply until word is received from Washington. This evening we attended a little dance social at Bro. Stoddard's out on Vine street. Bro. and Sister Roy Stoddard are returning to Utah.

October 11th, 1929: Again in the office. A little more show of business, but nothing of real value.

October 12th: In the office again. Little doing. I wrote to Harold and sent statement of accounts I have, and asked for more information about other claims he made. I reckoned up and found that he had advanced $102.00 during the years 1926, 27 and 28. I sent him a receipt in full for this. Letters and copy on file. Last night my dog "Don" gave birth to eleven pups, four of which were females. I fear one male will die because of neglect. She got under the porch where we could not get to her, and this little fellow was dropped out side by her in the early night cold. The car tires blew out again. No end of grief we have with that car and tires. Today Evelyn took Olive to Dr. Wilton to have her examined as to a swelling and great soreness she has in one of her breasts. I do hope and pray it will prove nothing serious. During early days of the months we received letters from Thatcher and Rulon. Thatcher is in poor health. Rulon and his are well. Having failed to speak of an account of $100.00 for breeding bill paid by Harold to Miles of Paradise Valley, and $55.00 paid to Greg Watts for pasture bill, as claimed in his letter, this morning when I wrote him, I have again written him saying I thought all of some such bill was paid to him in a horse I let him have, but that memory does not serve. If he will advise me more fully I will settle. I failed to tell him of a sum of $15.00 which he paid to James P. Hansen for me on an old potatoe account. I sent him a receipt for that, calling for pump interest of stock at par. This letter was mailed in the evening. In it I told him also that I would pay him stock or interest if he wished, for my share of expenses in the trip to Escalante, if we made it together and to let me know. See letter copy in file of even date.

October 13th, Sunday: Most of us attended Sunday School, had a good class and lesson. The day was spent at home by Evelyn and me, Otho, Mary and Owen went out for a ride and some fish, both of which they obtained and enjoyed. In the evening Evelyn
and Mary attended Sacrament meeting. I remained at home and
listened in over the radio to music and a Presbyterian sermon
delivered in Hollywood, Cal. Much was good and much was sac-
ricane and folly. We had this radio, a Majestic, put in on trial,
and we now expect to try several others, after which we may
buy one some time. This is a good instrument, and I enjoy it
very much because it is clear, and I can hear far better over
it than I can while sitting in an audience and listening to a
sermon or other programme.

October 14th: Went to the office this morning rather blue, as I
may have to discontinue my effort here because returns do not
even pay my expenses. I wrote a letter to Thatcher this morn-
ing. During the day I talked with Mr. Lewis of the Lewis Coal,
Feed and Seed Co., in effort to arrange for representing them
here in my office, and they in turn pay me $20.00 a month, which
would cover my present rental charge. They will answer before
Thursday. Today Olive visited Dr. Anderson, and he informed her
that her condition could be easily remedied and was due to causes
common in girls or young women. This makes me very happy.
Otho and Olive and Irene attended a picture show. Today Mary
purchased two Wardway Tires for our car, paying $20.30, for them
and inner tubes. I spent the evening with dear wife at home
listening over the radio. Bro. and Sister Waltman came to see
us a few minutes and informed us he was agent for a Radio and
if we were in the market would like us to try it, etc. They
brought 1st quarterly payment for their Babe's insurance I had
written.

October 15th: Went to the Office hoping and praying I could ar-
range with Mr. Lewis to represent him in selling coal. I called
him in and told him I must know right away. After a considerable
talk he concluded to accept my offer on condition that I would
keep my office open from 8:30 to 5 p.m. during my absence if I
went away. I talked the matter over with Mary and accepted his
counter offer. He will put in samples and signs right away. I
received a letter from Harold this morning. He is not sure he
can go to Escalante on the proposed hunt with Elwood, but will
advise me tomorrow, possibly by wire. See his letter in file.
I received a letter and Abstract of Title from E. A. Gardner of
Afton, Wyo., relative to two city lots he owns at Pingree, Idaho,
and wishes me to sell for him. He failed to pay postage
and I was taxed 12¢ measly cents to get his papers out of the
P.O. I acknowledge his letter. See file. This evening Bro.
and Sister Waltman called for us to go with them to the picture
show at the Pinneey. We did and saw the "Two Black Crows", but
I do not think it much good. On returning home at midnight,
found a telegram from Harold saying he could go on the hunt to
Escalante and for me to reply at once. I wired him that I would
meet him in Pocatello Thursday noon. We could reach Escalante
some time Saturday.

October 16th: Am in a quandry whether to go to Escalante or
not. Went to the office and had blueprints of pump drawings
made. Then wrote a letter and mailed them with a Foster report
to the Modern Equipment Co. I hope they will be properly impressed with them and that I will be able to close and carry on a profitable deal with them for the manufacture of my pumps. I wrote a card to Elwood telling him Harold and I would reach there some time Saturday afternoon. Mr. Lewis of the coal company called and we arranged an agreement whereby he was to pay me $20 per month to take orders for his coal. He will furnish all signs and advertising.

October 17th: This morning I left home and the dear ones there to join Harold at Pocatello. Olive was in poor health and dear wife was not well. I left home at 4 a.m., Owen driving me to the station. There I paid $3.44 R.R. fare to Pocatello and joined Harold shortly after 1 p.m. Found him and Lucy well. I saw Lawrence at the station in Pocatello, and he informed me Evelyn's mother was some better. I did not have time to call. I with Harold drove to Ogden and stayed with the folks there. We found them all, but Lavon, well and had a good visit. Next morning,

October 18th: we drove on to Salt Lake City where Lucy remained to visit with her folks. We called at Lothair's home, but all were away. We left Salt Lake shortly after noon and drove to Elsanore in San Pete Valley. We took room at the camp grounds.

October 19th: We broke camp early and drove to Marysvale for breakfast. Then on to Escalante for noon. There we found Glendora and babys well, but due to the fact that Elwood had not received our letters telling him we would come, he had gone the day before on his hunt with friends. I saw baby Byron Harvey the 3rd for the first time. He is a fine little fellow and wonderfully good. Glendora and Harold rustled all the afternoon to secure outfits for Harold and I to join Elwood with. He is 28 miles distant in a very rugged country. He had arranged for a man here to furnish us with outfits if we came, but this man, thru some misunderstanding, let them go before we got in, so we were left. Glendora and Harold located two horses and saddles for us so that we had hope of starting next morning, but due to the fact that the baby of a Mr. Shirts, close friend of Elwood's, had recently died, they were anxious to have him preach the funeral discourse. He was not accessible, and they were very desirous to have us preach it in Elwood's stead. We consented to remain for the funeral at 2 p.m. Harold spoke first and was excused. It being so late and the travel so difficult thru the deep canyon and over the rough rocks, I concluded to stay and let Harold go for Elwood, altho I preferred that he remain too and we try to get Elwood by phone. But he started with a guide and their horse gave out, so he had to return. Thus we have been deprived of both our hoped-for hunt and visit with Elwood thus far. We have travelled about 700 miles for this and all seems in vain.

October 20th: This morning Glendora got a phone message to Elwood at a ranch near where they were hunting, and he came home late this evening. During the afternoon Harold and I secured two mules of Pres. King and rode up the Escalante Creek some miles in search of game, but got nothing more than very sore
legs and buttocks. We returned to find Elwood home a little later. Today boots I had ordered from the Double-Wear Shoe Co. and had forwarded from Boise here came. They are fine boots—but too large. We had a fine visit with dear Elwood. His eyes are very bad, yet better than they have been.

October 21st, 1929: This morning Elwood took us up a dry canyon above Escalante about 20 miles, and we hunted the range for deer. I saw two, but they did not see any. Other hunters secured the deer I jumped and several more besides. We returned to Escalante late in the evening. Early this morning I awoke as usual about 5:30. But after thinking about dear ones at home and feeling bad over our failure in visit and hunt, I fell off to sleep and dreamed that Evelyn and I were sitting on the porch of a roughly-built log house, seemingly at Idaho City. She was sitting in a large home-made rocker, well cushioned, and I sat in a similar one near the wall, looking off down the street. A man came up the sidewalk and came directly onto the porch, up the rough steps. It seemed his coming was in some way expected; tho we had not seen the man before we seemed to know the purpose of his call to be to view or inspect some rock I had brought home to Boise, which I found while out hunting a week or so ago with Owen and Mr. Tolley. I had never thought the rock of any particular value, but was moved thru my usual curiosity to pick it up and bring it home and then place it in a jar in the pantry, telling Evelyn not to throw it out, because I might some time want to have it examined. When this man of my dream came, I felt the same way about it, but Evelyn said, "Harvey, you better get that rock and let the gentleman see it, hadn't you?" I turned and went into the house and brought out one of the largest lumps, one about the size of a small egg. I handed it to the man who had previously taken the chair I had offered. (He had a canvas bag hanging from his right shoulder down his left side, a bag something like that carried by newsboys.) When the man had taken the rock from me, he reached around into his canvas bag and took thence from a long pair of shears, very thin blades. As he raised them up he held the stone between the thumb and fingers of the left hand and holding the shears in his right hand, pushed them forward as if to cut the rock. That small piece of rock quickly enlarged to many times its former size, particularly in length. It seemed about 8 or 10 inches long and almost as large around as his arm. Then he put the shears to the end of the rock, he snipped off a small part. From the sheared and small particles of native, clear gold showed up plainly. He sheared off another thin part and much larger and many more spots of gold came into sight. He continued to make a number of clips, one after the other and each time there appeared many more and much larger pieces until near one-third of the smooth end of the rock was occupied by spots of bright gold in sizes from that of a grain of wheat to that of my thumb nail. I and Evelyn looked astounded at this thing. He turned to me and said, "You better make sure of this," or words to convey that meaning. I then said, "I will have thirty days." He replied in positive words, "No, 26." I understood these numbers to mean the days in which I would be given to do the thing he had suggested I do. Not another word
was spoken. The man arose, placed the shears in the canvas bag at his side, went down the steps, got onto a bicycle and rode off up the sidewalk. This dream greatly impressed me. I could not get it off my mind for more than a very few minutes at a time during the day. I did not like to tell it for fear I would be thought nutty or foolish, yet it so persisted in my thoughts that I told Harold about it. And he seemed so deeply impressed as I was with it. I concluded to have the rock assayed soon as I got home. There may be nothing either in the rock or the dream. The rock surely does not look to be of any value to me, yet who knows? None but the Lord.

October 22nd: This morning Glendora and Elwood woke us early and had breakfast ready so we could get an early start for home. But we had so much trouble in getting Harold's car started that we were delayed until after daylight. It is very cold this morning. Ice on all the small ditches. We bid Elwood and family a happy goodbye and left at 10 minutes to 7. There was a cold breeze blowing down the canyon, and when we reached the divide, it was so cold we gave up the short hunt we had contemplated here. We reached Widtsoe at 10 minutes to nine, a cold morning and desolate country. Just before reaching the antimony mines above Mary's Vale, four deer came bounding into the road not more than 75 yards distant. We had carried our guns out ready with some hope of sighting game until just before reaching Widtsoe. There we placed them in their scabbards and wrapped them up in bedding for the long trip home. When these deer so suddenly and unexpectedly appeared in the road ahead of us, we were wrapped in heavy overcoats, and by the time we got the car stopped and our guns out, the deer were ready to give us a run for our money. We shot several times, and I think Harold hit one, but our coats were so thick and bothersome that we did not make very creditable marks- men. We drove on to Marysvale for dinner and then on to Salt Lake and Lothair's home, where we found them all well.

October 23rd: We spent a pleasant evening with Lothair and family and friends last evening. Today Lucy, Harold's wife, came to join us, having tired of her visit with relatives. We spent day in many unprofitable ways. Lothair went to Idaho. I spent the evening at Dewey's and Viola's home, where I met cousin Alvin Allred and his wife, Effie. Then I went home with them for the night.

October 24th: This morning Alvin took me to see Bert, his brother, and an old friend of mine, Orville Child, who lived in Star Valley, and was once my assistant in the Stake Supety. of Religion classes there. We spent the evening at Lothair's with their friends and relatives. Lothair came home in the evening, having obtained a deer in Idaho through the help of friends there.

October 25th: Harold, Lucy and I left Salt Lake early, as we could get started, and arrived in Pocatello shortly after 4 p.m. Here I saw Lawrence and he brought mother to the station to see me. She is feeling some better, but is in bad condition with rheumatism. Harold and Lucy went on home to Blackfoot, and I took train at 5:45 for home. Where I arrived shortly after midnight and found all well but Olive. She is not much better.
October 26, 1929: Saturday I worked in the office where I found everything in very neat shape thru dear Mary's artistic and careful hand. She and Otho have well attended to the business during my absence.

October 27th, Sunday: This forenoon I attended High Council meeting and in the afternoon meetings of the Union meeting day. In the evening Evelyn and I attended meeting again in the Tabernacle.

October 28th: This morning I attended the Office and found a little prospect for some business. During the day I took the rock I found and dreamed about to the mineralogist, assayer.

October 29th: Today I continued office work. Yesterday Evelyn did a very large washing and is almost worn out. Olive is some better. I secured the assay of the mineral, and it shows $2.98 gold value and a trace of silver. This is in keeping with my dream that the first clip was small. This evening Otho wired Harold for me, telling him to make ready to leave Blackfoot immediately on close of his school Friday if he was interested, and that a letter would follow.

October 30th: I have tried hard to get a real deer hunt before the season closed, but there seems no chance. I wrote Harold this morning.

October 31st: This morning I with Evelyn and the older children concluded that I had better go to the mineral discovery and stake it out at earliest possible date for fear snow storms and winter would prevent later action. Otho concluded to go with me this afternoon, and return to his work before midnight. But I find I cannot get things ready and attend to office work that must be cared for before I leave. So I concluded to make ready and start early tomorrow morning and take Marvin with me. With this object in view, I purchased two shovels, two picks, a cro-bar and a sledge at the Junk House. Then I got a new drill hammer at the store. I also purchased two drills at the Junk House and had Charles Borup sharpen them and other tools. I purchased 10 lbs of Dynamite, 100 caps and 50 ft of fuse for blasting. We have arranged that Otho will accompany Harold up to the ledge Saturday morning if Harold comes.

November 1st: This morning Marvin and I started out for the ledge above Idaho City at ten minutes to five o'clock. We reached Idaho City just as the sun came up. We had no trouble, and after purchasing a fry pan, we had forgotten ours, went on up the hills to the camp near as we could get to the discovery. We experienced some difficulty in negotiating some of the travel because there was no road. But we made it okay and prepared an early dinner. Then reached the ledge at about noon. We found its appearance more promising than it had appeared to me in the few minutes I looked it over when on my deer hunt on the 10th of last month. I put up Claim Notices on four corners, and discovery monuments at both ends of a 1500 ft. Claim for myself and named it the
Raphiel Load. I then staked off the corners and East end Discovery monument for a claim for Harold. I named his the Providence Load. We worked and traveled hard until evening. Uncovered a part of the ledge and it appeared to my inexperienced eye to promise something pretty good. We retired thanking the Lord for His blessings, praying for our loved ones and that He would stay the storm which then threatened. I dated my discovery monuments of this date, November 1st, 1929.

November 2nd: Marvin and I were out early, after a rather bad night's rest for me, had our breakfast and made for our work in completing the staking and some digging. At about noon Harold and Otho arrived, during our absence from the diggings and while we were completing the corner monuments on the East end of my claim. They seemed well pleased with appearances, and we all set to work in earnest and hard to uncover some of the rock as low down, or far down as we could. We got in one small blast which worked very well, and we found good appearing rock which we took samples of. Then hid our tools and made fruitless effort to locate the ledge farther West on Harold's Claim. Just as dark came on we marked a tree on the crest of the next hill West from the Discovery monument, marking 1000 ft. Westerly from the monument. We concluded that inasmuch as Otho must return home for his work, Harold could remain only a small part of tomorrow and as it is Sunday, we would all return to Boise tonight, and I would return within ten days, make farther search for the ledge on the West end of Harold's claim, if found stake it, and complete the assessment work on both, which must be done within 60 days from date of discovery, if we are to hold the claims. We fear storms and winter will come on and prevent our completion of title. I arrived at home in Boise about 10 o'clock, found all well. I am very, very tired and so sore I can hardly move. Harold has traded his Durant car for a fine Ford, Cabrolet. I wish I could ever own such a car fully paid for.

November 3rd: Harold and a Miss who rode down with him, started back to Blackfoot. Evelyn and I attended Sacrament and fast meeting. Olive is at Bro. Waltman's home where she has been since Friday evening. She is some better. In the evening Evelyn and I remained at home and listened in over the radio left with us, to a discourse by Orson F. Whitney of Quorum of Twelve Apostles, and other good programmes.

November 4th: I returned to the office work and found everything in good shape thru Mary's, Otho's and Beth's care. This afternoon I took the samples of rock to the assayer, and he spoke highly of their promise in values when developed. And assay showed a slight increase in gold value and considerable in silver. Gold was $3.10 and silver .36¢. The minerologist tells me he would continue the investigation to at least ten feet in depth. He says the rock is Pyrolite, the same as that found in Idaho's richest gold mine in the Boise basin. I wrote letters to Elwood and Thatcher. We received a fine letter from Rulon saying he had passed his school examinations successfully and was now a full-fledged doctor awaiting his State certificate for
practice. This hopes to obtain in January. This is a very happy culmination of the dear boy’s long, hard and faithful struggle. I most earnestly pray God to make him a real success in His hands for good among his fellows.

November 5th: I am at the office again. Wrote a letter to Harold suggesting early and definite action in the matter of securing our claims, providing he wishes to continue on with it at all. I suggested that he and Elwood, Thatcher and Morris provide at least $7.50 per day for the work while I devote my time and furnish food, and blasting material. I suggested that we use a part of the $25.00 which he sent, and I now have on hand for the purpose of promoting patents on an aeroplane which I have long thought of, and believe I can build. Mary is off her work today and is helping mother prepare to entertain some friends in a Rook party this evening.

November 6th: Mother and Mary worked hard yesterday in cleaning house and putting up a heater so we did not have the talked of home party. I finished putting up the heater. It was a job to get the pipe up, as it made two turns and passed once through a partition wall before entering the chimney. This morning Bro. Winch came to look over some carpenter work required to put in thin folding doors between the large downstairs rooms and the open stairway, that we might better hold the heat. He promises to get them in today, and at a price not to exceed $7.00 which the Day Realty Co. authorized me to have it done for. Rain and some hail fell during the night, and it continues damp all day. Mary stayed at the office for an hour for me while I looked up locations of land on which my claim is located near Idaho City. I received a card from Harold saying he could not get the rock he took home assayed there, and urging me to have it done quickly and send him report. That went forward yesterday. Yesterday I engaged a man named Albert Mabee to help me work out the assessments on the claims, in the event we go it. He is to work for 12½¢ an hour and his board, unless I find the claim develops into something good. Then I have agreed to pay him 50¢ an hour and his board. The poor fellow has no employment and can buy but one meal a day. He is about starved. Today is Lothair’s birthday. I hope and pray his health is good and that he will live many years a very useful life.

November 7th: At the office this morning, sold a little coal and mailed letters Mother and I had written to dear Rulon. It was very cold this morning, and some wind kept up most of the day. The man who promised to work with me on the mining claim has not put in an appearance, and I am thus far unable to locate him.

November 8th: I completed preparation for the trip to Idaho City and work on the claims. Harold sent an additional $10.00 and told me to use $20.00 from the $25.00 he had advanced to help with airplane models for patent. I banked this all and secured a separate checkbook in which I will keep strict account of this moneys spending. I am unable to locate Mabee, and have tried hard to find a man to take his place. At last a Bro.
Campbell called at my office, having been directed by E.H. Harris whom I had asked to assist in finding help for me. He could not leave town because of his wife's sickness, but George Allred, a distant relative, consented to go with me for one hour. We got started from Boise at 3 p.m. Marvin accompanying me too. After a rather cold ride we safely arrived at our camp grounds near the claims, well after dark. Got supper and put up two teepee tents I had borrowed from E.H. Harris and Frank Smith.

November 9th: I commenced work on the Lode just as the sun came up, with high hopes and very much interest. The day continued quite warm, clear and pleasant. We accomplished considerable, but the drills I had sharpened by Charles Borup either break off or soon become blunt because of the hard rock. The farther we go down the better the rock appears to us.

November 10th: Sunday morning, yet I continue work because I fear storms will come and we will be hindered in completing our development work required by law. We progressed nicely, considering the hardness of the rock and bad drills. George Allred is a good worker and very good company too. During the day we broke upon new and additional space in our veins of ore. The veins continue to grow wider, harder and more promising. During the afternoon we broke into a face of the vein. The whole front of about 2 x 3 ft was thickly studded in veins and pockets with a bright mineral which we take to be native silver. It is about the most beautiful thing I ever saw, and I am so delighted and full of real hope that I have really found something good that I can hardly conceal my delight and eagerness. The apparent good fortune so impressed me that I cannot go to sleep. The night is cold.

