

**Elmer Hyman Black**  
**Personal Youth Diary**  
**Covering Years 1898-1903**

*Excelsior Diary*

If others will not  
gentlemen must not

Corlebad H. Myers

Nov 19-07

Pecos Valley Pharmacy  
Jewelry & Druggery

Framing Jarvis  
Mrs Jackson  
City Control office  
Seattle Wn

N  
Emer Black  
Myrtle Point  
Aug.  
1902

A. Ye. Black.

Elmer Black

Travichol

Elmer Black Dr.

Peoria, Ill.

Dec. 30-06

A. Ye. Black.

E H Black

Elmer Black

Poratello

Idaho

June 15, 1903

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in it that would hurt any  
body orely the principal  
of anything E H B



EXCELSIOR



DIARY



1889



This book is over cost, it is an excellent, well illustrated, and  
to Emma H. Black, Quetta, Idaho, 76 Black's Exchange, and nearest nearest.

Emma H. Black

Nov. 29-89.

Myrtle B. Black

Idaho

Quetta, Idaho

June 15, 1889

10:55 P.M.





HIGH WATER AT SAN FRANCISCO.

JULY.					AUGUST.						
D	First.	Second	D	First.	Second	D	First.	Second	D	First.	Second
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SEPTEMBER.					OCTOBER.						
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3	6 57	5 32	19	9 21	7 21	3	7 59	6 33	19	5 59	7 45
4	8 18	6 39	20	9 51	8 13	4	8 47	7 45	20	9 06	8 40
5	9 17	7 47	21	10 14	9 01	5	9 27	8 50	21	9 58	9 30
6	10 03	8 49	22	10 32	9 44	6	10 09*	9 47	22	9 52	10 11
7	10 43	9 48	23	10 50	10 25	7	10 23	10 38	23	10 18	10 57
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NOVEMBER.					DECEMBER.						
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4	9 14	9 45	20	9 00	10 05	4	9 09	10 40	20	9 06	11 14
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11	3 19	1 03	27	4 01	2 11	11	3 54	1 07	27	4 11	2 50
12	4 25	1 36	28	4 55	3 23	12	4 38	1 50	28	5 04	3 21
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Happy New Year.  
 Weather Clear in forenoon  
 Cloudy in afternoon.  
 Wind East. Chilly  
 Sleeted a little in afternoon.  
 We worked all day.

WEDNESDAY 2.

Clear in forenoon Cloudy  
 in afternoon but a Rain  
 Snow. Clear again at night.  
 Wind East & Chilly

JANUARY, THURSDAY 3. 1889.

Clear & Cloudy. Wind  
East. Chilly. but  
nice winter weather.

FRIDAY 4.

Cloudy in forenoon. Clear  
in afternoon -  
Wind East but very cold.

JANUARY, SATURDAY 5. 1889.

Cloudy Part of day &  
Clear & balace. Wind  
East Chilly.

SUNDAY 6.

Weather Clear & nice Wind  
South with appearance  
of Rain. Streets dry  
& Dusty.



JANUARY,

MONDAY 7.

1889.

$7 \times 1 = 7$   
 $7 \times 2 = 14$   
 $7 \times 3 = 21$   
 $7 \times 4 = 28$   
 $7 \times 5 = 35$   
 $7 \times 6 = 42$   
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 $8 \times 8 = 64$   
 $8 \times 9 = 72$   
 $8 \times 10 = 80$   
 $8 \times 11 = 88$   
 $8 \times 12 = 96$

TUESDAY 8.

$9 \times 1 = 9$   
 $9 \times 2 = 18$   
 $9 \times 3 = 27$   
 $9 \times 4 = 36$   
 $9 \times 5 = 45$   
 $9 \times 6 = 54$   
 $9 \times 7 = 63$   
 $9 \times 8 = 72$   
 $9 \times 9 = 81$   
 $9 \times 10 = 90$   
 $9 \times 11 = 99$   
 $9 \times 12 = 108$

$10 \times 1 = 10$   
 $10 \times 2 = 20$   
 $10 \times 3 = 30$   
 $10 \times 4 = 40$   
 $10 \times 5 = 50$   
 $10 \times 6 = 60$   
 $10 \times 7 = 70$   
 $10 \times 8 = 80$   
 $10 \times 9 = 90$   
 $10 \times 11 = 110$   
 $10 \times 12 = 120$

JANUARY,

WEDNESDAY 9. 1889.

$3 \times 1 = 3$   
 $3 \times 2 = 6$   
 $3 \times 3 = 9$   
 $3 \times 4 = 12$   
 $3 \times 5 = 15$   
 $3 \times 6 = 18$   
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 $3 \times 11 = 33$   
 $3 \times 12 = 36$

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 $4 \times 2 = 8$   
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 $4 \times 8 = 32$   
 $4 \times 9 = 36$   
 $4 \times 10 = 40$   
 $4 \times 11 = 44$   
 $4 \times 12 = 48$

THURSDAY 10. 1889.

$6 \times 1 = 6$   
 $6 \times 2 = 12$   
 $6 \times 3 = 18$   
 $6 \times 4 = 24$   
 $6 \times 5 = 30$   
 $6 \times 6 = 36$   
 $6 \times 7 = 42$   
 $6 \times 8 = 48$   
 $6 \times 9 = 54$   
 $6 \times 10 = 60$   
 $6 \times 11 = 66$   
 $6 \times 12 = 72$

$5 \times 1 = 5$   
 $5 \times 2 = 10$   
 $5 \times 3 = 15$   
 $5 \times 4 = 20$   
 $5 \times 5 = 25$   
 $5 \times 6 = 30$   
 $5 \times 7 = 35$   
 $5 \times 8 = 40$   
 $5 \times 9 = 45$   
 $5 \times 10 = 50$   
 $5 \times 11 = 55$   
 $5 \times 12 = 60$



JANUARY

FRIDAY 11.