November 11th: Armistice Day, and we commenced work in the cold morning just as the sun came up over the beautiful east mountains. The vein continues to improve in its beauty, being frequently marked with seams and pockets of what appears to us to be pure gold, all or most of it in small granules. Some of this we picked from the pockets and placed in paper to carry home, but George slipped and spilled all we had gathered. I believe we could gather a teaspoon full from the small pockets that appear on the face of the ledge as each blast exposes its face. The rock is very hard and these spots and veins of what appears to us to be silver and gold appear all over its face. A beautiful sight and one to make my heart glad and thankful. This morning Marvin and I continued the search for the east end of the Lode on Harold's claim. We found it well defined on the second mountain ridge to the South of our Discovery monuments late last evening. This morning we marked it out and measured our side lines, placing marks on very appropriate trees 300 feet distant on each side from the middle of the ledge. Then we measured the distance from an old cabin in the South fork of Steam Boat Creek canyon on the south to our Discovery monument on the crest of the ridge above, and found it to be 600 feet. In the evening George, Marvin and I measured the distance from our Discovery monuments North to another old tumble-down cabin in the
East fork of Steam Boat Creek canyon and found it to be about 1250 feet almost due North of our monument. Late this afternoon we run into a very hard and smoothe rock which covered the entire floor of our little shaft, about 4 x 5 ft. I at once became very much concerned and fearful that this wall marked the limit of our vein, and that we had no quantity of mineral on top of this floor that would be worth working. I began to despair the fulfillment of my dream, which so few minutes before seemed almost to be fulfilled in the minerals that showed up so beautifully in the face of the exposed ledge. George felt too that we were at the end of our quest. I concluded to put in another shot and break this hard, smoothe floor up, that I might know its content. It was found to be the very hardest rock we had worked. Two more of our drills broke short off. We finally got in an 18 in. hole, put in a shot and blew up a nice part of this floor. When we approached the shaft after the fumes had cleared away, it was with much fear that our former fears would be confirmed; but to my great joy I found the material thrown out even more promising than any I had taken from the ledge above it. This was in so far as my unexperienced eye could judge. I was again in a heaven of ecstasy and hope. I felt sure we had found a real success. Yesterday and last night it snowed a little on us and this morning the mountain peaks about us are covered with snow. But this evening it turned very cold.

November 12th: We were early at our work. I spent a very cold and bad night obtaining but a very little sleep, and I am so sore and stiff from my mountain climbing and digging on the mine that I can hardly get back up the mountain to the work. I think I spent the coldest night in bed of my whole life. I could get no sleep until I lighted the lantern and put it under the quilts of my bed. I fell to sleep then just after the mill whistle blew at 5 o'clock and slept until six. We concluded to cease work when the shaft on my claim is completed, showing 160 cu-ft. excavated, which we did just about 1 p.m. We had to do this because we had but two blunt drills left, others being broken, and we are out of almost all food. I have had nothing but tomatoes that I should have eaten for two days, and there is not enough variety for George and Marvin, so we must quit for the present. We hid my camp kit boxed near our camp on the side hill behind a bush, and pulled out at 3 o'clock. We reached Idaho City in about half an hour and there I met Mr. Berry, the Forest Ranger, and from him learned the location of my claim and Harold's Claims, as to legal subdivision and creeks near which it is located. I then filed my claim in the Recorder's Office and wanted to file Harold's telling the Recorder that the location work was completed on mine, but was not finished on Harold's yet, but would be before the 60 day's time had expired. She informed me that inasmuch as we had located the claims with all monuments, we did not need to do any more work for one year. This was considered the first year's assessment or claim work. I informed her that I did not have that understanding of the law but was very glad to know this was correct, because we would not be under the necessity of returning to the work in this cold weather, but could do it when warm
weather in the summer made it more comfortable. She again assured me this was correct and we need do no more. I obtained blanks to send to Harold which the Recorder instructed me to fill out and have him sign, then return to her with $2.00 recording fee, and no more would be required for one year. We left Idaho City at 4:30 p.m. It is very cold. We arrived home about 7 p.m. very cold, but found all well. I was overjoyed to tell the family and show them what I felt was evidence of our success.

November 13th: Letters this morning from Elwood, Thatcher and Harold. All well. I took the mineral to the assayer and he pronounced it very good looking stuff, and said it should assay very well. He took two samples, one from the red iron rock and the other from the white crystal-like rock in which the shining mineral appeared. But I was very much disappointed when he informed me this bright substance was not silver but was a certain kind of iron that always accompanied the better gold-bearing rock. This made me feel somewhat better, but could not make up for the hope inspired in me by the belief that this substance was silver. I wrote a letter to Harold, giving in detail all that had occurred. I left it to finish when the assay is completed this afternoon. This morning I received a letter from the Modern Equipment Company saying they could not consider the contract to manufacture my pumps on a royalty basis, after a careful study of my blueprints, because the cost of equipment, the fine and close handwork required in their construction would make their cost prohibitive. I was much surprised that they should give such a reason, for it is the first time that has ever been named by a manufacturer, yet before I opened the letter I had a premonition that they had declined to give the matter further consideration. This adverse report seemed to presage a similarly discouraging report on the assay of my mineral, and when I called for the assay I found to my very great disappointment this is correct, for one sample assayed only a few cents, 20¢, more than the last assay, and sample 2 assayed less in gold than any hitherto made. The mineralogist said he was much disappointed and surprised, for he expected this to show at least $10 or $12 values. He gave me some encouragement, however, in saying that the rock bore evidence of improvement and promised better showing a little farther down. Yet he would not advise me positively to go farther with it. Yet he said he felt sure that a very little farther down I would strike another, some kind of "-ite" which always bore paying quantities of gold in Idaho Basin, and that inasmuch as the rock continued to grow much harder, that was another good evidence of paying material below, particularly if the small veins and pockets continued to show up throughout the veins. I do not think these have been quite so evident in that rock taken from the hard floor as it was above that, however. I am not sure of that as I do not remember positively. Yet, they do not show up so frequently in the samples I have. I now recall the fact that the assayer mixed rock from the veins, not more than a foot or eighteen inches below the other white samples assayed ten days ago, with a piece of that taken from below the hard floor. Just what effect this would have on
increasing values I cannot say. He informed me that if I would secure some of the small granules from the pockets of which I thought was gold he would assay it to determine whether or not it really was gold. If it was found to be this mineral, should assay perhaps several hundred dollars in values. I will try to obtain some of this from the samples I have. This evening I returned down-hearted to my office and finished my letter to Harold, prepared his blank for signing and went home at 9 p.m. I brought Evelyn down to her meeting as I came to the office. This is a sad day, a day of keen disappointment to me.

November 14th: I find much consoling satisfaction in the rest I obtain in my warm bed with my dear wife. This morning I mailed Harold's letter, after having first inquired of the State Mine Inspector about the correctness of the County Recorder's statement that we did not need to do any more work on our claims for one year. He informed me this information was not correct, that we must complete that digging on both claims within 60 days time provided by law. Of this I wrote Harold a few words on the outside of his envelope. This again changes conditions and may decide our failure. I then wrote to the Recorder at Idaho City telling her of the State Mine Inspector's instruction and calling her attention to the emphatic advice she had given quite to the contrary. I wrote to Elwood. I also wrote to the Modern Equipment Company, trying to show them why they were at fault in the premises upon which their decision was based, and asking them if they could build two small working Models of the pump, as they once informed me they could, and if they could also build a model screw for my airplane model. Little of any real consequence occurs in the real estate or coal business. I have two fairly good prospects now on.

November 15th: Last evening Olive visited the doctor again. She does not seem quite so well. We had no end of trouble last evening with smoking stoves and fireplace, due chiefly to sooty coal purchased of Lewis Fuel and Feed Co., the same I am now selling for them. I must quit soon as I can arrange fairly to do it. Last evening Bro. Tolley and wife spent the evening with us, devoted mostly to playing Rook. My back is in a very bad condition. It is badly swollen about the left kidney and causes me much distress. I am very sore and stiff so I can hardly move about. Due I hope to my hard work and the exposure at the mines. This morning I received a nice letter from Rhea. They are well. Morris had gone to Salt Lake City. I wrote another letter to Harold, explaining Necessity of doing development work within the 60 days. See file of this date. I received a letter from Lacey & Lacey, which I answered. See file of even date. I wrote a letter to Walter Berry, U.S. Forest Ranger at Idaho City, asking his help in locating someone who would do the needed work on our claim this Fall. It continues very cold. I would dislike very much to have to do that work and camp out now in the mountains. I received a letter from Mr. Brown of Moore, Idaho, saying they would leave there today to come here and look over a property offered in exchange for their Leslie store. I do most earnestly hope and pray I can make this deal. Little else seems to be doing in a business way.
November 16, 1929: Lee Nichols called at our home as usual to stay while he works this part of his territory. I sold a ton of coal today. Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Brown came in from Arco. This morning I took them to look at the Beal property. They have many complaints to make relative to it. They promise to meet with Mr. Beal at my office Monday evening. I wrote to Harold yesterday.

November 17th: Sunday. I remained at home this morning and erected a small fence to hold the little dogs in. They are making such a mess about the coal house that I will have to change their location. We spent the day at home reading and enjoying a good dinner that Evelyn prepared. In the evening we went to Sacrament meeting where Bros. Edgley and Kloepfer spoke very well. After the meeting we went to Vern Waltman's place and listened in over his radio to a discourse by Apostle Whitney in Salt Lake City.

November 18th: I received a letter from Harold last evening. He is as much and perhaps more enthused and hopeful over the mine possibilities than I am. He said he would likely come down at Thanksgiving time, and try to get Morris and Rhea to come too. I wrote Harold and Rhea today urging them to come if possible. I was very busy today, writing fire insurance for Mrs. Bessie Thomas of Gooding and Auto insurance for Lee Nichols. Br. Walker called to consider the purchase of the Tiss ten acres, but finally concluded not to purchase it because of disadvantages connected with High School studies in that district. They left for home late in the evening. In the evening at 6:15 Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Mr. Beal met at my office and talked over a proposed exchange of properties. Mr. Beal has promised to go and look at Mr. Brown's property at Leslie, Idaho, about Thanksgiving time. I earned $1.50 today, or rather got that much. I will have more when I collect on insurance written today. Evelyn washed today. I have a very bad cold in my head, and am in much distress. We spent the evening at home. Lee Nichols, Owen and I playing pinochle.

November 19th: I spent a pretty bad night, and my cold is very distressing this morning. I repaired the choker on the car, took my woolen suit to the cleaner and moped about the office until noon. Evelyn attended her meeting in the evening. Owen was the only member of the family who attended M.I.A. meetings.

November 20th: I wrote out insurance for Mrs. Thomas on her furniture now in Gooding, $1000 insurance, Premium $10.80, and mailed it to her. Little or no business during the day. I am so sick and full of pain that I can hardly keep up. This evening Lee Nichols returned from his West end sales trip. Evelyn went to another of her meetings. During the evening Otho, Lee and I played Pinochle. It is quite cold. Little Clarence got to monkeying with the motor meter on our car and put the machine out of commission, so we will have to get it repaired before we can use it again.

November 21st: I rode to the office this morning with Lee Nichols as our car is on the blink. Lee is on his way homeward. I sent some samples of mineral rock to Harold by him. I received
a letter from Harold this morning expressing his hope and confidence in the mine venture. I answered his letter. I also received a letter from Mr. Berry, Forest Ranger, at Idaho City, recommending a Mr. Roy Call for the work we may need done in mine location. I wrote Mr. Call to see if he would make a bid on it in the event we should want it done. It is quite cold all day. I feel some better today, but rather punk yet. Yet I rested well most of last night. The dear little children are almost driven wild by a severe breaking out on their skin which has an almost unbearable itching. It seems to be contagious, as it has spread to many members of our family. But Modine seems to suffer the worst thus far.

November 22nd: I had a better rest last night. Olive is not so well. She has a very bad cold. Mother dear is ailing too. Her back is so bad and she is troubled with her stomach too. There was absolutely nothing doing in a business way in the office today. I purchased a Popular Mechanics Magazine, and from it obtain names and addresses of five manufacturers to whom I wrote about building a model pump and model cone screw for my airplane. I received a letter from the Brickner-Kroff Machine Co. of Muskegon, Michigan, saying the matter of building a working model of my pump had been referred to them by the Modern Equipment Co. Thus this company who promised so much to begin with proves either unwilling or unable to do anything in the matter. In writing them and the other manufacturers, I asked for references before sending blueprints. I wrote them all of my desire to have the pumps built either on a royalty basis or a piece basis. I helped Evelyn about the house a bit after reaching home. Owen and Beth and Mary attended a dance tonight at the Tabernacle. I found Olive much worse on reaching home this evening.

November 23rd: I believe I had the hardest coughing spell of my life last night after taking my bath and retiring. It nearly done me up. Olive is a bit better this morning, but Evelyn is bad, suffering with stomach and back. There is no business it seems of any kind. I am so sick that I can hardly sit in the office. I wrote to Lee Nichols, sending him application and doctor's report blanks for his use in applying for insurance. He requested them, and also that if I disposed of any more interest in the pump to give him the chance of buying. I informed him that I would sell some more to meet manufacturing expenses, etc., and he could now buy if he wished at par value. I received a nice letter from Harold. He seems to grow more and more enthused about the mine prospects. He had not received my last letter written. I wrote two letters to advertisers, one for inquiry regarding manufacturers of steel piping. I have thought that it would be possible to have the case of my pumps built from steel tubing, which now has great strength, and thus save much weight and provide a rubber lining, or a metal lining that could be renewed when worn, and thus save discarding the case when worn and permitting slip of water. Yesterday Barr N. Smith, Pres. of Seventies, called on me twice to discuss programme preparation for our coming Priesthood conference, on Dec. 1st. Meeting is appointed for 9 a.m. tomorrow. Our car is out of commission, and I will leave the office a little earlier than usual that I may try to fix it.
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November 25th: I continued in the office during the week, working with one or two prospects for exchange, and writing letters and sending blueprints to various manufacturers for estimates on cost of building Models of my pump and manufacturing same for market. I received a letter and card or two from Harold. He has been quite sick with bad cold.

November 26th: Continue routine work. I am in much pain, suffering more than any can know with my broken chest bone and the awful cough and cold. I received a letter from Lacey & Lacey, advising the filing of applications for foreign patents before the six months from date of allowance of my patent has expired. I wrote them and sent $10.00 Cashier's Check, which Harold had sent to apply on Air Plane Screw Model building, as first payment on preparation of Canadian patents application. Balance of $75.00 is to be sent when papers are signed and returned to them for completion.

November 27th: Dear Evelyn's birthday. She is feeling very bad with cold and pains in her back and legs. A birthday cake was prepared by mother's and the girls' hands for her birthday dinner, which we at home ate together this evening. I have no means with which I can purchase even a small token of remembrance for her.

November 28th: Proclaimed National Thanksgiving Day. Office and stores are closed. Last evening I made ready to go to the mine if Harold comes last night or today, but just after we got the car fixed so it would run, Otho went out for a duck hunt with it and had a collision near Nampa, mashing things up in pretty bad shape. So we are again without the use of the car. Evelyn and the girls prepared a Thanksgiving dinner which was relished by all of us at 2 p.m. We thanked God that our numbers were unbroken and we had been clothed and fed for another year; but we have most earnestly prayed that the blessing of good health may be added to us the coming year. A letter from Harold says he has been quite sick with threatened attack of pneumonia. It is best all round for us that we did not attempt the trip. My condition is such that it would be very unwise for me to endure the exposure incident to that trip and work at the mine.

November 29th: We took the car to Borup for repairs yesterday and he got it ready for use this afternoon. Owen brought it home. I passed a very bad night last night, but went again to the office and wrote several letters and mailed blueprints.

November 30th: At the office again after another bad night. I am in such distress I can hardly hold my head up or sit in my chair. This afternoon I took Mr. Dell Jenkens to look at Charles McCarthy's home in South Boise with an object of trading his mountain dry farm for it. Jenkens is well pleased. McCarthy will inspect his place tomorrow, and if as well pleased, a trade will be consummated. Last Wednesday evening a Stake Presidency and High Council meeting was held and a Bishop decided upon for the Boise 1st Ward. The man I had proposed for that
position when Ep. Worthington was appointed three years ago and again proposed for the position in the event it was deemed best to select a man who is now resident of the Ward. But I proposed that a comparative stranger be selected, believing he would meet with less trouble in something over difficulties, and I proposed the name of a good man who was considered at some length, but the other, a member and resident of the ward, was decided upon.

December 1st: A special Priesthood meeting was called at 8:45 this morning. But due to the fact that our car is again on the bum, and I missed the next streetcar, I was half an hour late. A good meeting was held. Elder Joseph Fielding Smith of the Twelve was in attendance and gave some good instruction. The next session of our Quarterly conference convened at 10 a.m. A good meeting was had, parts of the programme consisting of five minute talks by brethren selected from the various Priesthood Quorums. Evelyn's hands are full with her many duties connected with her Relief Society Stake Presidency. She being 2nd Counselor to Sister Martineau. Another meeting session was held at 2 p.m. to which we were again late. This time because Barr N. Smith forgot his promise to call for us in time. At the Seventies meeting I spoke about 30 mintues. I am so very weak I can hardly stand. It is with much difficulty that I have been able to sit throughout our meetings today. I had to abandon attendance at evening meeting. This evening I had my office fixtures moved home because I am unable to attend my work there longer.

December 2nd: I passed a very bad night. Wrote letter forms and mailed some blueprints to the Johns Engineering Co. In the evening Rex Thurber called by appointment and we went over details of drawings I wanted changed for my Pump Screw and details of a drawing I want him to make of the Airplane Screw Model. I have passed a day of much unhappiness as well as pain.

December 3rd: Twenty-eight years ago today my dear wife Lottie passed away at Blackfoot, the result of rough and drunken treatment of Dr. Hoover in her childbirth. O, what an awful day that 3rd of December was to me and has continued to be ever since. It is the nightmare of my wakeful hours during the years that have intervened. If I cannot soon get well and be of use to my family, instead of a burden, I hope to go to my Lottie very soon. O God, please grant my prayer to either heal or take me! I wrote to Thatcher today and answered a letter from a California customer who listed property with me.

December 4th: I continued to feel very bad and suffer much pain. Had little rest last night. Olive is feeling little better, and is often taken to the doctors. Dr. Herald Nokle, now with Dr. Pittenger, has kindly desired to treat Olive and wishes to have her taken to the hospital a few days, that they may better determine the seat of her troubles. He has even promised to do this work and provide hospital room and care without cost to us. It seems a blessing offered of God thru this good man.
December 5th: I rested some better last night. Dr. Noke extended invitation to me thru Evelyn for me to come to his office for an examination of my case, with promise that he would treat me without charge, and said he felt sure he could cure me of my ailments. I am a bit suspicious of doctors in general, but I believe this one is another good man and doctor and that I will accept his kind offer. While we were all sitting about the fire reading, or others at their usual daily tasks, Morris and Rhea with their little ones came in, having driven here from Blackfoot today. They are well except that Morris is very hoarse and can hardly speak loud enough to be heard. We are so glad to see them and the dear new and lovely baby girl, Donna Mae. They report Harold better and Lucy well. We spent a very happy evening together.

December 6th: Harold sent a letter by Morris and $10.00, desiring that we go to the mine and do his location work and he pay expenses incident thereto. This is in keeping with our former understanding and perfectly agreeable to me, but my health and general physical condition is such that I dare not undertake the trip, work and exposure that is sure to accompany them. So we concluded to wait until Monday for that reason and I did not wish to work or travel there again on Sunday. There is no definite understanding between Morris and Harold as to what his interest shall be in consideration for this work, but I told Morris that if he felt to undertake and do it, I believed a claim would be located for him and I would help him do it. I rested better last night.

December 7th: I feel some better today and have concluded to accept Dr. Noke's kind offer to examine and treat me, so I went to him this afternoon. And while he pronounced my heart in very bad condition he said he could help me and would be glad to do so. He gave me a small bottle of medicine to be taken in teaspoon-full doses morning and night. We have also concluded to accept his kind offer in Olive's behalf and take her to the hospital Monday.

December 8th: I did not feel able to go to Sunday School but went with Mother, Morris and Rhea and Morris' cousin Howard Kunz, to evening meeting which was a Ward M.I.A. Conference. They had a very good meeting, but I was so tired and nervous that I had to go out before its close.

December 9th: I got everything possible ready Saturday for our trip to the mines today, and inasmuch as I am feeling much better, we started out at 1:20 p.m., having secured necessities except tire chains for Morris' car, and I felt very uneasy about undertaking this trip without chains, for it is raining here today, rained some yesterday, and I fear will be very wet in the mountains; but Morris felt we would be able to get along without them, so we pulled out and traveled to Idaho City over very wet roads and in constant falling rain, which increased in volume as we drew nearer our destination. We started up the mountain road above Idaho City without chains despite my many times expressed
and assurance that we could not possibly make it. At the first
hill the car sank so deep and slipped so in the mud that we
could not make it. There we were stuck, the rain pouring down
and with no hope of going either back or forward without chains,
or something to serve their purpose. We concluded that Morris
would return to Idaho City and if he could not borrow chains,
he would buy large rope which we had hope might serve, altho
we had quickly worn out one wrapping of smaller rope down the
canyon below Idaho City. He tramped to and from town in a steady
downpour of rain, bringing back $1.55 worth of half inch rope.
This we wrapped about the tires and wheels and with this help
began to climb slowly upward, but there was several bolts pro-
truding from the left hind fender which cut the rope to pieces
very soon. We again wrapped this wheel and went slowly on our
way until we reached the last hill we had to climb. Here the
rocks and fender bolts cut all the rope off the wheels, and we
stuck in the deep mud, ruts and running water. In our effort to
extricate the car, (it was fast growing dark) Morris forgot to
place the brakes on. When we had pried the car loose, it ran
backward down the hill and climbed the upper side of the road,
on the hill until it seemed a miracle the car stayed right side
up. But it did, for which we were very thankful even tho wet,
cold and surely stuck on this mountainside. We got out the tent
and raised it best we could on the side hill, carried our bed-
ding (which had already got wet before reaching Idaho City, where
I borrowed a heavy tarp of Mr. Baird, the Forrest Ranger), with
supplies in the tent, prepared a supper the best we could and
went to bed. Morris wet thru above and below. I fared much
better as he did most of the hard work and I was not so much ex-
posed to the rain. We said our prayers and thanked God matters
were not worse.

December 10th: It rained all night, hardly ceasing a minute. But
the tent kept us and our bedding from getting much wetter. This
morning we concluded we could not get the car out without chains,
and that Morris should walk to Idaho City and beg, buy or steal
some if that were possible. If not, order a pair from Boise sent
to us. In the morning I walked up to my old camp grounds and
secured some of my cooking utensils and dishes. We had eaten
our supper without plates, spoons, cups, or knives, other than
pocket knives. Morris walked to and from town having ordered
chains sent up from Boise. He purchased some bread too. After
eating dinner and making camp as presentable as possible, we walked
up to the mine, selected a site on which to dig Harold's location
work and commenced the task, the rain almost steadily pouring
down part of the time. Yet we had a few hours in which there was
some respite. We walked the long distance back to camp, wet,
cold and hungry. I was hardly able to drag in, tho I was not
so wet as Morris was.

December 11th: This morning we placed the car wheel on skids
and pried it down nearly straight in the road. During the tip
the gas tank was so nearly upside down that nearly all our gas
ran out. We saved about three quarts in a lard bucket and a
little left in the tank. We ate a hurried dinner and Morris
tramped back thru the mud and rain, about four miles, to Idaho
City. He obtained a good set of chains shipped us by Sears and
Roebuck thru Evelyn's assistance when Morris phoned her yesterday. We placed them on the car. I had already carried brush and pine limbs with which I corduroyed the ruts for a considerable distance, and I threw tons of rocks into the deepest ruts. We tried the car first without load and successfully negotiated the first hard climb. We then backed up on the hillside and carried our things up the hill and loaded them in the car. We started and stuck again, but after filling the ruts with pine needles, carried from the forest on the hillside, we made it up and over the divide to our old camp. Here we felt more at home and we surely were more comfortably located, tho our camp was wet and bedding was very damp. And we had moisture liberally scattered over our apparel wherever it could get thru the mud. We staked our tent, unloaded and hurriedly made our way up the hill to the mine where we worked until darkness began to fall, all the time in the steady downpour of rain. We went to bed more hopeful and believed the rain would cease.

December 12th: Nearly all night the rain poured down. I have never seen a more steady and insistent rain in Idaho. The ground was so wet we had difficulty in walking about except on the hillside in pine needles, rocks or grass. We worked until after 12 o'clock in a steady downpour of rain. We are drenched to the skin, tired, cold and much crestfallen. We concluded to return to camp, get some dinner, secure the trap we had borrowed at Idaho City and carry it up the mountain and stretch it over the pit for shelter, that Morris might work on into the night until the digging was finished. I was very sick, with pain in my stomach, a looseness of bowels, and so fagged that I could hardly drag one foot after the other. But Morris felt strong and despite the rain and heavy toil, worked on, while I kept fires for light and heat for our Coffee-Hag, which I boiled and carried to him when he would rest. He was sheltered from the rain, and this is a mighty relief. He completed the hole about 7:30. It was dug 3 and 1/2 ft deep on an average, 4 ft 2 inches wide and 11 ft long, making 164 cu-ft. of excavation across the vein, 4 ft more than the law requires. With very tired bodies and heavy loads we trudged back to camp. The rain had let up a little during the early evening. We ate our supper sheltered by the tent, and because of our wet bedding and clothing and our very tired bodies, and because we feared the rain would not let up soon, we concluded to load up and pull out tonight if possible. We got all things but a few camp utensils, aboard at 11 o'clock. Tried to start the car, and she balked very completely on us. We twisted her tail, poured water in her ears, and did everything we heard of before but all in vain. So we spent the balance of the night sitting up in the car trying to get some sleep and a little warmth from the lighted lantern between our feet.

December 13th: After a bad night spent, we concluded that I should start for Idaho City and there obtain a team and man to help Morris out. We concluded that I instead of Morris, should make the trip this time, as it would not be really necessary for me to return. Otherwise he would again have to make the walk both ways. I started out at 6 o'clock, carrying the lantern and
a shelter over my back and shoulders. This I had manufactured this morning after 5 o'clock from an old grub box. I made that tedious and very trying trip of about four miles in just 2 hours, after many attempts to rest on a rock, stump, tie or the mud sidehill. I never came so nearly failing in my life as I did today in failing to reach Idaho City. But I made it, stumbled into the hotel and ordered a hot drink which was quickly forthcoming at the hands of the hostess whose acquaintance I made while here over a year ago. She was very kind and solicitous. I soon recuperated so that I could trudge forth in search of a Mr. Bumgartner, whom I had been told had good horses and the possible good will to make the trip. He consented, starting out at 9 o'clock. I slept and tried to rest in my chair, relaxed before a very comfortable fire. At 11 o'clock, Mr. Bumgartner returned, having met Morris on the way down. Morris had finally started the car and successfully negotiated the bad hills and roads. He also had to cut and drag three large trees which had fallen over the road during the storm. The hired man helped him with the last one, but did nothing else to assist. When I went to settle with him he felt justified in making a charge of $5.00 for the 2 hour's trip. Morris and I got a warm breakfast at the hotel and restaurant. This greatly strengthened us. We purchased gas and started for home at 11:20 a.m. The weather cleared, and it with the bright sun seemed to laugh at the troublesome pranks they had played on us. We reached home a little after 1 p.m., round all dear ones but Olive well. She was taken to the hospital Monday morning before we left for the hills and has been there ever since. Yesterday she underwent an operation for removal of her tonsils. Evelyn reports her doing fairly well, but sore and with considerable hemorrhage. I at once ate a little and went to bed, a might sore, tired and worthless makeshift of a man. Morris and his cousin Howard have thus far been unsuccessful in obtaining an opening for their demonstration sales. It does not seem very encouraging. Morris is trying to secure a small house to rent.

December 14th: This morning I feel very much better, in fact so much better and free from my cold and cough that it is a very happy surprise to me. Olive was brought home from the hospital at 9 o'clock this morning. She is very weak and nervous. Her throat is badly swollen and sore, but after obtaining sleep, which she had not done for the last 24 hours, she felt much better. I wrote letters to Thatcher, Rulon and Harold; we have received nice letters and a card from Thatcher, Elwood and Rulon. Rulon and his are reported well and prospering and very hopeful. Elwood's baby, B. H. 3rd, is not well. Thatcher's little girl, Joan, is not well. Others are okey. I received the papers for filing my application for patents on my pump in Canada from Lacey and Lacey. I do not have sufficient money on hand to pay the balance of their fee, $65.00 now, so must hold the papers until I can secure this sum. I received and answered a good letter from The Goodrich Rubber Co. about my pump and their assistance given. I wrote Harold of our trip and completion of his location work and sent to him an itemized statement of our cash expenditures, which came to $11.93 more than the $10.00 he sent by Morris. I asked him to remit this sum.
See my letter files. Evelyn took Modine up to the doctor for examination of her tonsils. They are in very bad condition. Dr. Nokes has again been so kind as to offer to remove them at actual hospital cost. He will have this done. I am almost constantly cramping and suffer much with looseness of my bowels. This has troubled me now off and on for more than two weeks. Olive is feeling much better. Morris and Rhea found a small house and moved in this evening. They with Howard spent the evening until 8 o'clock with us. Bro. Higginson called and we arranged for our home missionary trip to Nampa 1st Ward tomorrow at 7:30. The quiet in our home is now a relief and the lessened care for Mother the removal of quite a burden. We are glad to have our dear ones with us and wish we could afford to keep them always, but present conditions are such that these desired privileges become an actual burden under the trials of poverty and sickness combined.

December 15th: Sunday Morning. Olive is not so well this morning, having taken some cold. But as the day advanced she felt some better. I passed a bad night suffering with cramp and diarrhea. Evelyn made me a strong cup of tea and after drinking it I felt much better. I hope I will be able to fill my appointment at Nampa. Yet I feel that never before in all my life have I actually been less worthy to preach the Gospel. My long illness, the many setbacks with attendant suffering have made me cross, irritable, peevish and actually disagreeable, even with dear wife who is always so good. I even get it into my worthless head that she has grown tired of me and cares very little about my condition. I wish I could do and feel better and get rid of this awful feeling. The children, Owen, Beth and Marvin, went to Sunday School, Mary to her telephone work. Otho phoned home about noon from Morris' home, having spent the main part of the forenoon at the Western Union Office, some of the time in Gospel conversation with one of the Company's chief operators from Chicago. I am proud of my dear Otho. He is a strange dispositioned chap, but true blue and gold all thru. In the evening Bro. Higginson and I went to Nampa 1st Ward. We rode in his car, I paying $1.00 to well cover my share of expenses. We were well received, had a very good meeting in which the Lord wonderfully blessed me despite my weakness and unworthiness. They had the best Teacher's meeting and report I have been to and heard in the Stake. It rained on us going and coming.

December 16th: It was quite pleasant during the forenoon and in the afternoon again became cloudy, and rained a little. I remained at home, moping about, nothing I can do it seems to earn a dollar. I wrote to one of the manufacturers who had written me concerning the manufacture of my pump. It seems almost impossible to make any progress in the matter. In the evening Morris and his cousin Howard held a demonstration at our home in which they cooked with and lectured on the merits of cooking with their aluminum ware they are selling. Morris did very well, but there were only about six or eight besides our family in attendance. The food cooked was wonderfully nice and shows a marked advance in the science of preparing foods.
December 17, 1929: At home doing nothing but write a letter or two and help Evelyn about the house. I am much better and have been since Sunday night. Olive suffers considerable with soreness in her throat and pains in her body. During the midday Evelyn and Mary went shopping for several hours. Christmas is coming and the dear souls find joy in purchasing all their little pile will buy. Mary has her day off today. This evening Morris, Rhea and Howard and the babies spent the time with us playing Rook. We had a pleasant evening. Today I got stove piping and put the little heater up in Olive's room. It has been getting quite cold.

December 18th: I helped Evelyn all day with house work. She did some washing. Olive is some better and more comfortable in the warmed room. It rained and snowed nearly all day. I wrote a letter to Elwood. No opening appears by means of which I have any assurance of earning anything. Morris and Howard came in about noon, and we played pinochle a little while. In the evening they conducted another demonstration. Evelyn attended her Relief Society meeting in the evening. She is hardly able to get about. She is so poorly that she should be resting in bed instead of working. This morning one of the little puppies died. Otho is trying to secure a position with the Union Pacific or one with advance pay with the Western Union. Last night he wrote to the Supt. of W.U. at Salt Lake City.

December 19th: I did what I could at home to further my pump interest. Tried to write H. & A. insurance for Mrs. Gill, but they put me off for a week.

December 20th: I have today concluded to call a meeting or else write to the old stock holders of the Counter-Balanced Screw Pump Co. and offer to let them have one Share of Stock in my new Company, which I contemplate organizing, for each dollar they paid for stock in the old company, providing they will transfer to me all their stock held in that concern. With this conclusion in mind I called on Mr. Richardson of the Boise Iron Works and Foundry Co. and laid my proposition before him. At first he did not receive me enthusiastically, but later he warmed up to my proposition and appeared very glad to have me extend such an offer to them. Mr. D. Long, former President of that Company, died about a year ago. This leaves Richardson in charge there. This evening I received a letter from Lothair informing me that he had received a telegram from Perry McConkie saying Charlotte was very sick and entering the hospital for an operation, and it was necessary that she have $250.00 at once. The telegram was dated the 17th. Lothair's letter the 18th, which makes it appear that all things are not just as indicated. Lothair wanted me to write the other boys. I wrote Elwood, Thatcher, and Harold, sending them each a copy of his letter and of the telegram. I hardly know how to advise.

December 21st: Today I wrote Lon Goodall, a stock holder and officer in the C.B.T.S.P. Co., asking him if he could provide
names of the stock holders, telling him of my proposed meeting
and indicating its purpose. I am in a quandary whether to employ
an attorney or not. This evening Morris and Rhea spent the time
with us. Olive is much better and gaining in every way fast.

December 22nd, Sunday: I, with some of the children, attended
Sunday School. A nice Christmas programme was given. Beth
participated and carried her part well. We remained home dur-
ing the day reading and writing.

December 23rd: I concluded to ask Judge Wm. M. Morgan if he
would care to consider acting as my attorney for an interest in
the new Company. I phoned to him and he replied that he would
consider it. Saturday I received a letter from Harold, and he
sent $15.00, $11.50 of which was in payment for the expense con-
tracted by Morris and me in doing Harold's mine location work.
The remainder he told me to keep and spend as I saw fit for a
Christmas present. Last Friday Thatcher sent $10.00 to mother,
telling her to spend it for Christmas cheer, as both thought we
could spend it to better advantage than they could. We are
thankful for these very kind remembrances. This morning I called
on Mr. Porter of the State Blue Sky Law Commission and talked
over with him my pump promotion and my desire to incorporate
and secure if possible a permit to sell Securities for financing
its manufacture. He received me well and offered encouragement
in his tone, words and acts. I paid Morris $2.45 due him out
of the money Harold sent. We signed our Attestation of work
done on the mine before a Notary Public, and I mailed the oaths
to the Recorder at Idaho City, sending a P. O. 40 for $1.00 to
pay recording fees. We received many Christmas cards from every
direction, a nice electric toaster from Irene and Jack, and
other things from some of Evelyn's folks.

December 24th: I worked at home on my papers, patents and etc.,
wrote letters, etc. This forenoon Rudolph Larson stepped in,
having come from the Coal mines in Utah to pay Mary a holiday
visit. I could not complete my papers and information necessary
for Judge Morgan in time to keep an appointment with him this
afternoon, so we arranged for a later meeting. Morris and Rhea
spent the evening or half the night with us. We had a very
pleasant time. Mary had to work until 11:30 tonight. When she
came and during the afternoon and evening the folks prepared the
Christmas tree and presents, all with eager hands and happy faces.
I have no money to spend, except the $4.00 Harold sent me, which
I must hold for shoes. But Mary, Olive, Otho, Owen and Evelyn
have liberally provided presents and sweets for the whole family,
it seems. My dear wife Lottie was born fifty-nine years ago
this night. My mind turns with some sorrows and many joys to
the very many happy Christmas evenings and days we with our
dear children have spent together.

December 25th, Christmas: This morning Evelyn and I were up
early and the children a few minutes behind us, all shouting, dan-
cing and laughing with happiness. The Lord and our children
with other friends have been very kind to us. There is an abundance of presents for all, and candy, nuts and oranges galore. Morris and Rhea came this forenoon and spent the entire day and evening with us. Evelyn and the girls prepared a most wonderful dinner, a large turkey, fruits, pies, cakes and a variety of fine vegetables. God has been good. I hope I can help Him more next year. A telegram was received from Thatcher on the 24th, saying he had wired Irene for particulars regarding Charlotte, and he advised waiting until word was received before money is sent. During the day many friends called with kind greetings. There is a very light coating of snow on the ground, hardly covering it.

**December 26th:** I wrote letters to Harold and the U.S. General Land Office in Washington, prepared papers protesting the grant of lands in which our mining claims are situated, to the State of Idaho. Was too late to have it attested today. Morris, Rhea, Rudolph, Mary and Beth went to Emmett in Morris' car. He went to see if he could find work. We have a lovely day. All well and happy but the work is very hard on dear wife. Olive is able to help some and that lightens it for her. Morris did not obtain work. I called Mr. Jones, State Manager of the Telephone Co., over phone and asked if they could find work for Morris. He suggested that Morris call at his office at about 2 p.m. tomorrow, and he would do all he could for him.

**December 27th:** I had Protest papers attested this morning and mailed them to Harold. In the afternoon I received a letter from Irene telling us of Charlotte's sickness and operation in Los Angeles. She had been very sick and the operation was a serious one, but Irene said she was improving, for which I am very thankful. I wrote Charlotte a letter today. I received a card from Harold. They are well. Morris and Rhea, Rudolph and Mary went to a big dance at the Tabernacle.

**December 28th:** Nothing of value being done by me today. The usual holiday pleasures are participated in by all members of our family, and we are all in fairly good health to have happiness with it all. I received a letter from Thatcher today. They are well.

**December 29th, Sunday:** I did not attend Sunday School. Other members of the family did. Rudolph and Mary went to Melba, Rudolph's old home town. In the evening we, Evelyn, I, Olive, Morris, Rhea, Owen and Beth, attended Sacrament meeting. Pres. Hale spoke. Fairly good, but I have heard him speak better.

**December 30th:** On rising from my bed and coming into the living room this morning, Rudolph Larson asked me if I could consent to his marrying Mary. I was by no means surprised, yet I was not sure that Mary had cared enough for him to consent to become his wife; but it seems they are of one mind in this matter, and during their trip to Melba yesterday reached this conclusion. I believe Rudolph to be a good man, honest, chaste and a good Latter-day Saint and a provider. Yet, I feel there
are some small habits yet, seemingly persistent habits and traits he has in conversation and mannerisms that may prove a considerable trial to Mary. He is of a slow-going type. Slow in action, thought and decision. Quite Mary's contrary, she being quick and decisive in all she thinks, does and says. This will make a possible obstacle to peace of mind. With all this, I believe Rudolph to be a good and worthy man, one with whom I can trust my dear Mary's future happiness. Because of this belief and hope and being convinced that Mary loves him and has reached a positive decision that she will gladly marry him, I approved their engagement. He felt very humble and was of excellent spirit and expression. I took them both in my arms and blessed them. I most earnestly pray God to make them very happy and useful, both to Him, themselves and mankind. This afternoon I called on Jim Hawley, of Hawley & Hawley, Attorneys at Law, and talked over the matter of my request that they act as my Attorneys in my Pump Business. Mr. Morgan informed me this morning that he was so busy that he felt ashamed to put me off longer, and suggested that I engage someone else. Hence, I went to Hawley & Hawley. I had spoken to Ex. Governor James Hawley, father of young Jim, and my old friend, about two years ago relative to their representing me and he was favorably disposed. I presented the outline of my business in brief to young Jim Hawley, and he was eager to undertake the work with me. I left all papers I had prepared in the case with him, and we made an appointment to meet again some time next Thursday. I received a good letter from Harold. They were well.

December 31st: It is quite cold with some snow. I worked about the house most of the day. Rudolph and Mary seem to be very contented and happy in their engagement. He purchased a fine gold ring, set with a pretty diamond for their engagement ring. Morris and Rhea again spent the greater part of the day with us. Shortly after they had gone home and most of the children were away, Evelyn set busily to work cleaning up, saying she would like to have the house clean at least on the last day of the year. She had all things in apple-pie order, and she sat with me at the table helping me to doctor my corns, when I had straightened up but had my boot on, Phil Robinson and his wife came in. They they were quickly followed by other couples, all bearing pans and boxes under their arms. It surely was a surprise to me. The second such sponsored and practiced on me by the Ward Relief Society Presidency. We had a very pleasant evening playing Rook and eating picnic brought by the sisters, until the old Year went out and the New Year was happily welcomed in. Sister Stella Labrum made the highest score of the evening. Evelyn and I presented her with a fine volume of Whittier's Poems. They left at 12:30 mid laughter and pleasure.
January 1st, 1930: We entered the New Year with Joy and Happiness and fairly good health in our home. For all of which we most earnestly returned our Thanks To God The Giver Of All Good. We spent the day at home in games and feasting. Morris and Rhea with their two dear babes came early, before noon, and Morris engaged me in games of Rook, at which I beat him, then he insisted that he could vanquish me at checkers. I very reluctantly engaged him, because he has almost always beaten me badly. He is about the best I ever played checkers with and seems to experience little difficulty in beating me whenever he wants to; but today I beat him three games in succession and skunked him one of them. We had a great laugh, at least I did. His was only on one side of his face. At about 4 p.m., Mother and the girls had a fine dinner, and we all did justice to it. Surrounding the board spread with those good things, we thanked God for His blessings through the year just past and humbly sought His continued blessing for the New Year now upon us. We spent a very happy day. I am pleased, indeed, to see Mary so happy and seemingly satisfied with her engagement to Rudolph. They are happy as two birds in a nest. He is very manly and kind in his every act toward all. Morris and Rhea spent the evening again with us. Evelyn and I intended to attend a picture show tonight, but just as we were about to make ready to go, here came Frank and Ella Pollard and family. Thus it has been for weeks when we have thought we could possibly attend a picture show, something or somebody always intervened. But they seemed to enjoy the evening and all went home about 11 p.m.

January 2nd: Rudolph left for the Kennelworth Coal Mines in Utah, where he is working, this morning at about 10 o'clock. He drove Morris' car with him, expecting to take it to Salt Lake for Morris where it will be left in Lothair's charge until the Company that sold it to him repossesses it. Morris will have to give it up. The cost incident to its up-keep has been a great burden, and he cannot possibly pay for it because of lack of employment now. We received a fine letter from Ruron this morning. They are well. I wrote letters, three, to business concerns about my pump manufacture. Made appointment to meet Mr. J. Hawley this afternoon. It is a pleasant day, cool but delightful. At 2:30 p.m. I met Mr. James Hawley, according to appointment. We went thoroughly into the business at hand. He is much delighted and anxious to assist me as my attorney, but the price asked seems rather "stiff" to me. He wants 2½% of the capitalization, or $12,500 (sic) worth of stock for which they agree to handle all legal matter that may arise, lawsuits or court cases excepted, until such time as the company will be paying a dividend of 10%. He will act as one of my directors. We had not decided on a name for the company. During the afternoon I talked the matter over with Evelyn and Mary, and we concluded that it would be well to call our organization the "Allred Pump Corporation."

January 3rd: I phoned Mr. Hawley our conclusions as to a name. But told him I had concluded to find some publicly, well-known and influential man to act as my third Director. Would let him know. It will take about $75.00 to pay immediate expenses of our incorporating. I will have to defer action until this can be had. Morris and Rhea spent the evening again with us. They are
in very straitened circumstances. **Morris is unable to find employment, tho he has tried every known possible opening.**

**January 4th, 1930:** I worked today on the chicken coop. It is cold. We purchased some 1 x 4 pieces for batting, and I nailed them on. I have a bad cold today.

**January 5th, Sunday:** Fast Day - I remained at home while mother and Mary with others of the family attended Sunday School and Fast meeting. I helped to prepare dinner. We remained at home during the day studying and reading. In the evening we attended Ward Conjoint meeting held in the Tabernacle. I spoke on the life of Pres. John Taylor and Barr N. Smith spoke on the life of Pres. Wilford Woodruff. We rode to meeting with Nockelby.

**January 6th:** It continues very cold for Boise. I worked all day on the coop and at night my swelling, dropsy was much worse. Evelyn washed today.

**January 7th:** I continued work all day on the chicken coop. It is very cold and my cough and cold with swelling is growing worse. I received a letter from Harold and one from Irene. Irene reports Charlotte as improving nicely and now back at home. Harold and his were well. I also had a letter from Thatcher. They are well.

**January 8th:** I passed a very distressing night last night. My cough is so very bad that it is hard to endure. My dropsy is much worse than it has been at any previous time for a year. I suppose it is chiefly due to my exposure to the cold. I could not do much work today.

**January 9th:** I believe I passed the worst night of my life due to coughing, last night. I did not get any sleep, and it is very racking on my whole system. My swelling is some worse too. I remained in the house all day, except a few minutes just before night in which I screwed hinges on the nest doors and outer door. I had prepared these during the day in the house, being so weak and in such distress that I could work but a minute or so at a time and all that sitting down. Morris and Rhea spent the day and evening with us. We got a letter from Harold yesterday.

**January 10th:** Yesterday I phoned to James Pope, City Mayor, and asked him if he would care to consider acting as one of my directors. He said he would be glad to go over the matter with me. We will meet at some suitable future date. Last night I was much better. The cough being much improved, I got some much needed sleep. I am very thankful for this improved condition. Mr. Goodall of Grandview called by phone and said he with some prospective pump buyers would call on me today, but the buyers later called me over phone and being informed by me that it would be impossible for me to build a pump for them in time for this spring's irrigation, they concluded it would be of little use to visit me in person.

**January 11th:** I passed another bad night of coughing and find I must remain indoors, my cold is so bad.
January 12th: Sunday—my cold is so bad I cannot attend Sunday School or meetings.

January 24th, Cont.: We received a letter from Irene. They are well except slight colds. She wrote of having seen Rulon, but said nothing about the result of his state examination. We have not had a word from him for a long time.

January 25th, Saturday: This morning I wrote a letter to James Hawley, attorney at law, asking him to release me from the terms of our verbal agreement to pay him $12,500 in stock for his services, which did not include any service rendered in litigation. I have become convinced that the price asked is unjust and that I have been very unwise in agreeing to such a thing. I do not know whether he will release me or not. I received a letter from the National Steel Tube Co. in which they informed me they did not think they could make any part of my pump unless it is the case. This they could determine if I would send complete drawings. It is quite warm and very cloudy all day today. Morris went to call on some of his hoped for customers. He is not doing very well. He received a letter from Harold this morning. They were well, but were suffering with the extreme cold, 40 degrees below zero, he said.

January 26th, Sunday: I am unable to attend Sunday School or meeting. The children, Morris and Rhea, went. The day was quite pleasant, yet a very long and dreary one for a shutin. I am feeling so much better that I am very thankful. Our car has no lights so we cannot take it out after dark; for this reason Evelyn and others cannot attend evening meetings.

January 27th: I received a short letter from Thatcher today. He enclosed a long letter he had received from Lothair telling of Charlotte's way of doing or failing to do things. Thatcher's eyes are troubling him. He is almost swamped with heavy duties thrust on him. This evening Bp. Harris called for Evelyn and me, and we went with them to Bro. and Sister Hansen's home to take an evening dinner with them in celebration of Sister Hansen's birthday. We had a pleasant evening. It was my first time out of doors for several weeks. We received a letter from Rulon and Katherine today. They and baby are well. He thinks he has been successful in passing his state examination, but will not have returns until about the 1st of March. They informed us that Vern Handy is called on a mission to the Southern States and will leave about April 1st.

January 28th: It continues foggy nearly all the time it is not snowing, but it cleared away and the sun shone a little part of mid day. In the afternoon I took the car and went to the Foundry where I carried out parts of the old pump, having arranged a place for photographing them. I took pictures of them for the
purpose of sending them to manufacturers and others to show
the pump parts and set up better than a blueprint will do.
I worked hard, or rather the work was very hard for me, and I
perspired so freely that my clothes were wet. It turned quite
cold, and I fear this escapade will do me no good. Evelyn
rode down to the 1st Ward meeting house with me, where she
attended the ward Relief Society meeting. Morris accomplishes
almost nothing with his sales.

January 29th: I passed a bad night and feel very poorly this
morning. I have contracted more cold and cough considerable. I
do hope and pray I will not be sick again. It is cloudy, foggy
and very dreary. Olive returned to her telephone work Monday
morning. She has felt fine, but we fear the work will be very
hard on her.

January 30th, 1930: I continue to improve, but get little
sleep. Evelyn slipped on the icy step at the kitchen door and
fell very hard, bruising her hip badly. She will be lame for
some time, I fear.

January 31st: It is cold and stormy. I am unable to be out.
Olive feels fairly well in her work, suffers some with back troubl-
e, otherwise is doing nicely.

February 1st: The weather has moderated some, but the snow is
quite deep. I was unable to do anything out of doors. In the
evening George Clark and Leland Nichols came from Blackfoot.
We are glad to see them. They report all well at Blackfoot.
We had a splendid evening's visit together. Yesterday I re-
ceived a nice letter from James Hawley in reply to my letter
setting forth my reasons for believing the price asked for his
firm's legal services in behalf of my pump company were excessive.
He is very reasonable and fair minded. I at once replied, tel-
ling him I would visit him at his office soon as I could get out.

February 2nd, Sunday: We all attended Sunday School this morning,
George and Lee going with us. After school we attended Fast meet-
ing. The afternoon was spent at home in visiting and reading.
The day was quite pleasant. The sun shone a little while for
the first time for many days.

February 3rd: George and Lee looked about town today, and we
spent the evening together. I feel pretty tough, having had
very little sleep for many nights. Evelyn's hip is some better
and is fast being restored to normal.

February 4th: I had a very bad night again. I phoned to Mr.
Hawley and made arrangements to meet him tomorrow at 2 p.m.
George and Lee went to towns in the lower Snake River Valley, in-
tending when they left to go as far as Wesler, but turned back
before reaching there and came to stay with us again tonight.
Evelyn, Mary and Olive and I went with them to the picture show.

February 5th: I had a much better night's rest. Received a
nice letter from Harold. Today at 2 p.m. I met Mr. Hawley, and we made a satisfactory arrangement whereby he agrees to give their legal services in behalf of the pump company until such a time as it may reach such a state of prosperity that its business will pay 10% on the invested capital stock, except that they will not defend court cases or litigation should any arise. They are to be paid six thousand shares of the corporation's stock when same is organized. George and Lee went home this morning. I find I have little strength for walking.

February 6th: I made arrangements last evening by phone to meet Mayor James Pope at 2 p.m. today, at which time he has promised to consider the matter of joining me in my pump business and acting as a director of the company. I went to his office at the appointed time, but could not meet him for an hour later. I left all my papers with him for study, and he promises to read them after which we will meet again and give the matter further consideration. I wrote a letter to Harold in answer to one received from him in which he proposed a partnership in our mining operations. I expressed myself as very willing, but as of the opinion that such an arrangement would not be to his individual interest at present, and proposed that the matter of organization be deferred until we knew more about the value of our properties. See my letter file.

February 7th: I filled in my diary for this week on Sunday the 9th, and find I made an error as to date I called on Mr. Pope. It should have been as given today, the 7th, instead of the 6th.

February 8th: Last evening Morris, Frank Pollard and I tried out the "Devil Dog," a burglar-proof device for cars that I had ordered. It seemed to work fine. They are considering the selling of them. I will be unable to give it my attention, as my pump business will require all my time. It rained hard last night and continued during the day so that Morris and Frank did nothing to advance the demonstration and sale of the device. But Frank reports over phone that he has learned in its use since yesterday that every time the car is driven, the device has to be adjusted again. Inasmuch as this adjustment is a very delicate matter, it is certain they will not be good because of the time and trouble connected with their use.

February 9th: The children went to Sunday School this morning. I and Evelyn and Morris remained home. It is a beautiful day. I wrote letters to Elwood and Harold and one to the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association sending my address and phone number so they could order my license. Evelyn and the smaller children went to a picture show, after which she proposes to join me at our evening sacrament meeting. Olive was not so well yesterday, and feels quite poorly today, yet she returned to her telephone work about noon. The snow is nearly all gone, and it is very muddy. It rained hard again last night. Evelyn came home, Frank Pollard and family called and took supper with us. Then we, Evelyn, Morris, Rhea and I, rode to and from meeting with them. Pres. Fred Dalton and Ira Nelson spoke.
February 10th, 1930: Today is Elwood's birthday. I earnestly pray God to bless him with a long and continued useful life. I made appointment to meet Mayor Pope at 3 p.m., but it rained so hard I had to cancel the engagement. It rained nearly all day and much of last night. I wrote a letter to Mr. Hawley approving his version of our verbal contract. I also wrote a letter to Harold or rather finished the one started yesterday. Otho took them all to mail when he went to his work late tonight. He, Morris and I played cards for a time this evening.

February 11th: It rained again last night and a little this morning, but soon cleared away, and we had a lovely day. At 3 p.m. I visited Mayor Pope, and we talked over the proposition of his acting as one of our directors. Also about a promoter with whom he had been doing business for one of his clients. He says this promoter undertakes to finance the manufacture and sale of worthy patented devices and makes a very nominal charge. We concluded that I and James Hawley would meet him at 3 p.m. tomorrow and talk the matter over before reaching a final decision regarding our organization, or his serving as a director. I received a long and very good letter from Harold, in which he insists on our forming a partnership in our mining enterprise and that I have a four-seventh interest while he holds a three-seventh interest. The spirit of his letter is very good. I at once replied calling to his attention the obligation we are under to Morris, and my version of the understanding Morris has regarding this. See my correspondence with Harold bearing this date. I am making and keeping copy of all business letters I write him and keeping all letters he writes me, so that we will avoid a possible future misunderstanding. This evening Evelyn and Mary had a quilting in which they and friends worked on a quilt for Mary.

February 12th: Lincoln Day. Great Republican rally going on today. I had appointment to meet Mayor Pope and James Hawley at the latter's at 3 p.m. I went there and waited with Mr. Hawley until 4:15, but Mayor Pope did not come for some reason. We arranged for James Hawley to try to get in touch with Pope tomorrow, and learn what he could regarding the promoter of which Mr. Pope spoke to me. This inactive life is awful. If I could but be doing something worth while I would be a very happy man. Yesterday I wrote Mr. Walter Berry, U.S. Forest Ranger, at Idaho City, about obtaining his assistance in surveying and locating mine and Harold's mining claims.

February 13th: We have beautiful spring weather most of the time and it fills me with longing to be at the mine and doing something or accomplishing something toward the advancement of my pump business. Mr. Hawley phoned telling me he had a talk with Mayor Pope today, and believed it would be well for us to look into the matter of this possible promotion thru the man named, or whose name and address Mr. Pope would obtain for us. Rhea went with her children to visit a friend, Mrs. Harris, until tomorrow. Morris went with Frank Pollard to Nampa in effort to do some selling. In the evening Evelyn and I attended a Rook party at the home of Charles Borrup, where a goodly
number of friends had gathered, and we had a nice time. I walked down there from home, pretty hard, but feel not much the worse for it when I got home.

February 14th: I remained at home all day yesterday and today, reading and fretting because I can do nothing of value. I mailed the "Devil Dogs," a car device I had purchased on trial of a North Dakota firm, off to them today, having tried it out and found it of little value. Marvin took it to mail and brought me a letter from Harold, in which he earnestly urges immediate partnership contract between him and me in the mine business. I do not understand why he is so anxious and seemingly in a hurry. If anyone but a man whom I know to be as honest and upright as sunlight is acted in such a way with me, I would believe that he had some ulterior motive, but with Harold I know he can intend nothing but the best in his heart for me. I answered his letter and prepared a Partnership Agreement form in triplicate, signed and mailed them to him by mail on the

February 15th: Morris mailed the letter. It is the best I know how to draw. See our letters in my file. Beautiful day today. I am doing nothing but read and cuss my shiftlessness or inability to do anything of value. Tomorrow I and Barr N. Smith should go as home missionaries to Kuna. I wonder if we will make it. Rhea and Morris came home last evening. Little Arlene has a bad cold and threatened gout.

February 16th: Sunday. Barr Smith and I visited the Melba branch. I learned from our missionary calendar it was Melba today, not Kuna. Kuna next month. We had a good trip in which Marvin and Barr's little son accompanied us. We were kindly received and had a good meeting. After meeting we were invited to Bro. Haagland's home where we had a splendid dinner. Bro. Wild, Pres. of the Branch, with his wife, took dinner there with us. Bro. Haagland gave me half a sack of parchips to bring home. In the evening Evelyn, Owen, Mary, Olive and Beth attended our ward meeting.

February 18th: Morris went to Caldwell with the hosiery man, trying to sell silk hose. I received a nice letter from Orissa Thayne, my sister. They are well and seem to be making a living. Mr. Hawley phoned me this morning, saying he was called out yesterday on court matters so he could not write the letter talked of, but would do it today and call me after lunch. I called on Mr. Hawley at 3:45, and we arranged a rough outline of letter to be sent off. He will finish it and phone me in the morning. Morris did nothing at Caldwell.

February 19th: This morning Mr. Hawley read the letter to me over phone. It was a.k.'d by me and he sent it off by air mail. Today mother has a quilting on for Sister Tolley, several sisters were here at work. I did nothing of value thru the day but help a little with kitchen work. I read. In the evening Bro. Tolley came and we played Rook for a time. It turned colder, with a wind from the East tonight.
February 20th, 1930: I received a letter from Harold this morning. He says he is well pleased with the Partnership contract, which he signed in triplicate, returning two copies to me. They are well except his eyes are bad. He says Elwood's eyes are very bad. I cannot understand why my good sons should suffer so with this awful eye trouble. There are few if any better men in this world today than they are. I receive a letter from Clarence Allred of Canada. They are well and prospering. He sent to us a certificate of Clarence's blessing instead of his birth certificate we had asked him to assist us in getting from the government offices at Lethbridge. It rained last night and nearly all day, off and on. It is quite cool but otherwise pleasant rain. Mother and Sister Tolley are working again on another quilt. I am doing the same nothing.

February 21st: The same routine, reading, loafing and fretting today. All are quite well. For this I am very thankful. Mary is constantly working in preparation for her coming marriage. We received a letter from Clarence Allred of Canada. They are well. He sent a Blessing Certificate of Clarence's instead of Birth Certificate that we had asked him to obtain for us.

February 22nd: Washington's Birthday. A National holiday. We are at home with usual routine and work. A pleasant day.

February 23rd, Sunday: I attended High Council meeting this forenoon. Considerable business was transacted, part of which was the reading of a letter by Pres. Hale received from the Church Presidency setting forth their instructions regarding words to be employed in ordination to Priesthood. This is in direct opposition to Pres. Jos. F. Smith's instructions as recorded in Gospel Doctrine, and I informed the assembled brethren...

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......Evelyn put some eye water in my eyes, at my request, and it nearly blinded me. I suffered much pain until after midnight. Frank Pollard and his wife with a friend spent the evening with the folks. Beautiful day today.

February 25th, Tuesday: Colder this morning and cloudy. I remained in the house helping what I could and reading some. I wrote to Rulon and to Clarence Allred again. Morris has not found work yet. May go to Blackfoot for a job. Harold has informed him about one, in helping with spring lambing. Mary is at home today working on her household things to be.

February 26th: I received a letter from a promoter of whom Mayor Pope told us. He wants me to send my original patent, for inspection. But as this has not yet been received it cannot be sent, and I would not send it if I had it. He would get only a copy. The day is pleasant. I am in the house all the time except a little spent with the chicken feeding, etc.

February 27th, Thursday: It is quite cold today. I do nothing farther than help about the house. I received a letter from Thatcher yesterday. They are well. He wants me to join him
and Elwood in Star Valley when his school closes there and visit old friends. I would like very much to do this, but I cannot see how I can get away at that time, because it will be at or near the time Harold's school closes and we want to get at the work on the mine soon as he can get here. Thatcher has kindly preferred to pay my expenses by rail as far as I would have to go to meet Elwood. It is very kind of him. I received a letter from Harold this afternoon. They too are well. I wrote a long answer proposing certain things relative to our coming mine development. See my letter file of this date. In the evening mother and the girls attended choir practice.

February 28th, Friday: Today Evelyn is washing. It is quite cold, but otherwise pleasant. This morning Otho gave me $7.00 with which to pay my account to the Ashley Sign Co. This bill has stood a very long time, and it has seemed almost impossible for me to meet it. I am thankful for this kindness on Otho's part. Morris has not yet obtained employment. He did not go to Blackfoot, as he had hope that a position promised as traveling salesman for a tobacco Co. wouldmaterialize, but they put him off again today. No, last night, Mary received by freight a fine trunk from Sears Roebuck & Co.

March 1st, Saturday: Usual routine for the day.

March 2nd, Sunday: Evelyn and all but Rhea and I attended Sunday school. Most of them remained there for Fast meeting, which is held right after S.S. We read, I most of the day from the Book of Mormon.

March 3rd, Monday: I wrote a letter to Thatcher, but did not mail it. I received a good letter from Irene. She, hers and Charlotte are well.

March 4th, Tuesday: Mother and the children gave me $25.00 for the purpose of buying a suit of clothes. I cannot explain how I feel at being under the necessity of receiving help, altho it is so graciously given, instead of giving help to them. For nearly five years now of ill health I have been of very little use to anyone and particularly to my family. I have earnestly prayed God that He will enable me from now on to be of the real service a father and husband should be. At their earnest request I went to town and purchased a lovely brown suit at Alexander's store. It is the first of that color I have ever worn. I got the suit with two pairs of trousers for $25.00. I am proud of it. Today I received a nice letter from Harold. They are well and he is very anxious for the time to come when we can all meet in the mountains and work on our mining claims. I have most earnestly prayed God that He would give us wealth there that we may do good to the poor and distressed, and help spread the Gospel tiding in all the world. In the evening Morris, Otho, and Owen attended Priesthood meeting. Sister Tolley and Sister Anderson, her mother, brought their quilts in again for Evelyn and the girls to help. They worked on them all the afternoon and evening, accomplishing much. I wrote letters to Goodrich and Steel Tubing Cos.
March 5th, 1930, Wednesday: Today is Harold's birthday. I earnestly pray my Heavenly Father to make him useful and spare him in happiness for many, many years to come. I am proud of him. He is of rather strange disposition in many ways, but is so honest, conscientious and upright in all his ways that he is a very good man, of whom I am very proud. It rained nearly all night last night and continues sprinkling nearly all day.

March 6th: I worked about home as usual helping in the house. I wrote letters to The National Tube Co. and to Goodrich Rubber Co.

March 7th: Usual routine. I am doing some studying on the 5th Chapter of Jacob, on which I am to give a talk next Sunday evening at the M.I.A. Conference session.

March 8th: Same thing over. It is a beautiful day.

March 9th, Sunday: Stake Quarterly Conference. This morning session was devoted to short talks by various local brethren. Pres. Rudger Clawson expected for the morning session wired he could not reach here until noon today. The afternoon session was of little interest to me. It seems I lack the spirit of proper interest in talks made by Bro. Clarence Ward and Apostle Clawson. It seems to me rather like paying too much egg for one candy when the Church sends such speakers up from Salt Lake City to occupy thirty or forty minutes time in our quarterly conferences. I fear I am all "out of harmony", some way. It is a beautiful day and we had a very large attendance at our conference. In the evening the M.I.A. presented a fairly good programme. It was good in all but one part filled by me in the lecture assigned. Bro. Belnap brought us home in his car.

March 10th, Monday: We received a fine letter from Rulon. He has received his State Permit, having passed the examinations with flying colors. We are very thankful and proud of our son. I wrote letters to Harold, Charlotte and Rudolph Larsen. We received a letter from Clarence E. Allred of Raymond, Canada. They are well. He sent our Clarence's birth certificate we have been trying to obtain. I wrote him a card. I went out trying to write a little insurance this morning, but failed to land them.

March 11th, Tuesday: Rather cool but very pleasant this morning. I wrote a letter to Lon Goodall, asking for the name and address of a lady whom he informed me was stockholder in the old pump company, and giving him a hint that I needed $125.00 for Incorporation expenses. Mother and Mary are quilting again on Mary's quilt.

March 12th, Wednesday, to March 16th: Doing nothing of consequence.

March 16th: Today I and Barr N. Smith should have visited the Kuna ward as home missionaries, but all Stake missionaries were advised by the Stake Presidency we should not make this visit
because the day is set apart in all wards of the Church as Relief Society day, in which they will commemorate the anniversary of the Society's organization. Mother and the children attended Sunday School, but on account of the rain I did not go. At 12:15 I joined Evelyn and the three smaller children at the Tabernacle where Frank Pollard was to have met us right after school. But he did not come until after two o'clock on account of his parents calling at his home. We took dinner with them and visited the balance of the day. In the evening they brought us in to attend Relief Society anniversary meeting. There was a large attendance and good programme in which Evelyn took part with solo.

March 17th, Monday: And all the week until March 23rd: I did the usual. During the week I received a letter from Harold and wrote reply. Early in the week I called on Isaac Nash, State Land Commissioner and talked over with him the matter of possible conflict in mine and Harold's mine locations and the land for which the State has applied. I proposed that if he would release from the State's application the land in or on which our claims may be found by survey to be located, I would withdraw our protest against all other subdivision. He said for me to have it surveyed, then when we learned the exact location of our mining claims and if we found them to be located on lands for which the State has applied, to come to him and we would again consider the matter. I think he will be glad to release the lands we may want if we will withdraw our protest. On the evening of March 19th, a considerable number of the sisters under the supervision of the Primary Presidency of the Ward, called at our home and gave Mary a "Shower," presenting her with many good and useful things to help in their hoped-for home. They spent a very pleasant evening.

March 21st: I received notice of yearly premium due on my insurance policy written by the National Protective Insurance Assn. of Kansas City, Mo. I at once wrote out check for $3.65 on the form they provided and had it mailed. This is the only insurance I am able to carry, and I must not permit it to lapse.

March 20th: An article was published in this morning's Statesman explaining or rather discussing an organization effected in Northern Idaho, headed by Senator Callahan, for the purpose of working for the repeal of the 18th Amendment. It contained a Declaration of Principles they had adopted and an extract from their By-laws. I am in hearty sympathy with the move to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment to our Federal Constitution, and although I do not fully agree with every part of that Declaration, I do agree with the greater part and that part of their By-laws printed in the paper. So I wrote a letter to Senator Callahan this morning informing him I was with them in the move and would do all I could to assist in the repeal sought. I clipped the printed matter relative to this move from the Statesman and placed it in my letter file with a copy of my letter to Mr. Callahan. These will explain in part my reasons for change of form on this vexing question, and my determination to undo so far as in my power, the mischief I helped bring about in the adoption of that Amendment.
March 23rd, 1930, Sunday: I attended High Council meeting in the forenoon. At this meeting Pres. Hale and Coun. Ward were not present. In the afternoon we attended usual Priesthood and Union meetings. Lee Nichols came last Friday evening and attended evening meeting with us.

March 24th, Monday: During several days of this week I attempted to do some insurance writing, located two or three good prospects but did not write one of them. Mother and Mary are working hard to prepare for their trip to Salt Lake on April 1st for Mary’s wedding and to attend Conference. I received a letter from Harold and answered it. Copy of all this correspondence is kept in my files. We received a letter from Rulon and wrote him.

Extending our love and greetings for his birthday which occurs on the 29th inst. I am proud of and very thankful for that dear son. God bless him. I received a letter from Pearl written for her and Thatcher in which she informed me that had entered a year’s subscription to the Reader’s Digest for me as a birthday present. In the latter part of the week I received a box of nice ties from Charlotte as a present. On Wednesday morning, March 27th, I rode with Lee Nichols to Idaho City where he went on his salesman business. I went to determine firsthand the condition of snow about Idaho City, that I might better know about what time I could go to do the surveying. I also inquired about saddle horse to ride from Idaho City to the mines. I found one but the owner asked $2.50 for the trip up and back, which would not require more than three hour’s time.

March 30th, Sunday: Most of the folks attended Sunday School and evening meeting. I spoke in the 1st Ward on the Apostacy. I felt much disappointed in my talk, not doing nearly so well as I had hoped to do.

March 31st, Monday, My Sixtieth Birth Day: I have a very bad cold. But I am indeed thankful to God for the preservation of my life and for my health tho not what I have prayed for yet. I will get well, I feel sure. I am thankful for my wives and for my children, for the Gospel and for the Priesthood I hold and that I have not yet committed any sin sufficiently grievous to merit the loss of fellowship in the Church of Jesus Christ. Today I helped pack and take Mary’s trunk and bedding to the station for checking on hers and mother’s tickets, which I purchased and brought back to them. I can hardly bear to think of Mary’s leaving us and going so far away, although I am thankful that she will marry a man, a member of the Church who seems to be a good and clean man. Quite a few people called in the evening to bid Mary goodby, so we did not get to bed until late.

April 1st, Tuesday: This morning Mother and Mary took the train at 4:15 for Salt Lake City. They were well, and Mary seems very happy. I pray God to bless and make her life very happy and useful. During the day I tried to fit up our gas plate, but broke a small part which I could not find repair in the city for.
So in the afternoon I went down and purchased a second hand gas range of Yergenson and Williams, paying six dollars for it. I think I made a good buy.

April 2nd, Wednesday: This morning the gas range was delivered and connected up by the plumbers, and set going in fine shape. Today I concluded to write Mr. Callahan and propose a modification in a Declaration of Principles so that I could honestly support the move and feel that if we are successful in securing the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment we will have something better to offer and avoid renewed State political struggles which are sure to follow if the matter is turned back to the several States of the Union. I presented this draft to a few men in Mr. Waltman's barber shop and obtained their hearty endorsement. Last week, or perhaps Monday of this week, I visited Pres. Hale and talked over with him my intentions to oppose the Eighteenth Amendment and gave him my reasons for doing so. He made no objections or denial of my right to do this, but asked me if I felt I was under obligation to become active in this vexing question and if I thought the time and place opportune I answered him in the affirmative, then read to him the by-laws providing that no man who had violated the law and, or rather been convicted of violating it, could join the party, neither could one who was not in favor of obedience to the law, etc. He heartily agreed with the sentiments read, and made no real objection to what I proposed to do, altho he could not say what the Church Authorities in Salt Lake might say and do about the matter. I told him I did not care much in the absence of the word of God in the matter to the contrary, just what they might say or do. I was willing to bear my burden if they felt to place one of censure upon me. I told Pres. Hale I knew many good Church members would misunderstand my object and accuse me of turning away from Church discipline and possibly away from gospel truths. I asked him that in such event if I could look to him to defend my right as a citizen to become actively engaged in this political controversy, and to defend my character and motive as an honest observer of the word of God in the matter of temperance and purpose. He said he would do more than that. We had a lengthy talk over certain matters connected with Church doctrine, effort and administration. I informed him again that I would not sustain any man, regardless of what office he might hold in the Church, when he taught a doctrine contrary to the revealed word of God. He sustained by word and action my attitude taken. It remains yet to be seen what he and other Church leaders will do if I actively enter this political controversy, opposing the stand the Church has openly taken in the matter.

From April 2nd until the close of the week, April 5th: I tried a part of each day to do something toward writing insurance. I did write an application for Bro. Vern Waltman. During the last three days of the week I received cards from Mother and Mary. Mary seemed very happy. She was Married in the Temple near noon on

April 2nd, 1930: God bless her and Rudolph, is my earnest prayer.
April 6th, 1930: Sunday. One Hundred Years Since the Church was organized. I thank God I have lived and retained my standing in the Church to see this day. A special meeting was held in our ward, as in all other wards and branches of the Church, in which thanks and celebration was expressed. I spoke at the meeting and was blessed of the Lord. During the day Morris and Rhea with their babes went to Frank Pollard's home. Beth was not very well so she did not attend meeting. I have a bad headache today. Otho attended this meeting with us. For his change in attitude I am very grateful, and ask God to bless and keep him in the way of purity and faith in His Gospel.

April 7th, Monday: Beth's birthday. She is a fine and healthy girl, weighs 156 lbs. Is beautiful of form and face. I pray she may live many years to fill the full measure of her creation, be good and happy in a life of usefulness. During part of each day I tried to write some insurance, but with little success. We received letters and cards from dear Evelyn and Mary, informing us of their good health and enjoyable time.

April 8th, Wednesday: Morris and I drove to Idaho City with hope of securing the services of the Boise Payette Lumber Co.'s engineer in surveying our claims, but he could not do it without order from headquarters. We visited the claims and located another good one just south of and adjoining my present claim. If Morris does not wish to enter it, I will enter it myself. I learned that the South vein or spur which I feared was not included in my claim, is within its boundaries o.k. We drove up Pine Creek to a point about due East from my claim and walked up a canyon and over the divide. It was a very long and trying walk for me. We did not get back to the car for dinner until about 3 p.m., very tired and hungry. The Forest Service has built a fine road up Pine Creek, and it is a beautiful drive up it from the B.P.L. Co.'s Camp No. 1. We left there at 5 minutes to 6 and drove home, reaching Boise a little after dark. We had a blow-out or would have been in about dark. We found all at home well.

April 10th: My sister Myra's birthday. She would have been 58 years old today had she lived. I wrote a card to Harold telling him I would have to return Sunday to have the surveying done. I wrote to Evelyn and Mary, and received letters from them. Evelyn will go down to Mount Pleasant with Mary and Rudolph, then return from there home. Last Tuesday I arranged for a meeting to be held next Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Knights of Pithias Hall for the purpose of organizing an association in Ada County to work for the repeal of the 18th Amendment. Articles were published in both of the dailies of Boise, telling of my plans and reasons therefor. I purchased an English riding saddle at a second hand store, paying $5.00 for it. It is new but needs a little repair.

April 11th: I purchased a heavy used tent of the Boise Junk House, paying $9.00 for it, or am to pay that when I call for
it next Monday. I had my watch oiled by Twichell today. I received a card from dear Evelyn saying they had arrived at Mount Pleasant well, and Rudolph's folks treated Mary very well. Yesterday I received a nice letter from Rulon and one from Irene. Little Forrest had been quite sick but was better when Rulon wrote. Others were well. Today I purchased shoe soles and half-soled two pairs of shoes and patched tires ready for the trip to Idaho City which I will have to make Sunday, both ways. I expect to take Owen, Beth and Marvin with me. I wrote a letter to Mary. I can hardly bear to think about her not returning to us with her mother. I fear she will be very homesick and lonely. We will sadly miss her dear face. God bless her.

April 12th, Saturday:
April 14, 1931, Tuesday -- Owen and I went by stage to the mine.

April 15 -- We cleaned out the mine tunnel.

April 16 -- We surveyed claims and went home on the stage. Owen stopped with Smiths.

April 25 -- I and Marvin returned to the mine with Lothair, Otho and Betuy. We worked all afternoon on repairing the work camp.

April 26, Sunday -- I read most of the day.

April 27 -- Monday -- Marvin and I repaired the top of the mine tunnel, dug ditch, moved logs and cleaned out the tunnel.

April 28 -- Tuesday -- We corrected the boundary and center lines on the Raphael claim and found it included all three ledges. We put up new monuments. It was a hard, long day's work. Clear, fine day.

April 29, Wednesday -- We examined the lines on the La Fortuna Lode and found the old line followed a spur or branch of the main ledge instead of the main Raphael Lode. After one hard, half day's work we located the main ledge clear through and surveyed it over. In the afternoon we surveyed the N. W. end and placed the monuments. We commenced digging on the location work. Fine day.

April 30, Thursday -- We worked eight hours digging location requirements. It is hard work. There is much rock but it looks promising. We took our dinner to work so we would not have to walk back and forth to camp. It is a fine day.

May 1, 1931, Friday -- We started work before 7 with hopes we could complete location digging but we did not finish it until 7 P.M. We placed the old La Fortuna monument in place. I wrote to Harold and Evelyn.

May 2, Saturday -- We traced the east line on Federal 40 to it's N. end and marked it with two stakes driven in the ground by the blazed survey tree. Then we traced the spur on which we had unwittingly located the La Fortuna claim. I marked the line and prepared to place the S. E. end center monument right on the N. and S. survey line of the 40 east side. This method will take in all known mineral ledges passing through the Federal 40 between the newly located La Fortuna's west line and the N. E. corner of the 40. When this claim is properly located we will carefully examine the N. W. corner of this 40 for any ledges that may be there.

May 3, Sunday -- I read and did some patching. Sent letters to Evelyn, Lothair and Harold by Marvin to Idaho City. We returned at 3:30 bringing letters from Evelyn, and business. All were well at home. Owen had returned and expected to join us here Tuesday. It rained a little.

May 4, Monday -- We discovered that the old La Fortuna prospect hole and ledge first located by us for Harold runs in a N. E. and S. W. course and butts up against the new La Fortuna. We traced it for a long way down the ridge. Fine day.

May 5, Tuesday -- I prepared good notices for nailing up there. We measured off the N. E. end of new claim and along the ledge 800 ft. where it comes to the turn on a backbone and seems to split. At noon, Owen came and we were glad to see him and for the good news he brought of loved ones at home. In the afternoon we all tried to trace the main ledge from the point it branches. We experienced much difficulty, yet staked off a part the best we could. I have named the new ledge Harvdol--a combination of mine and Harold's names. I wrote to Evelyn. Clear, warm day.

May 6, Wednesday -- We all had a bad night for rest, crowded three in our little bed. I
got very little sleep or rest. This morning we commenced work on the location digging. It is very hard. Marvin started for home at 1 P.M. He will take the stage from Idaho City. He does not like to go. I sent a letter to Evelyn by him.

May 7, Thursday -- Beth's birthday. God bless her I ever pray. We worked hard--a long day, and finished the location work on the Harvold claim. It was a very cold day, with considerable wind commencing yesterday evening.

May 8, Friday -- Very cold last night. We finished clearing out the tunnel and making drain ditch, then placed the side angle monuments on the Harvold claim.

May 9, Saturday -- During the forenoon we traced the Raphael and adjacent ledges east to the 2nd ridge, sharpened our tools, straightened camp for leaving and in the afternoon walked to Idaho City, inspecting new road down Beard's gulch, then went home by stage, cost $4.00 for Owen and me and $1.00 for Marvin.

May 15 Purchased: 1 carbide lamp $1.10; 1 carbide lamp $1.00; 1 box flints for lamp $.25; 1 10lb can carbide $1.40; used by B. H. Allred $1.50.

May 18, Monday -- Harold arrived in Boise.

May 19 -- We purchased: Groceries by Harold $21.50; Pick $1.50; coal, 50 oil, 20 $2.20; canvas $1.30 freight $4.00.

May 20, Wednesday -- We, Harold, Otho, Owen, Lucy and I drove to the mine. Purchased: Dynamite $1.50. Caps $2.10--$3.90 We worked about the camp.

May 21, Thursday -- We drove back on the tunnel and cut through the talcum vein, running into better rock.

May 22, Friday -- We continued on the main tunnel, opening up still better rock.

May 23, Saturday -- We started on the north drift. The blasts did little good and work goes very slow. We found rock in which we believe we can see gold with the naked eye. Thursday and Friday I was quite sick with bowel trouble.

May 24, Sunday -- I wrote to Evelyn, Harold and Otho. Went to Idaho City but got no mail.

May 25, Monday -- We all worked on the mine but accomplished little. It rained some.

May 26, Tuesday -- We all worked and accomplished more today. Owen went to Idaho City in the evening and got a postcard from Olive. All well at home.

May 27, Wednesday -- Today is father's birthday. We moved considerable rock today and the ore seems to improve.

May 28, Thursday -- We all four worked, doing fairly well.

May 29, Friday -- The four of us working.

May 30, Saturday -- We all four worked until noon, then Harold, Lucy, Owen and I went to Boise, Owen stopping at Smith ranch. We found all at home well but Arlene. She is quite feverish. Mary and Rudolph were at our home. It is his birthday. We had a nice visit. In the evening Evelyn, Mary and Rudolph went to a picture show. I visited with the children.

May 31, Sunday -- Stake conference. Apostle Clawson and Elder Ripper were visitors. I did not enjoy the meetings as I wished I could.

June 1, 1931, Monday -- Harold, Lucy, Clarence and I started early for the mine, arriving
there before 8 a.m. Found Otho well. The three of us worked in the mine rest of the day.

June 2, Tuesday -- The three of us worked half a day in the mine.

June 3 -- Until Saturday eve, June 6th, we three--Harold, Otho and I worked in the mine, not accomplishing much.

June 5, Friday -- A fire started near our camp this evening. Otho and Harold put it out.

June 6, Saturday -- The fire broke out anew, so Harold and Otho worked with it during the afternoon. State fire warden and B. P. L. Co man came up.

June 7, Sunday -- We read most of the day and I had a very pleasing and profitable time. The boys went to Idaho City and brought me a letter from dear wife. All were well.

June 8 -- Harold and Otho laid in bed late so did not get to work until 9:30. I am up early every day and working at about 7. We do not accomplish much it seems to me.

June 9, 10, and 11th we worked.

June 13, Saturday -- I did not sleep last night. I commenced work on the digging for the house at 5 a.m. and worked until 10, stopping for breakfast at 6:30. At 11, Harold and I went to Idaho City where I received a letter from dear Evalyn, telling of Morris' injured hand and Rhea's accident. Others were well. Harold and I had the two mining claims La Fortune No. 2 and Harvold, recorded. We purchased and brought back four pieces of 2 x 6 - 10' for mixing box. It cost $5.00 with nails. The recording cost $1.00. At 1 P.M. Harold, Otho and Clarence started for Boise. I worked but little--feeling so bad.

June 14, Sunday -- It is dear Rhea's birthday. May God spare her many years in happy and useful life. I had a good rest last night. At about 8:30 A.M. Harold, Otho and Marvin arrived from Boise well. They told of Rhea's crippled state--of Morris' bad hand, dear Evalyn's feeling fairly well and others good health. They brought supplies and my mail. The total cost of the trip and purchases made was $35.50, all paid by Harold. In my mail was letters from Thatcher, Kaul, Henry Allred. All were well, but Thatcher is having a hard struggle for money to finish his course. My mail also contained a letter of my valuable information from Victor Sharo, of Loring, Alaska, relative to area and their treatment. I wrote two letters to firms for information about milling equipment. These were recommended by Mr. Shaw. I also wrote to Thatcher. Otho found the letter sent by dear wife to me. She is suffering much with bad side, back and feet. She indicated a very sad and discouraged spirit in her letter.

June 15, Monday -- I and Marvin worked on terraces built on the mountain side for holding adobes while they dry and I built the adobe molds. Harold and Otho worked in the mine together.

June 16, Tuesday -- Marvin and I worked on the terraces and made a few adobes. Yesterday we all four dug into the side hill where our spring water was seeping from, in hope of increasing it, but it had little good effect. Harold and Otho worked in the mine and tried out some samples of dynamite they obtained in Boise. It works well. In the afternoon a Mr. Carrot and Mr. Fry called to see our mine. They looked it over well but had little encouragement to offer. I sent a letter to Evelyn by them.

June 17, Wednesday -- Marvin and I worked on the terrace building and making adobes. It is very hard work and I do not progress as fast as I had expected. The clay is so heavy it sticks if dry and flattens out of very wet. Harold and Otho worked in the mine. In the afternoon, Mr. Fry returned with a Mr. Day. They looked the mine over. Day had little to say and Fry nothing encouraging to offer, yet before he left he wanted me to let him have a working lease on it. They looked over the veins running S. E. from our workings. They asked for more ore samples.
June 18, Thursday — Early this morning we walked S. E. tracing the lodes on which our claim is here located but I am satisfied there is nothing as good over there as that we have here. Yesterday Harold and Otho put up a discovery notice on a ledge running almost east from the top of the mountain into Sheep creek. There they found considerable water running. Marvin and I worked at the adobes, Harold and Otho in the mine. Mr. Fry brought our mail, a letter from Mary and Rudolph in which they say they will come and help us if Rudolph does not get work after next week. They—Beth and Modine, were well. I got a letter from Irene. She expects to visit us about July lst. It is Lucy's birthday today. She is 22. She made a nice cake for us.

June 19, Friday — We worked all day on the mine and at the adobes.

June 20, Saturday — We worked from 7 until 11 A.M. then prepared for trip to Boise. Harold, Lucy and I went down. We found all at home well, but Katherine and Forrest, whom we had been expecting, had not come. During the afternoon and evening I did much phoning in an effort to locate machinery for our mine work. We purchased 100# of 60% dynamite and 100 ft of fuse from a contractor for $10.90. In the evening the women attended a picture show. Harold, Morris and I played pool.

June 21, Sunday — We looked at a city rock crusher and patterns for an Ellis ball mill at the Boise Iron works. Richardson wants $100 to cast the mill. We think the old city gravel pulverizer will serve our purpose as a rock crusher and can be obtained at little cost. In the evening I and B. H. Smith visited Boise last week as home missionaries. I made an asa of myself by occupying nearly all the time. Katherine has not come so we made for an early return to the mine.

June 22, Monday — We left Boise at 5:30 and arrived at the mine about 8, finding Otho and Marvin well. Owen came with us. He purchased two large cans of fruit and vegetables at the army auction and mother sent considerable fruit. Harold paid all other bills including gas and oil for trip in his car. We all finished the day (Harold, Otho, Owen, Marvin and I) working in the mine and at the adobes.

June 23, Tuesday — The state mine inspector visited our mine this day and Mr. Fry-it of Idaho City called, wishing to bring some Salt Lake men up to see our mine, with a view of buying and he wanted a commission if we sold to them. He asked 10% commission. I told him we would pay him a reasonable commission if his men purchased our mine but the amount would be determined later, when we knew more about the cost to him and the merits of the deal. In the afternoon, a Mr. Erdley, representing the U. S. Smelter Co. of Salt Lake City, came with others and he carefully looked our mine and other claims over, selecting samples etc. He said if the assays made on the samples determined a value that would justify, they would want to make one of two deals with us. He would advise me by wire to Mr. Fry-it about Monday next. I promised him we would give him until that time to get assay returns and report before we tied up with anyone else. He seems to be a fine fellow. We all worked as best we could and through the many interruptions at the mine and on the adobes.

June 24, Wednesday — This morning Owen, Marvin and I were out at 5 working on the adobes during the forenoon. Mr. Bell, former state mine inspector and Mr. Garber, an engineer with the Bunker Hill Mining Co. called and looked over our mine. Mr. Garber took samples and promised to make a preliminary test to determine values and scheme of treatment required and to send us copy of the report and if it should value $4 or $5, they would return to make us an offer on the mine. They gave us many valuable pointers on tunneling and blasting. Mr Fry-in and lay came again and brought our mail and a box of vegetables, and Owen's shoes from Idaho City that Mother had sent, also a card from her saying Kathering and baby had come and hoped I would come down. I wrote back, saying I could not come and asked them to come up. There seems to be much excitement about our mine and men are daily prospecting and staking off claims all about us.

June 25, Thursday — We commenced to drive a tunnel to the south side of our main tunnel. We all worked hard.
June 26, Friday -- I had a very bad night with severe cramping in my legs and got little good rest. My heart has been bad all day today, yet I worked and our excavation progresses nicely.

June 27, Saturday -- My heart is so bad I cannot work much today, yet much work was moved. The boys all worked hard. At noon Harold drove to Idaho City for sugar and recording of affidavit of $1500.00 work done on the Raphael ledge. I got a letter from Evelyn saying Katherine Forrest could not come up, but must start back Monday, and asking me to go home on the stage. The word came too late for me to take the stage and money is so scarce with us that I cannot ask Harold to drive me down again, as he took me last week for the purpose of seeing them and they failed to arrive at the appointed time. We received letters from Denver Mining Machinery Co. and from the Baxter Foundry of Boise, about mills. Nothing of much encouragement though. I sent off a $1.00 money order to Literary Digest for 15 weeks subscription and a World Atlas. The boys worked late on the mine.

June 28, Sunday -- I am feeling better this morning physically, but somewhat discouraged because God seems to turn a deaf ear to my very earnest supplications to know the truth regarding the Church's present attitude toward some doctrines revealed by the Prophet Joseph Smith and once largely practiced and taught by the Church, and for earlier favorable results of our labors in the mine. He alone can reward our labors. He has promised am I worthy of it's fulfillments? I spent the day in reading, prayer and meditation. I also wrote to Elwood and Evelyn. The boys all strolled off through the mountains the greater part of the day.

June 29, Monday -- We all worked in the mine.

June 30, Tuesday -- We all worked hard during the entire week.

July 1, 1931, Wednesday -- Tunnelling until the 4th and we spent the national Independence Day in hard work as well.

July 5, Sunday -- Spent in reading, prayer.

July 6, Monday -- Marvin and I commenced work on the road down Steamboat gulch, having all decided this would be the best place for a road to and from our mines.

July 7, Tuesday -- Marvin and I continued our road work while Harold, Otho and Owen worked in the mine. Late this evening, 9 p.m., Rudolph and Mary arrived, Rudolph having come to help us in our mine work.

July 8, Wednesday -- Rudolph began work with us in the mine this morning, putting in 8 hours.

July 9, Thursday -- We all worked 9 hours on the road today.

July 10, Friday -- We all worked on the road again, putting in 8½ hours.

July 11, Saturday -- Harold, Lucy, Otho and I went to Boise, arriving there at 6:30 p.m. We found loved ones well. I am feeling very poorly. Harold and Otho attended to business while I sat at home doing what little I could by phone.

July 12, Sunday -- We spent a very happy and pleasant day at home with loved ones, enjoying ice cream and good dinner, as a result of dear Evelyn's kind hand work. In the afternoon we looked at a house for rent. In the evening we drove back to the mine, arriving at 8 p.m. and found all well.

July 13, Monday -- We all worked on the road again except that I remained at camp during the afternoon, doing a little work in effort to catch and store water in the mine for domestic purposes. 8 hours were put in by all. The boys went to town for the mail.
We received a letter from Elwood and a mining mill man with whom we have been corresponding. I am far from well.

July 14, Tuesday — Otho and I worked at the mine during the forenoon, while the rest worked on the road. In the afternoon we all worked in the mine, having devoted 8 hours except Harold and Otho, who worked 40 minutes over.

July 15, Wednesday — We all worked in the mine 8 hours.

July 16, Thursday — We all continued in the mine, altho I am able to do very little work. In the evening the boys went to Idaho City for a swim and the mail. A letter from dear Evelyn says they are well but did not rent a house—was waiting for me to help. 8 hours work again today.

July 17, Friday — We worked 6½ hours today and made contact with white quartz. A letter was received from mining men about machinery and from Mr. Wardley, who inspected our mine with a view of buying. He says all assays made on samples taken by him were a blank. Rather discouraging and funny.

July 18, Saturday — Harold and Otho commenced work at 5 o'clock this morning and worked usual 8 hours shift too. Rudolph worked 9 hours. We got return from an assay made in Boise showing only 43¢ gold value. I sharpened drills after supper.

July 19, Sunday — Late last evening Morris came with Khea, Olive and the children—they for a week's outing. At 6 a.m. Morris started back and I went with him to help Evelyn decide on a move. We found all well at home. We haven't thus far found a suitable place. The heat is awful here.

July 20, Monday — After casting about everywhere anything at all could be had and it being imperative that we move, we began the consideration of the purchase of a house, lots and outbuildings that was offered to us for the mortgage, accumulated interest and taxes, amounting to a total of $2250, as of Mar 1, 1931. (Frex H. Q. Hale made the offer.)

July 21, Tuesday — We carefully looked over the premises but do not like it for the upstairs small bedrooms. Dear Evelyn particularly, dislikes it, yet due to the fact that we must move right away and can purchase the place on a monthly rent payment basis of $25.00 each, as little as we can rent any known house as good for, she tearfully said she believed it the best we can do and ordered me to close the deal. Owen is feeling poorly. We later learn that both Harold and Rudolph took very sick at the mine today, due, we suppose, to low spring water.

July 22, Wednesday — We informed Frex Hale we would take the place. Owen and I began the cleaning up. The yards are awfully dirty and cluttered with the former occupants' effects. We prepared the house for moving in fast as we could, but the heat is so intense it nearly prostrated me. It is claimed yesterday was the hottest day of a July ever known in Boise. Dear Evelyn, the girls and Owen worked so awful hard, but tonight I seem to be completely knocked out. Morris kindly secured the city's truck and commenced helping move our things.

July 23, Thursday — With Morris' kind help we progressed well with our moving, but I am down and out, very sick. The heat, it seems, will kill me. Tonight nearly all things were moved and we slept at the new home on the porches.

July 24, Friday — I passed a bad night. The heat made it so for all. Evelyn and the girls worked very hard to straighten up. The plumber found the water pipes bursted open so bad it will require much time and expense to fix them.

July 25, Saturday — Morris concluded to go to the mine for Khea and the children and it seems my only chance to live is go with him and get out of this heat. So Owen and I
went up with him. He permitted me to rest two or three times on the way, that I might stand the trip. We finally arrived and found both Harold and Rudolph quite sick. Morris immediately returned with shea and children, but Olive remained to help me. I was, indeed, a sick man. The mountain air and coolness of the mine portal seemed to revive me much.

July 26, Sunday -- Harold and Rudolph are both quite sick, particularly Rudolph. He suffers very silently and patiently, without asking or receiving much help. Late in the afternoon, Otho took Olive to Boise and went for Evelyn to come and nurse us. My bones are so full of pain it is hard to bear.

July 27, Monday -- I had a very good night. The air is cool and invigorating, but I continue full of pain and unable to sit up. Evelyn, Otho and Mary arrived well before noon. Dear wife's care is a great healing factor for all of us. The clouds are heavy and rain threatens all the time. It is dear Ezra's and Thatcher's birthdays.

July 28, Tuesday -- Harold and Rudolph are much improved today. Owen feels very poorly. I am better in some ways.

July 29, Wednesday -- I had a good night and am better in some ways. All other sick are much improved. Rudolph is quite well but very weak. He and Mary left early this morning for Boise.

July 30, Thursday -- I did not have a very good night and the pains in my bones is some worse. Others continue to improve well. Owen now feels quite alright. He and Otho worked a little over half the day in the mine.

July 31, Friday -- Otho and Owen worked a full day in the mine. Harold's eye seems to be about the only thing troubling him now, yet he feels unable to work. I am better, having moved from the mine. The dryer air will prove better for me. It continues to threaten rain, with much thunderings and a very few drops now and then.

Aug 1, 1931, Saturday -- About midnight Morris, with shea and the children, drove into camp. They reported having left our loved ones well and Rudolph's going to Kelba with Mary and Clarence. From their coming, I had the worst night since I was taken down. Through dear wife's care and the Lord's blessing I was well cared for and am beginning to overcome it's effects. Otho and Owen put in a full day at the mine. Harold doing nothing.

Aug 2, Sunday -- I am somewhat better, but full of pain. Although Sunday, Otho and Owen took several hundred tons of rock from the face of the mine and north tunnels and broke it up fine for samples to be sent to Salt Lake, Mr. B. and the U. S. Army office. It took them the greater part of the day. About 6 p.m. Harold, Otho and dear wife left for Boise. I do not dread for Evelyn to go, but there is so much demanding her attention in our new home.

Aug 3, Monday -- I am some stronger but have much pain in the vicinity of my left kidney. Owen worked 7 1/2 hours in the mine and Morris helped him part of the time. About 9 p.m. Harold, Otho and Beth arrived well.

Aug 4, Tuesday -- My side and back is bad, otherwise I am better. During the forenoon, Otho helped Morris stake off a claim. Owen worked in the mine alone. During the late afternoon for 4 hours, Otho and Owen both worked in the mine. Morris and shea went home, leaving here about 4:30 p.m.

Aug 5, Wednesday -- Otho and Owen worked 5 hours in the mine and Harold aid several hours work also. My side and back is very much better. Otho, Owen and Beth have each helped me by running.

Aug 6, Thursday -- My back is much better this morning. Otho and Owen worked the day in
the mine and Harold was able to work the greater part of the day. In the evening, Harold and Otho went to Idaho City for the mail. Harold received a card from Alwood dated the 1st, saying Glendorn had that morning, undergone a very serious operation of 2½ hours duration. He had recovered from the effects of the ether. No other mail but papers. I sent a letter to dear Evelyn.

Aug 7, Friday -- The boys started work at 7:30 this morning. All feeling encouraged. I am some better but very weak. It is cool and there are great forest fires not far distant.

Aug 8, Saturday -- The three men Harold, Otho and Owen started work again at 7:30 and put in 6½ hours.

Aug 9, Sunday -- I am gaining slowly. In the forenoon all but Owen and I went up on the mountain gathering choke cherries. They obtained 4 gallons. In the afternoon, all but Harold and I went to Idaho City for mail and bathing. I got a few letters from dear Evelyn saying all well, and that Mr. Athey with his wife, had come to make their home at Boise and work for Lohair's company, "The Nature Way". He gave no encouragement for me to expect Lohair to pay me any money. Said he expected Lohair in Boise this week. A card from Alwood to Harold said Glendorn was doing very well as could be expected. Harold and I had a good talk on religious matters while the others were away.

Aug 10, Monday -- I am some better each day, but need very slowly. I helped Owen sharpen drills this morning, but the little work I did was very hard on me. Harold, Otho and Owen worked 6½ hours again today.

Aug 11, Tuesday -- The boys worked again 6½ hours. They are growing discouraged because of the rock does not appear any better. I never in my life prayed more earnestly for God's help in temporal matters than I have prayed to him for 10 days or more for some assurance of our final success and to be guided by him in our earnest search, but it really seems God has turned a deaf ear to my supplications. I cannot understand why He has not opened the door to us to have a mind for us in this large. We have struggled long and hard with faith that ample reward awaits us, but thus far in vain. We must have God's guiding power if we are to succeed.

Aug 12, Wednesday -- Harold and Otho commenced work at 7:30. Harold worked 6½ hours. Otho worked 9½ hours, having worked during the noon hour. Owen commenced work at 8 a.m. and quit at 6:30 p.m. having worked 8½ hours.

Aug 13, Thursday -- I rented fairly well the latter part of the night, having taken two sedation tablets. I feel much better today. But before noon, I felt impressed to have Owen return to that part of his tunnel where he encountered pink and white quartz and follow the vein into the mountain. I hope and pray God is guiding their movement and we will soon discover valuable one. The boys commenced work at 7:20 this morning and quit at usual time.

Aug 14, Friday -- The boys commenced work again at 7:30. At noon, I went with Harold and Lucy in their car for the mail. A letter from Evelyn said all are well.

Aug 15, Saturday -- Harold, Lucy and I went to Boise arriving at 10 a.m. Found all well. I went to the bank and arranged for a 63 day extension on my note which had already been renewed three times because Lohair failed to keep his promise to pay that much on what he owed me.

Aug 16, Sunday -- I was unable to attend any services. Harold and Lucy spent most of their time with Morris and Irone, but in the evening returned to the mine. Harold purchased and took back another 100 lbs of dynamite at 10c a lb.

Aug 17, Monday -- Owen is unable to find work yet, but he came down from the mine with Morris. Thursday morning Aug 20, when we came from the mine Saturday, we found Irone and Lucy had been seen in a motor. I was indeed glad to see them. They went up to
the mine with Harold Sunday evening. Harold, Otho and Owen are working at the mine.

Aug 18, Tuesday -- I used $7.00 of $7.50 Harold left me, to buy food for myself at the mine, with the intent that I would return with Morris, but my bad health kept me at home. I sent the $7.00 in a money order, as final payment ½ on 14 ft space for exhibition of my pump patent at the Chicago Exposition Sept 14--28th.

Aug 19, Wednesday -- This evening, Morris went to the mine for Irene and her boys. Yesterday Olive was taken down sick and had to quit work at the telephone office for the present.

Aug 20, Thursday -- Morris returned this morning with Irene, Owen coming with him in the hope of obtaining work. This leaves only Harold and Otho working at the mine. I am in rather bad state of health.

Aug 21, Friday -- Irene and boys are with us. Olive and I confined to our beds. Owen trying to find employment with the fire fighters in the great fires of Boise Basin.

Aug 22, Saturday -- Conditions at home, and with the sick, continue about the same.

Aug 23, Sunday -- Rather "blue" days. Some of the family attended Sunday School and meeting.

Aug 24, Monday -- Last night Owen was summoned to the fire front with the National Guard by order of governor's proclamation. Here our usual luck abides with us. As a National Guard, Owen will receive less than $2.00 per day while as an ordinary fire fighter he would have received 40¢ per hour.

Aug 25, Tuesday -- The fires continue to rage. No word from Owen. Sick are about the same. I believe I am some better.

Aug 26, Wednesday -- Mrs. Nedrow phoned us she had seen Owen today on the fire front and he was well. God bless and preserve him, please. Sick a little better. Harold sent a letter by Morris intimating that they would have Otho remain at the mine alone in spite of my former protests. I at once wrote a letter pleading and insisting that Otho do not remain there alone and urging them to do certain things in care of property there.

Aug 27, Thursday -- Harold and Lucy arrived from the mine about 2 p.m. but regardless of my insistence, Otho was left at the mine alone. He wrote me a very discourteous letter, nothing short of insulting, because of my anxiety about his being left to work at the mine alone. They did nothing and brought down nothing I had suggested and asked them to do. The goat and kid were left to bother Otho and the shovel blade I asked Harold to bring was not considered. My advice and requests are only something to be laughed at and ignored. Harold handed me a check for $25.00 which I accepted, knowing he owes me much more.

Aug 28, Friday -- Harold and Lucy, with Irene and her boys, after doing considerable shopping, left for Blackfoot at about 5 p.m. Just before they left, Otho phoned from Idaho City saying the goat had done much damage again in camp and in punishing her, he shoved her over the mine dump pile and she broke her leg. He wanted to know what to do with her. As there was nothing else to do, I told him he would have to kill her. I do not blame Otho so much for this act as I blame Harold and him for ignoring my wish that she be brought down home with the kid. There was no excuse. Harold had little load and could have easily brought them as I had the crate all prepared there. Olive is much better today. It seems unusually quiet and peaceful at home since most of the crowd left. I wrote a letter to the patent exposition and sent both to cash Harold's check and get a $7.00 money order to send them for balance due on 14 ft. space, but the bank would not cash it without another endorser.
feeling some better. Olive feels very bad. This evening I tried to have Owen released
from his National Guard service that he might take the job offered by Bro. Laburn. Gen.
McConnell said he would see me in the morning.

Aug 30, Sunday -- Some of the children attended Sunday School. They and Evelyn attended
evening meeting. I had in a semi-awake state, a very strong and rather strange impression
regarding Olive and her present sickness. This evening we received word from Owen that
he was well and O.K. and a request for certain clothing, which was sent to him. Lu is
with us again. Today my impressions of Friday night were more fully confirmed.

Aug 31, Monday -- Last night I had a dream fully confirming my impressions of Friday night
and yesterday. This morning Gen. McConnell called and said he would see what he could
do about Owen's release. Gov. Ross, by proclamation issued Sunday morning and taking
effect at 6 o'clock Sunday morning, declared martial law in the four fire struck
 counties because of organized firebugs resisting the county peace officers. So we had
abandoned hope of obtaining Owen's release. I wrote a letter of complaint to Lu's boss.
We cannot feed and bed him longer. Oto came home from the mine Sep 8, 1931.
I was taken to the hospital Sep 3, 1931 and was operated on at 5 p.m. same day. Mary
lost her baby in birth Sep 9th. I left the hospital and went to Morris' Sep 26, 1931.
I left Morris' and came home Oct 2, 1931. Harold and Durant arrived from Blackfoot
Oct 3rd and went to the mine Oct 4th, Sunday. Oto and Morris went hunting Oct 3rd
and returned Sunday Oct 4th, taking Owen down to Smith's ranch to work as they came home.
Harold and Durant working at the mine. Evelyn has been in very poor health, almost down
since Sept 27th, but is now (Oct 6th) very much better. Olive was quite sick Sept 27th,
28th, and 29th.

Oct 12 -- Harold, Morris and Oto came down from the mine preparatory to making a trip to
the south fork of Fayette river, to look for some minerals. Durant is at the mine.

Oct 13 -- They started on their trip this morning.

Oct 15 -- The boys returned late last night, leaving Oto at the mine with Durant. Harold
purchased a pair of shoes for me, costing $7.90, and stockings for both, 95c. He and
Olive left at noon for Blackfoot.

Oct 16 -- I got a letter from Alwood again asking me to visit them. I am in considerable
pain in my stomach.

Oct 28, Thursday -- Morris went to mine last night and brought Oto and Durant down in
the night for the purpose of their going over on the Fayette to stake and work a mineral
claim at Harold's request.

Oct 29. -- Oto and Durant remained in town all day trying to get in touch with ranger station
by phone to learn about snow up there.

Oct 30, Friday -- Oto and Durant started at noon on their trip, remaining at our mine over-
night. Then they went on to Fayette.

Oct 31, Saturday -- Arrived at location and did some work.

Nov 1, Sunday -- Oto and Durant continued work on mineral location. Olive arrived home
from Blackfoot at noon and Owen came down from Call's ranch. They are both well. It
is good to see them. Owen brought us some meat and returned to the ranch at night.

Nov 2, Monday -- I have a bad cold. Oto arrived home late in the evening, having left
Durant at our mine. Morris went to the hospital, preparatory to having his finger taken
off tomorrow.

Nov 3, Tuesday -- Oto remains at home. Morris has his finger taken off this morning. I
feel pretty sick with my cold and flu.
Nov 4, 1931, Wednesday -- (no remained at home today. Evelyn worked for a Mrs. Johnson. Morris is getting along fine. I am feeling tough today—in much pain. Kelvin Barrus with his wife and mother paid us a visit yesterday and he, with his wife, for dinner and the day today. They are of Groveland.
Sept. 18, 1932, Sunday -- During the night I must have hurt my lame shoulders in some way, for I woke up in much pain and it was so bad I got little rest. It is colder this morning. I wrote a letter to the Caxton Printers about my H.S. and letters to Evelyn and Morris; as no one came up, I took them to Idaho City, much in hope that I would receive mail from home, but not a word came and I made the long walk, a very tired and disappointed man. On the way down I gathered quite a bit of loose wire from an old abandoned telephone and on the way back some odds of iron to be used for the house.

Sept 19, Monday -- I accomplished considerable, regardless of my painful arm and bad feet.

Sept 20, Tuesday -- I did fairly well with my work but I get so little rest or sleep at night that I do not have much strength.

Sept 21, Wednesday -- My work went fairly well. About noon, Morris, with Arlene, came bringing door windows, cement, timbers for his house. He had a collision on the way up and broke his door sad. He brought letters and good news from loved ones at home. Also fruit, groceries, vegetables etc. It does seem so good to have them here. He remained for the night and helped on the house with the roof boards and dirt.

Sept 22, Thursday -- Morris remained and helped me until 1 p.m. when they started home. I got on very well with the work laying the last sidewalk.

Sept 23, Friday -- I had another bad night but accomplished considerable with my building work.

Sept 24, Saturday -- My work went fairly well. About noon Harold and Lucy arrived and dear Beth with them and early in the afternoon many Smith and Owen came with Harold's furniture. Oh, it is so good to see my dear children. It has been a long time since I saw Owen last, before today. They brought good news and letters, food and clothing from dear wife and loved ones at home. Smith brought lumber for casing of doors and windows on Morris' house. He took a load of wood back with him to apply on our indebtedness to him for this road building. We spent the evening at Harold's home. They sure have a cozy and comfortable dwelling now.

Sept 25, Sunday -- About noon, Harold, Owen and Beth returned to Boise, he for fruit and Owen to learn more about the possible continuation of his job with the surveying gang. If it does not continue, he will return and help me with the building. Lucy and I remained because of the pressing need for my work on our houses etc. I felt much disappointed in not being able to go to Boise and not seeing Mary and her baby. She will return to Kelba today. I wrote, read, and had a day of good rest at Harold's home.

Sept 26, Monday -- I rested well last night. Dear Lucy is so kind to me. She insists that I occupy her good bed while she slept on my cot. My work went well. I put in the last logs and the side window frames, finishing them today.

Sept 27, Tuesday -- I did not sleep much last night, yet I built in retaining walls on the west side of the house to hold the dirt and laid the logs in front of the house to bottom of windows. At early evening, Harold and Owen came, bringing fruits, food, clothing etc. from home. Owen helped me some in the afternoon after they came.

Sept 28, Wednesday -- I had a very bad night with my painful shoulders. We commenced work, Harold helping us on the roof, I putting in window frames. At 2 p.m. Mr. Quigg came for me because of telephone message Mary's baby was very sick. I jumped in without stopping to change my clothes as we had but 25 minutes in which to catch the down-going stage. I instructed Harold and Owen to continue removing the dirt from the house and placing it on the roof. I arrived in time to catch the stage, but before going far from camp felt assured that the baby would get well. When I arrived home it was very bad and with enlarged liver for some unknown cause. It soon turned for the better and before we retired for
the night we were all made happy by a marked improvement. Others were well.

Sept 29, Thursday -- Mary's baby is still better and all have hope of it's final recovery. I arranged for buying lumber needed for our house and to finish Morris'. Rudolph returned to Melba. In the evening I helped Morris dress a small hop. It is a great joy to mingle with my precious children and grandchildren. Mary remained nights at the hospital with baby. It is better tonight.

Sept 30, Friday -- I returned to Idaho City on the morning stage. On reaching there, tore up the old lumber remaining there we had purchased, and had Quigg bring it and me to camp where I arrived and found all well at noon. Mary's baby was better this morning when I left. Harold helped Owen yesterday and today on the cabin, making three days he has helped since his return for which we are to exchange work. I put on window and door casings and fit one large window in. Working very hard.

Oct 1, 1932, Saturday -- The hunting season opened this morning so Harold and Owen hunted during the day but returned empty of game. I finished putting on casing we had and finished window today instead of yesterday.

Oct 2, Sunday -- Harold and Owen were unsuccessful in their half-day's hunt. I remained in camp, observed my fast and wrote letters to Evelyn, Esther and Morris. There are many hunters all about, some camped near. Last night Viletta Fletcher paid us a visit this afternoon and brought my clean clothes and word from home that Mary's baby was but little better. It has been very low but they thought it was a little better today. Others at home were well. Harold and Mary concluded to drive to Boise along with Fletcher and get provisions.

Oct 3, Monday -- This morning Owen and I went down to Pine Creek near camp No 1 and there found and sifted sand for the cement floor. I returned at noon and Owen continued the sand sifting until evening. During the afternoon I put in window casings.

Oct 4, Tuesday -- Owen returned to finish the sifting, or screening of sand and to find gravel. I worked hard all day on windows and casings. In the late afternoon Harold and Lucy returned. They brought letters and news from home that Mary's baby is very sick and does not seem to gain much. Others were well. Evelyn sent more of my clean clothes. She sent me a nice mess of strawberries. Otho helped a little in the evening and we spent an hour or so at Harold's house. I remained there over night but got little rest because of my painful arm. I wrote a letter to Evelyn for Owen to post tomorrow.

Oct 5, Wednesday -- I worked all day putting on door and window casings, stops etc. Owen went down near Camp No. 1 and sifted or screened more gravel. Otho helped him until about 10 o'clock then he returned to camp feeling very poorly with his cold. Owen went down to Idaho City to see if they were about burning the gravel, but he had gone to Boise so nothing could be done until his return. Harold helped us on the house work and got, with Owen's help, some clay and sand for damming. Otho feels very bad. Afternoon Owen and I helped Harold fell a big tree near his house that had leaning a little in the way, and possibly might fall and injure someone or something. My arm is very bad.

Oct 6, Thursday -- Owen went down to screen gravel and near noon went on to Idaho City to see if Mr. Quigg could not haul it and the sand. Mr. Quigg let Owen take his truck at 30c a load. He brought back a load of gravel and during the afternoon he and Otho hauled two loads of sand and one more of gravel, reaching camp just after dark, in a rain that made it pretty hard to pull the load up here. Harold dashed for me all day. I sat in a window and filled the side of the door. Several come today.

Oct 7, Friday -- Harold helped us and we completed the laying of the cement floor by lamplight. We commenced digging on excavation for my home. I fixed Morris' broken door
Oct 8, Saturday — Harold helped with digging and daubing and at 4 p.m. he and Otho went hunting. Otho saw, shot at, and wounded a deer but did not get it. We commenced erecting the pillars for my house. Yesterday morning Owen took Quigg’s truck home, paid him $20.00 for the hauling of the 4 loads of gravel and sand, one for hauling the last lumber and one for coming for me when I went home on account of Mary’s babe’s sickness last Wed.

Oct 9, Sunday — Harold, Otho and Owen went hunting a little while this morning, in hope they could get the deer Otho wounded, but they returned empty handed. At, or near noon, we went up to Harold’s place and spent the evening.

Oct 10, Monday — we continued with digging trenches for pillars. Harold helped most of the day.

Oct 11, Tuesday — we experienced much hard work and difficulty in the digging and removing of a large tree stump. Morris arrived with Olive about 4:30 p.m., bringing furniture etc. It does seem good to see dear Olive and the baby, but they report Mary’s baby very low. At about 7 p.m. Mr. Quigg brought word to me that Mary’s baby was dead. During the evening we arranged for Otho to drive Morris’ car down for some of their things and to take me. Harold helped until Morris came.

Oct 12, Wednesday — the boys went hunting this morning but had no success. At 10 a.m. Otho and I started for Boise. On reaching Boise I found loved ones well and Mary and Rudolph resigned to their loss of the little one. The funeral was held at 3 p.m. in Necratism Undertaking parlor. I rec. hale delivered the sermon—a very good and appropriate talk. There were many kind friends in attendance. We all spent the evening at home, trying to make all as pleasant for Rudolph and Mary as we could. During the early evening, Evelyn and I had a talk regarding the advisability of her moving up here for the winter. She has reached the conclusion that she would prefer to move up to the mine, as it is the best thing we can do under our present circumstances. Little Clarine is constantly and unavoidably in the company of undesirable boys and they have all been cited to appear in Probate Court to answer for mischief done.

Oct 13, Thursday — I attended what business was at hand in Boise, then Otho and I returned to the mine, arriving at 6:20 p.m. Owen and Harold have been working on the house, but have accomplished very little.

Oct 14, Friday — we worked in the digging, erecting of pillars and beams and got the big stump out. I am very tired. Harold helped most of the day. Morris returned to Boise in the afternoon. It rained last night and a little during the early morning. Owen and I worked nearly steady. Otho spent most of the forenoon at Harold’s, where Morris spent his time instead of with, or helping Olive. Harold helped most of the afternoon.

Oct 15, Saturday — Olive and baby have taken cold because of the wet daubing and cement in house which had not dried when they moved in. I had Harold and Otho cut 5 trees for house logs and they peeled nearly three of them and part of another here at the house during the day, while Owen and I erected posts, put up pillars and commenced laying the roof joists on them.

Oct 16, Sunday — I suffered much with cramping of muscles during the night. It rained again. Olive and baby remained at Harold’s for the night, both with bad colds. I wrote a letter to the Shepherd Book Company of Salt Lake in effort to get them to place some pre-subscription orders for my book. Also wrote to Evelyn. Harold and Owen went to town for the mail and brought back a roll of building paper Morris had sent, carrying it on their backs.

Oct 17, Monday — I spent a very bad night with pains in my injured arm and shoulder and got but very little sleep. Olive and baby remained at Harold’s, their colds no better and possibly worse. In the evening Harold, with Otho, took them to Boise. During the day, Harold and Otho finished peeling the five No 4½ trees they cut yesterday morning. But very fast work, eh? Owen and I, with a little help from Otho, finished placing the roof
logs and filling in at the back between them, laid the 3 ft. width of boards and paper for the roof and Owen shoveled dirt from the interior of the building on it for a little over an hour. I was completely worn out and quit at 4:30 and got supper. It rained a little again this evening. I sent a short note to mother by Harold. Owen went to Harold's home for the night as company for Lucy.

Oct 18, Tuesday — Owen and I worked on the roof, piling on dirt and did considerable. In the late evening both arrived with food, driving Harold's car. He brought me letters and news from Evelyn and Morris that simply sent me about wild with regret and anger. Morris blames me for having built this cabin of his in the ground and says the dampness is due to that and the green logs and it would be impossible for Olive to occupy it before spring, so he is going to build a house on top of the ground and have Russell come up and cut the trees for logs and put them. These logs of which I have built his house were cut last spring and dried all summer in the sun, hence are no green and damp Olive couldn't live in the house before spring, but the home-ground trees that he would cut and put this fall and build into a cabin, exposed to the rains and snows of fall and winter would be dry and were enough to move right into soon as finished!! Consistency, thou art a jewel, yet comes none in far more needful. The facts are that Morris first instructed me to build his cabin on ground, saying he would just as soon live in a stable as in a house like Evelyn's. About three or four weeks later he came to me—after I had nearly finished Evelyn's house and again saw it. Then he returned to Boise, where I was writing my manuscript, he came up stairs into the room in which I was working and told me of his recent inspection of Evelyn's house and said he had changed his mind about it and would have me build his house in the hillside too. I told him I believed he would find it much more comfortable and I would build it as he had decided. So his house was built in the side hill as he instructed, except that I employed the pillar system of building instead of dovetailing the logs together, because it could be done so much quicker in much as he wanted the house built in the ground anyway. Both brought us some vegetables and returned with Harold this evening, leaving us to cook over campfire again. I wrote a short letter to Morris and Evelyn, inasmuch as Evelyn had become greatly exercised over Morris' version of the cause for the house dampness and Olive and her lady's bed clothes and she feared our house would be that way too, and some of us would be sick and maybe die. I wrote a letter too, and told them of their lack of reason and of the cause of dampness in the house which Morris well knew, if he had but used his head. The cement floor was laid Friday and finished by lamp light, all in a drizzling rain and the framing of the house was not finished until Monday noon, before they moved in the next evening—Thursday. If anyone could not know the reason for the house's dampness to be due to those conditions, it must be that they lacked 'gray matter' to guide their thinking! After all's left, I re-read both their letters and found that Morris wanted me to take this cabin the next morning.

Oct 19, Wednesday — I went down to Camp No. 1 and phoned home to Harold a message I had written after much thought and instructed him to tell both Morris and Evelyn just what I said. That phone message was verified by letter to both and will be found in my files. I told Morris I would take the house and would not permit him to live in it now, nor would I permit Evelyn too come up here because I would not permit on their sickness of any kind, for any cause, defiling it. I purchased a burning stove from the lumber company, promising to pay $25.00 for it and being it was seen as Harold came. I then returned to our camp and Owen and I worked hard all afternoon on the roof. I was in a mental hell because of what has occurred and Morris' and Evelyn's attitude of blame toward me. Owen and I ate dinner at Harold's. He remained there all night and I slept in the cabin that had been Olive's. We cooked our meals over the campfire. It was quite cold. Harold told me over the phone this morning they would be home tonight, but they did not come.

Oct 20, Thursday — Owen and I continued our work on the roof. We ate dinner again with Lucy. At night I again cooked our supper over campfire and slept in the house. It was very cold and before I could get to bed I was chilled through. I fear I will suffer a severe cold because of this chill. Harold and Olive failed to show up today.
Oct 21, Friday — We continued our roof work. While eating dinner with Lucy, Harold and Otho came, having been kept longer than they expected in getting their vegetables. They brought a very good letter from dear Evelyn, in which she expressed her complete change of mind and sympathized fully with me. She expressed a desire to come up here with me if I remained. Her good letter and spirit makes me very happy. Harold loaned me $3.00 with which to buy the stove and hauled it home for me. I worked hard, got it cleaned and set up in time to get supper. Oh, how nice and cozy and warm it is, but I have contracted a bad cold from my recent exposures. Owen helped Harold during the p.m. and Otho helped me on the house.

Oct 22, Saturday — Owen helped Harold until noon, when I sent for him. He and Otho tried to get some old lumber from an old placer flume in Baird's Gulch, with which I could finish covering the roof, but it failea. Then went down onlore's Creek with Harold to look for some at our old dredge, but it commenced raining and snowing and they had to return without it, but said they could get it there. My cold is very distressing.

Oct 23, Sunday — My cold seems a little better today. A light snow fell last night so Oto and Owen went in search of game. Oto found and drove to camp, four large fat sheep, which had been lost from some herd passing through. We are thankful for the opportunity of feeding the wild beasts to them. We killed and dressed them, Harold helping Otho first and then Owen arrived in time to assist. While out, he saw some deer. We are indeed thankful for the meat.

Oct 24, Monday — My cold is some better and I worked with Owen on the house all day, but became chilled toward evening and had to quit. Early this morning Harold and Owen went to Idaho City, engaged Quigly's truck and went to the old dredge for lumber, which they thought Saturday was plentiful and easy to get, but they obtained only a very little and that narrow, short strips of tongued and grooved four inches, but we made it with the pieces I was able to get by tearing down the tent shelves, to cover the balance of the roof. Otho started cutting house logs for Morris today. Worked 5 hours, cut six trees and peeled two of them. That is very good.

Oct 25, Tuesday — I passed a very bad night with hard coughing and my cold in much worse. My lung is pain me. Otho helped Harold this forenoon in exchange for work Harold is to give him cutting Morris' logs. In the afternoon he went hunting. Owen finished laying the roof boards and paper and the eave logs for holding the dirt, then pitched much dirt on the roof. I had to remain indoors all day. I patched Otho's and Owen's and my overalls and one pair of trousers for Owen.

Oct 26, Wednesday — I received a wonderfully good letter from dear wife, in which she expressed concern over my health and interest in my efforts. It is about the only occasion for a long time in which she has manifested sufficient interest either in my physical condition or my hard labors. In this good letter she also expressed a desire to be with me here this winter and to go as I had advised in the matter of making more payments on the House home under present circumstances. I have felt that as much as none of us are pleased with the place and there is so little remunerative employment to be had by any of us, we should use the little means we now have and can obtain in the near future in purchase of flour and clothing to cover our bodies. She has repeatedly promised me she would purchase at least a thousand pounds of flour at once with the money Owen earned and placed in her hands. But up to the present she has neglected it for first one reason then another. Owen and I worked putting dirt on the roof of the house and Otho helped Owen cut some large trees up on the mountain for wood, which the lumber company has consented to draw down with their large tractor as they pass by our house on their return to camp. I helped some with the wood and in laying out a road by which it could best be drawn down. My cold is some better but I am very weak and two trips up the mountain today about done me up and during the day of

Oct 27, Thursday — We carried on this work. Otho cut a few house logs for Morris. Today I received a letter from Evelyn written on the 24th in which she made some very unpleasant as well as untrue remarks about matters she erroneously claimed I had written
said or done. The spirit of this letter is anything but that which tends to make me happy, but to my great joy, I also received two post cards from her written on the 26th, one after she had received my letter. In these, she said, "Yes, but I'll come up with Russell Saturday if he comes. These letters or cards made me exceedingly happy and hopeful. One day her words and acts raise my joy and hopes to an earthly heaven and the next she casts them down to the bitterness of hell.

Oct 28, Friday — We moved a little dirt today but the greater part of the time was spent in cutting and preparing more big logs for wood by Otho and Owen. I accompanied them to the work that I might be of some assistance, particularly in selecting a good way by which the timer could be got at and drawn down by the tractors. While the boys were cutting a good sized stump of a tree about 20 in. diameter at the butt and 35 ft long, I sat down on the ground to rest about 10 feet from where they were sawing the tree down. When it fell, it struck a glancing blow against another large dry tree which was laden. This threw the tree toward me and as it fell, it struck me in the middle fell over the sharp backhank of the hill, throwing the butt of the tree high in the air, immediately over my head. Like a lightning flash, I looked up and saw that huge tree butt descending directly on my head. Some unknown preserving power caused me to keel over backward and a little to one side. How I did it, or how it was done, I will never know, but that backward turn saved my life and as the tree came down it rather roughly brushed my hips, but did me no harm. Thus God again spared my seemingly worthless life. In the quick turn backward I hurt my injured arm and shoulder. It is very painful, but with all my heart I thank God for his mindful care over my life.

Oct 29, Saturday — Owen and I worked at the moving of the dirt. Otho part of the time in cutting logs for Morris. Last evening, I felt that although Morris had been unjust in his blame placed on me for the building of Olive's cabin, a one room in the mountain or hillside, I felt I should give them another chance to occupy the house if they wanted to and Morris would do the right thing. I know it is very hard for Morris to provide means and a suitable place of living for Olive and I felt I should do all I could to help, despite the unjust treatment I feel I have received. So I wrote out and had the following message phoned to Morris from Camp No. 1. "If you cannot do better, and so desire, you may look this house over now that it is dry and if you feel it will serve your purpose you may occu the house this winter and build another to your liking in the spring. If so, I will vacate soon as I can finish mine, which will require from 10 days to 2 weeks." Otho and Owen did not want me to send it, Otho saying he knew Morris would not live in it for he had told him to tell me he would not under any circumstances, but I felt I would be doing my duty and the best I could, if I offered it, so I sent it, or had it sent off. In the morning lady came down and cleaned up the house, floors and furniture for me, as we had done Evelyn and others besides ourselves, would come. Just as I had dinner prepared Morris drove up with Evelyn, Reno and the two smallest girls. I was indeed thankful and happy to see them. Evelyn was quite sick to her stomach and in much distress, due to the riding in the enclosed car and the rain. It seems to affect her nearly every time she rides in an enclosed car of late. She had also been suffering with lameness of legs and back. Evelyn's greeting was not very cordial. She never even inquired after my health, the condition of my injured shoulder, or about my work. Thus she has acted on nearly every occasion of our meeting for the past year or nearly two. I had a very good dinner for them of which all but Evelyn ate heartily. She was too sick to eat much. After dinner I invited her out to see what we had accomplished on the house. She did not utter one word of commendation and said, "It is only about half the size of the house we had in Canada. We had some unkindly words about her remark and what she had said in her letter of the 24th—one or two errors on her part she acknowledged, but made no apology for them. Others she insisted were correct. She then told me that she had said she would come up here for the winter with the understanding that we would have the house I had built for Morris also, and thus have more room. I told her I and the boys would do our very utmost to build her another room as fast as we could, but this did not fill the bill and she said she would return to Boise and if she could arrange with fries. Hale to make a payment of $15.00 a month on the house, she would stay in Boise. She bought no other answer for not coming, nearly all of which we had thrown over..."
Our meeting was far from the happy one I had hoped and prayed for. When Morris got ready to go, I and the boys took a full and a half mutton and quartered them up and sent them down. As I stepped up to bid them goodbye, to my great surprise I found Otho in the seat by his mother, ready to go to Boise with them. I asked him where he was going and he and his mother said he was going down for the purpose of going to Melba and digging potatoes for us, which they said could be had for the digging. I asked why they had not consulted me about this thing. They said they had done so at the dinner table, but that is not true. I never heard one word or sentence indicating their desire or intention that Otho should go down again for that purpose. And as I needed his help to complete the cabin, regardless of my almost crippled condition, they would have Otho leave me again for this purpose. He had gone down twice before for the same avowed purpose and had obtained no potatoes, but they were so inconsiderate as to have him again leave me and that for one week when I am in such great need for his help.

And yet, all the potatoes he would expect to get could be purchased in the field run ready sacked for $1.00, or in choice hogs 1 stock for $2.50. And Otho has no means of getting to and from Kelso, a distance of 36 miles from Boise; nor has he a way of hauling them home from the field. Rudolph had repeatedly told us that he would bring our potatoes to Boise for us, and he could do no more although Otho was there and had dug them himself. This is but a sample of Evelyn's and Otho's concern or consideration of my wishes, or an evidence of their wish to be helpful. My body is sore and broken and my heart equally bad. My struggles have been made perhaps unwisely, but without sympathy or marked help from Evelyn. I do not know what I could have done that would have been better or given assurance of more aid and comfort to my family physically. I am mentally in the depths of hell and sorrow. My whole life and purposes seem to have culminated in one awful failure. While Morris did not apologize or make any amends for the things he has said, he wanted to accept my offer to let him have this cabin back and reinstate our original agreement that he would furnish means required for my house before he would make the agreement again binding, he would go to Emmett and see Olive tomorrow. If she approved, he would not send any other word, but consider the agreement closed. Otherwise he would phone me a message to Idaho City before 2 p.m. tomorrow. In the evening the lumber company's tractor brought in four of our logs for wood.

Oct 30, Sunday — This is a very unhappy day to me. My heart is full of sorrow and life seems a burden. I commenced writing a letter to Evelyn in which I purpose to make full and frank statement of my feelings regarding her conduct and words toward me, with a hope and prayer to God that I will write nothing but truth and will be just toward my good wife in all I say. In this way I hope and pray a better understanding can be had and wherein either one has done a wrong in word or act to the other, we will, in love and humility, make it right. My cold and my bad arm is very distressing.

Oct 31, Monday — Harold helped Owen nearly 4 hours this forenoon in cutting down and preparing a very large tree to be hauled down by the tractor. I shoveled most of the forenoon. In the afternoon we both worked at moving the dirt. I finished the letter to Evelyn and wrote a card to Morris coming bill of things required for my house, which he agreed to bring or send on or before next Saturday.

Nov 1, 1922, Tuesday — Owen and I moved lots of dirt today, or rather, he did and I hewed the front pillars of the house, fixed the door and windows. I wrote another card to Morris and sent it down by Harold. I sent the other card and letter for Evelyn by one of the lumbermen. This evening the tractor operators brought down four more logs for us, one of the largest I have seen cut in this part of Idaho. It measures 3 ft 10" diameter at the butt and 2 ft 6 in diameter at the tip and is 42 ft. long.

Nov 2, Wednesday — I spent a night of pain and distress with my bad cold and my injured shoulder and arm. Early this morning Owen and I straightened the big logs the best we could on the skids to make room for two more large logs they may bring tonight, then Owen went up and helped Harold four hours in return for his help with the big tree. It is very cloudy and look much like snow today. My arm is so bad and the corss of my neck so stiff and painful I layed off work this forenoon most of the time.
Shortly after noon Russell and Otho arrived, bringing Olive and the baby, furniture and supplies. By door and three windows and nine sacks of cement also and lock and hinges. The hinges I had to return. They brought a letter from Evelyn in which she informed me she had been sick and in much pain since her return from here last Sat. She said she would remain in Boise if she possibly could. Clarence has had a very mild case of small pox which is quite prevalent in Boise now. I wrote a letter back, agreeing with Evelyn in the need of earnest prayer and guidance of the Spirit of God in our decision about her moving us here. I told her that the only time I remembered of loving the house was when we had united in our decision to come here for the winter, yet I do not know and sometimes have my doubts as to it being the best place for us to have Evelyn and the children move up here although I have decided to stay. Otho brought a case of milk. Evelyn said she had purchased flour, (Otho said 500 lbs) and some other supplies. We arranged the room to accommodate mine and Olive's bed and many other things necessary to keep under shelter and from freezing so it is quite comfortable and more room than I thought it could be. Harold helped us move dirt nearly four hours this afternoon. He and Owen, with the little I helped, accomplished much.

Nov 3, Thursday — Owen and I worked at removing the dirt this forenoon. Harold obtained a horse from the E. L. Co. for drawing in his wood and logs, my few logs and wood for Andy Smith. Owen helped him five hours during the afternoon. I worked alone and finished the skylight roof plan and part of it's construction. Harold and Lucy spent the evening with us.

Nov 4, Friday — Owen worked at removing dirt nearly all day. I worked on and finished the skylight roof for my cabin. Harold snaked in logs all day and Owen helped him from 4 to 6 p.m. Olive and Lucy have both been sick today, from an unknown cause. They both suffered much distress. This afternoon the sheriff called and registered me.

Nov 5, Saturday. About 8:30 we commenced drawing our house logs down. It snowed about an inch last night and continued to rain off and on most of the day. After our few house logs were in, at 10:30, Harold and Owen spent the rest of the day until 6 p.m. dragging wood down for Mr. Smith. It is bad for them working in the slush and rain. They are both wet through. I worked at leveling and placing rock for laying logs of the side pillars of the house. We kept the horse in the excavation for the house because of the storm.

Nov 6, Sunday — Today is dear Lothair's birthday. I do hope he and his are well and that he will be blessed of God abundantly through all his coming years. It rained all night quite hard and wet through the roof of Harold's house so it leaked on the east end. I coughed considerable during the night. Harold and Lucy took dinner with us.

Nov 7, Monday — It turned off clear and froze hard last night. Owen and I commenced laying in the side logs of our house and worked to other during the forenoon. In the afternoon I worked at it alone while Owen and Harold nailed logs into cordwood for Andy Smith. My heart troubles me considerably today so I can hardly work and Owen is so troubled with the piles that he suffers a lot. I wrote a letter to Evelyn yesterday and sent it down to the post office today by one of the boys living at the E. L. Leo Camp #1. He promised to post it before 2 p.m. so the stage would take it down today. He also said he would bring our mail back to his home and Owen could get it there this evening, but he worked too hard and felt so poorly he could not go after it. I got two big logs laid on each side of the house with tar paper and dirt behind them and I sawed two more lengths ready to put down in the house for spotting and laying. The day has been clear and quite cold.

Nov 8, Tuesday — National Election Day. I pray God to move upon the people to elect men who will best serve his purposes in honesty and justice to all. It rained considerable last night and continued off and on all day. Owen and I worked at selecting from the pile logs for the side walls, cutting them in proper lengths and sliding them down under
the cover of the roof so we could have them to work out of the storm. About 4:30 p.m. Otho, Russel and Marvin came with a car and trailer load of provisions, four of my windows etc. The roads are so awfully cut up by the tractors and the mud is so deep, it is a wonder to me they ever made it up here. As it was, they had to leave the trailer down Steamboat canyon, come up first with the car and return for the trailer and it's load. They were about four hours in coming from Camp No 1 up here—a distance of about 12 miles. They were well and reported folks at home well. Otho brought me a letter from dear wife. It was full of the spirit of love, humiliation, desire to be forgiven for all she might have done to offend, or evident lack of interest, and concern in me and my work. She freely expressed her hope that we would mutually forgive and overlook each other's seeming neglect or slight, and in her letter she spoke of a wish to so arrange things here that Olive might use the little heater I have and do her baking on our range, thus indicating that she had finally and fully decided to join me here for the winter, and had advised me of it in a former letter which I have not received. I thank dear Evelyn and my Heavenly Father for this splendid spirit and reconciliation between us. Neither Otho nor Marvin seemed to know whether Evelyn had decided to come here or not, but said they came at Mother's request, to help me with my building. The rain was so hard and the roads so very bad that neither Harold nor I could go to Idaho City to cast our vote.

Nov 9, Wednesday — It rained nearly all night and frequently during the day. Harold's house leaked quite bad and Olive's leaked in one place where the dirt was thinnest. Otho helped me and Owen and Marvin on the house part of the day. Russel laid a little floor in front of Olive's door and put a little porch roof over it. Otho helped him bring the lumber from old placer mine flumes, more than a mile distant. I wrote a letter to Evelyn and sent it down by one of the ...F. men on Thurs p.m.

Nov 10, Thursday — It rained a little again last night. I learned last evening that Russel had brought for me, only about 50 sq. ft. of roofing paper to use as covering for the walls of my building, so it would do so little good and we could go no further with our building until I got paper. Otho and Russel consented to walk to Idaho City and bring me a roll of paper, if it could be had there. Owen is not well today, yet he walked down to Camp No 1 and got staples needed for fastening the wire which holds logs against the pillars. Owen brought a letter from dear wife, dated the 4th, in which she told me fully of her decision to come up here and of proposed plans for moving etc. I at once wrote her another long letter, also one to Morris, telling him of my urgent need for the building paper and for the lumber for my door and windows which it now seems Russel informed Morris I did not need, all because of his forgetfulness and misunderstanding. I can do no more without paper, then little more after that is put on without the lumber. Otho and Russel obtained the paper and carried it up on their backs. They paid $1.75 for it, $1.10 of which I had and Otho loaned the balance. He also got 10c worth of tacks. They did not get back until after noon. During the p.m. they cuttered about and did a little wood sawing. To my great delight, we learn that the Democratic ticket, state and national was overwhelmingly elected, the greatest turnover in fifty years or more.

Nov 11, Friday — I got up early this morning and wrote a letter of congratulations to Gov. Ross and a formal application addressed to him for appointment to the position of State Land Commissioner. This I sent to Evelyn with request for her to present it in person and obtain what assistance she could for me. I also wrote to Pres. R. Q. Hale, asking his help. I could not send these letters to post today. Owen, Marvin and I worked hard all day on the house. The opening and logs for the two side windows were almost finished and much dirt removed. Otho and Russel went hunting this morning and after they returned they spent the balance of the day (6 hours) helping Harold. It froze hard last night and continued cold all day so the ground did not thaw enough to dig easily. I received a letter from Lou Godall in answer to mine, offering to sell him my pump patent. I will answer as soon as I get more time.

Nov 12, Saturday — Owen and I worked laying logs. Otho and Russel commenced excavating for the woodshed between mine and Morris' houses. They put some of the dirt on the two roofs. Morris helped me all day. I received letters from Evelyn, Nina and Lothair. All were well. Mother Evelyn's letter was full of encouragement and good will. Lothair told
me he had seen some of the urethra in effort to secure help in the publication of my book. He informed me that three urethra, Brown, Kingston and Gustafson, had made arrangement whereby 200 books could be printed and if I approved, to send the M.S.S. at once as he would again be in Idaho about the 17th. I feel that this will lead to the accomplishment of my long deferred hopes, even though I do not act upon the suggestion, which I hesitate to do for several reasons. I will use Lothair’s offer in effort to persuade the Caxton Printers to give me better terms than they have yet offered. Khea’s letter was a deeply earnest and spiritual letter, chiefly devoted to effort to persuade me to accept and act upon Lothair’s proposition at once.

Nov 13, Sunday — I sought the Lord, to be guided aright in my decision about accepting Lothair's offer and I felt to avoid it if I could possibly obtain terms from The Caxton printers that I could comply with. I wrote them a letter, quoting Lothair's letter in part and a letter received from the Shepherd Book Co of Salt Lake, and I told them although I was very anxious to have them do the work for me, that unless they could offer better terms, that I could meet, I would be compelled to go elsewhere. I wrote to Lothair, thanking him and telling him of my desire and effort to get better terms from The Caxton Printers, but if I could not, I would send him a copy of my M.S. I also asked if he and his friends named could not give me the same help in dealing with The Caxton Printers that they had proferred to give another printer of 200 books. I wrote Evelyn and Khea, answering their letters and telling them of my hopes and effort with The Caxton Printers. It rained much of the day.

Nov 14, Monday — It rained again today but we worked on the house. Gwen, Marvin and I. Otho and Russeal dug on the woodshed excavation and loaded the trailer with wood.

Nov 15, Tuesday — It snowed two or three inches last night. Russeal and Otho feared that if they did not go to Boise at once for supplies, the snows would prevent it, and as another excuse, they could bring the lumber for my door and windows. It was very disagreeably wet but Owen, Marvin and I worked on the house nearly all day. The B.P.L. Company worked their big grader over our road which they had cut up very bad, and they put it in fine shape, tho’ it is so very muddy.

Nov 16, Wednesday — It froze a little last night so Harold thought he could haul some lumber he had purchased in Idaho City for his woodshed. So he came for Owen to help him. Marvin and I worked on the back logs of the house but they were so heavy we accomplished little. The weather turned warm and roads became very soft by noon, about which time Morris, Russeal and Otho came in Morris’ car. They brought a trailer carrying my lumber and some provisions and for the purpose of taking Olive and the baby down for the winter, as Morris now fears they will be shut in here where they can’t get out, or he in, to help. This hit me pretty hard, to have Olive and the baby go now, after I had worked so hard to comfortably house them and had so dotted on their company during the winter. I also fear for their safety from persecution. They brought a nice letter from dear wife which I at once hurriedly answered, that Olive might take it down. Harold brought me a letter from The Caxton Printers in which they proposed to print the books for me if I would agree to take or sell half the first edition within one year from date of publication. I suppose they meant an edition of 1000 copies as they had before proposed to publish. I feel the Lord has again helped me to accomplish the purpose he has moved me in and after talking with Morris and obtaining his consent to sign with me and others an agreement to sell half of the first 1000 edition, I wrote the Caxton printers telling them I would accept their offer and for them to send contract for our signatures. I wrote post cards to Elwood and Lothair and on Lothair’s, told him of the Caxton Printers’ offer and that I had accepted it and I asked him and his friends who had proffered to put up the money for printing 200 copies to sign with me. I sent Lothair’s card in Elwood’s care at Shelley. Evelyn said in her letter, she believed it would be best for Marvin to return home to attend his school inasmuch as he had Otho’s and Owen’s help now and I fully agreed in the need. Altho Marvin did not want to go back, he consented and I sent the letters by him to Mother, to be posted, but when they had gone a little way
he missed them and returned to find them, but could not, so to my great disappointment and his too, he had to go without them. About 15 minutes after he had gone, Otho found the letters out in the road where Marvin had lost them. Because of the urgent need we had for those letters to go, Otho started out on the run (contrary to my advice), in the deep mud and slush, with the thought he could probably overtake them down the canyon, where they must stop to fasten the trailer on, but he was unable to do so, so he went right on to Idaho City. There he had to wait for the postmaster more than one hour before he returned from his supper and opened the office. Otho did not get back to camp until long after dark. It was an awfully trying task to walk such a distance in this very deep mud and slush, particularly after dark. I am very glad to have the letters sent, but very sorry for the need that Otho work so hard to do it. I accomplished little work today and it is a day of disappointment and sorrow to me, yet mellowed by the goodness of God in providing a way by which it now seems my books can be published. Olive and Morris left the supplies he had provided for Olive, for us and made a list of them so we could make it up to them. Before they left, we all knelt down in the little cabin and had prayer together, asking God for His protecting and guiding care.

Nov 17, Thursday — Owen helped Harold all day yesterday—the forenoon in getting the lumber and the afternoon in laying it on his house to help keep out the rain. Their roof is leaking awfully. We finished laying all the logs on the back of our house. We worked in mud, rain and slush and it has been a hard and very disagreeable task, but now the walls are laid and we are ready to fill the dirt in about them and the roof also to put in door and windows. It was very foggy, when not raining, today.

Nov 18, Friday — It turned off clear and colder last night, so the sky was visible thru the fog and mists part of the day, but it was warm enough to keep the snow melting. Otho worked all day in the mud, digging a trench above the house and banking up the sides and roof. I put in the blue pipe for the heater, then worked putting in the two side window frames and some work on one of the front windows. Owen helped Harold all day except some time they spent together in looking for abandoned tools on the loggers’ trails. In the evening Owen and I went to Harold’s. I remained home to study and write.

Nov 19, Saturday — Otho worked all day in digging a drain ditch above the house to prevent water running down from the hill passing onto the houses or woeasened and in throwing dirt on the roofs and banking up our house. I worked all day on one pair of front windows, cut sills in and pillars heaved to shape for frames and hung the windows. Then I commenced work on the other pair. In the morning Owen helped move dirt out of the house, then walked to Idaho City to see if there was any word from dear wife, requesting my presence in Boise in interest of my application filed with the Governor for appointment as State Land Commissioner. There was no word from Evelyn, but I received a nice letter from Mrs. Heber Q. Heale, in which he promised to assist me all he could and suggested that I come to Boise in person soon. In the afternoon Owen worked for Harold. It has been a cool and very clear and pleasant day.

Nov 20, Sunday — It clouded up last night but soon cleared away and froze a little, so this Sabbath morning came in bright and clear. After breakfast and the boys had departed on their several hunting quests, I got out my Bibles and books, then sought the Lord in earnest prayer to forgive my sins, chief and most troublesome of which is my angry temper and haste in saying vile words if anything goes wrong. I do most earnestly pray God will enable me to overcome this evil which gives Satan power over me. I dedicated my days’ study and work to Him and sought his guiding Spirit in inspiration and revelation. The Lord answered my prayers and gave me much joy in my work and study.

Nov 21, Monday — Today Otho and I worked on the house, he at banking up and digging drain while I put in the other front window and fitted the two side windows in place without casing up, leaving this to be done later. My desire is to now get the house well enclosed so it will hold the heat from a stove and dry the daubing and cement floor. In the forenoon Owen went to Idaho City for mail, as I thought there would be some word
from Evelyn about my prospects for appointment by the governor, but no word came.
During the afternoon, Evelyn helped me on the house and Harold concluded to go to Boise
in the morning. He will take Evelyn and me down so we can inquire into our prospects
for position.

Nov 22, Tuesday -- We got up very early and worked hard and fast to hang the door before
Harold could be ready, to go at 8:30. Evelyn remained at the place while the rest of us
went to Boise, where we arrived about noon and found everyone well. Evelyn had just
returned from her visit to the governor in my behalf. She received his encouragement. I prepared to do all I could to land that position. On visiting Harri's house, we find Olive's baby and Russell have the smallpox in a light form. Harold is preparing to take the car. At that time I am working where they can be helped by his parents
who have food and shelter for them. Both is preparing to go with Harold and Harold
and Evelyn plan to go to Salt Lake before returning and see has never seen so many people
in Utah. Our both is in a very beautiful world and is standing at the very head of our
school and church activities. I am indeed proud of her. I devoted the afternoon and
evening to my study and work in revising my manuscript. The work is very good to me
in permitting me to enjoy the spirit in this work. In the late evening I finished my
instruct after which it caused me much pain. Harold and Evelyn ran with us.

Nov 23, Wednesday -- By foot in very painful today. I spent almost the entire time of
this day and evening on my manuscript. Evelyn did some work at the house and for the
laborers. Harold has been sent to attempt to see about getting employment again on the state survey and, but he is not successful. Harold, Evelyn and both
started for Salt Lake about 4 o'clock this morning. Harold and Harold and Evelyn have
closed the place and are leaving tomorrow morning. Evelyn and Mary had planned on being with us too, but this morning Robert and Florence were taken
quite sick having smallpox symptoms, so Evelyn planned them of this and learned that
they school board at Delta had refused to choose a new Thanksgiving day so they
could not come anyhow.

Nov 24, Thursday -- Thanksgiving. The Lord has been very good and merciful to us in
that our numbers have increased during the past year, despite the death of sisters's baby.
We spent a pleasant day, although at the time and Evelyn prepared a very nice
dinner, after which Harold, Mary and Evelyn returned to the mine. I spent all the time
I could get on my M. S.

Nov 25, Friday -- Evelyn and Marvin spent several hours writing at the tabernacle. I
completed my manuscript and it's marginal reference review and corrections. I thanked
God in prayer for his guiding spirit which has been with me. In the forenoon I called
on Governor Ross and presented my claim and reasons for appointment as State Land
Commissioner. He received and listened to me very cordially and while he made no
promise further than to send would present my application to the board which he
would call together at an early date. This acknowledgment of my letters and qualifica-
tions together with his manner gave me some encouragement. My foot is pretty bad
and causes me distress in my efforts to walk.

Nov 26, Saturday -- This is my dear Evelyn's birthday. I think God has blessed me and
mine with her and her loving care so needed and appreciated by us all. I am indeed
grateful to God that her is so well and I pray for a long and happy continuation
of her years. Evelyn sent Evelyn their birthday picture. It is a lovely child. During
the forenoon I called on Mr. Phares, county chairman who told me he would go the limit
in my behalf. I called on Dr. Vincent and received his assurance of help. Then on
Prof. Conley, state school Supt., who is a member of the State Land Board and will
participate in the selection of a State Land Commissioner. He received me very kindly
and while he made no promises and said he had not made any to anyone of the many applicants for that position, his actions and words gave me additional hope. My feet is
very painful and swollen. In the late afternoon the doctor called and dressed it.
During my walk today the swelling has broken and considerable pus discharged. He says
it is an good shape. Evelyn and Marvin worked at the tabernacle again this afternoon.
We spent the evening in singing, checkers etc.
Nov 27, Sunday -- Rudolph and Mary came this morning before we were up. We had remained in bed at a very unusually late hour, 8 o'clock, because we could not very well go out to attend conference meetings until we knew the children did not have the smallpox, but as much as this in the 5th day since their first symptoms appeared, we feel they will not now have the malady. My foot pained much during the first part of the night until I and Evelyn got up at 12 o'clock and put a new dressing on it, after which I rested well. Rudolph and Mary attended conference meetings all day. Evelyn went in the afternoon. I remained at home with the children because of my bad foot.

Before retiring for the night, Evelyn and I sought the Lord in earnest prayer, that we might know whether or not it was of His will that what I had written in my manuscript concerning vicarious baptism work for little children who die before reaching years of accountability and for those who die without law, should be eliminated from my printed book. Toward morning I had the following vivid and to me, very impressive dream.

I thought I stood on the upper edge of a large field of flowers, grasses, shrubs, grains and other useful plants. This growth I knew in my dream to be the subject matter I have treated in my manuscript. Before me the field was spread out in beautiful and variegated color, plants in nearly all stages of growth. A little in front and to my left by a well defined path which lead through the field, was a growth of beautiful golden brown color, a little more marked in color and development than other parts of the field. I thought this was the subject of vicarious work for the dead on which I was anxious to obtain help. I stood looking out over the beautiful field and particularly this golden brown part, then I walked down the sloping field to the path which I followed to it's border, in search of the person who had helped me in my field work and whom I knew could now give me the instruction I was seeking about the golden brown growth. There I met the person with whom it seemed I was well acquainted, a being of very kind and quiet manner and comely face. It seemed to me at first, it was my mother. We met as though by previous appointment and walked together along the path viewing and talking about the growth on either side, before and behind us.

Soon we came to the golden brown plot and as we drew nearer, it appeared as a most beautiful hedge, flanking the path on either side. The hedge was broad and flat on top, with well trimmed and straight border. At the point nearest us it was trimmed short and close to the ground and from there gradually sloped upward until at it's farthest end it attained a height of about 5 feet. The hedge on both sides of the path was identical in appearance and terminated into large pillars formed of the same beautiful bright, golden brown hedge. To these pillars on each side of the path was suspended, as a picture hangs from a wall, two round tablets of the same beautiful growth. On the tablet suspended from the pillar on the left side of the path was written the word of God concerning vicarious baptism for those who had died without law. This tablet hung in straight downward position so it's inscription could be easily read by all who must pass between these two rows of hedge along the path.

From the pillar on the right was suspended a like round tablet on which was written the revealed word of God concerning vicarious baptism for children who had died before they were 8 years of age. But this tablet did not hang straight as did the other one. It's top tipped outward so the inscription it carried could not be so easily read. The person with me asked, "Why did you not hang that tablet so it could be more easily read?" I replied that I had placed it so in order that those who were sufficiently interested to care to read it could do so by stooping a little and looking upward.

It seemed that I was trying to apologize and excuse myself for leaving the tablet in this position. The messenger then said in kind but commanding tone, "Straighten it up and make it plain, bright and clear, as the tablet on the other side is." I promised my instructor that I would do so and I was then left standing alone on the path between the hedges. From the very first, in my dream, I understood that the hedge on the left in it's entirety represented, or was the vicarious work of the living for those who had died without a knowledge of the Gospel and that on the right was the vicarious work for little children who had died before attaining years of accountability, consequently
without law.

These two hedges, pillars and tablets were identical. In no particular did they differ one from the other and all persons who passed along this path must pass between them and had opportunity to read the inscriptions on the two tablets.