1889.

$11 \times 1 = 11$	$12 \times 1 = 12$
$11 \times 2 = 22$	$12 \times 2 = 24$
$11 \times 3 = 33$	$12 \times 3 = 36$
$11 \times 4 = 44$	$12 \times 4 = 48$
$11 \times 5 = 55$	$12 \times 5 = 60$
$11 \times 6 = 66$	$12 \times 6 = 72$
$11 \times 7 = 77$	$12 \times 7 = 84$
$11 \times 8 = 88$	$12 \times 8 = 96$
$11 \times 9 = 99$	$12 \times 9 = 108$
$11 \times 10 = 110$	$12 \times 10 = 120$
$11 \times 11 = 121$	$12 \times 11 = 132$
	$12 \times 12 = 144$

SATURDAY 12.

JANUARY,

THURSDAY 17.

1889.

$13 \times 1 = 13$
$13 \times 2 = 26$
$13 \times 3 = 39$
$13 \times 4 = 52$
$13 \times 5 = 65$
$13 \times 6 = 78$
$13 \times 7 = 91$
$13 \times 8 = 104$
$13 \times 9 = 117$
$13 \times 10 = 130$
$13 \times 11 = 143$
$13 \times 12 = 156$

FRIDAY 18.

$14 \times 1 = 14$
$14 \times 2 = 28$
$14 \times 3 = 42$
$14 \times 4 = 56$
$14 \times 5 = 70$
$14 \times 6 = 84$
$14 \times 7 = 98$
$14 \times 8 = 112$
$14 \times 9 = 126$
$14 \times 10 = 140$

This tobacco was fat in her by Bert when we lived in Bullton Ok about ~~1892~~ 1892 and I was about 7 years old. It was a little white before we moved to Myrtle Point, Ore.







Emer Black. 10 yrs

JANUARY, SUNDAY 27. 1889.

6 Myrtle Point

15 cts  
cts  
cts  
cts

Emer Black

Emer Black in Pocatello - 9 damage 17 years old  
Jan 14/1900

Emer Black  
Pocatello Id  
June 15, 1903  
MONDAY 28.

Myrtle Point

10 yrs old

JANUARY, TUESDAY 29. 1889.

June 14, 1903

Went to <sup>2000</sup> Blackfoot with the Band had a fair time. everything was free  
The 3 went to the City Park with the 20, 000 Band beer flowers & lemon water

Pocatello Id

March 19-06  
19th, 1906

Wednesday (Yesterday) and today Thursday are two days that will go down in history as two of its blackest days  
At 5-10 Wed. morning ~~an~~ an Earthquake destroyed this beautiful city of San Francisco Cal. the fire, which broke out immediately, has been burning this last ~~two days~~ <sup>day and night</sup> and by today's report it is still burning and there is no hope of saving the city. The damage is about 100,000,000 as near as any one can tell. There is only



March ~~27~~  
JANUARY, THURSDAY 31. 1889/90

one telegraph wire into  
the city and much news  
about it can't be had.

Chicago has been trying  
all day to establish rail  
connections but can't  
do it. Mr. Harriman  
issued an order to his  
railroad to establish  
communications with the  
city without regard to  
cost.

William Giles, an old  
school mate of mine  
is working in S. F. I don't  
know what he has hurt

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 1.

Congress voted 1,000,000  
for the relief of the city.  
President Roosevelt has  
issued an appeal for  
aid.

Black's ranch 7:30  
a.m.

FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 2. 1889.

Sept 9, 1903  
from Mr. Molinelli  
Bought a B & B gal  
filled watch case  
worn for 20 yrs  
for \$5 sells for \$7

SUNDAY 3.



FEBRUARY, MONDAY 4. 1889.

November Thursday 29 - 1906

Peoria, Ill.

When I left home I made up my mind that when I got to Peoria and got started to school I would keep track of every thing of interest so will start a diary, so must start from the beginning.

I left Pocatello, Idaho at 1-30 P.M. on Tuesday Nov. 29 1906 and I won't tell you right here that it is a pretty hard job to come home ~~and~~ I felt pretty bad that day, and a little while

TUESDAY 5

before the train started Papa said good by and went back to the store as he had some work to do, there is no use to dwell on that subject so will go on. I got into Odgen about 6 o'clock and left about 7-30. I rode in the Pullman sleeper to Cheyenne where I had to change to a chair car which was not much as nice but I could not do any better. I got into Omaha at 10-30 A.M. and left at 7-25 A.M. the next

FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 6. 1889.

morning. While there I went to see the stockyards and there I went to packing plant and it was quite a sight. On the train I met an old <sup>farmer</sup> on his way back east and as he was going to stop off in Omaha I proposed that we go together and he consented and I was very glad of it as it was company and I must admit that I was a little bit lonesome. We went all over the town and only got lost once. He left on the evening train

THURSDAY 7

for Chicago. I went down with him and helped him find the right one. There is two spots there, The Burlington, the one I went on and the Union, I don't know what route he took, any way we went to the Union depot and he took one of the trains. Just before we went into the ~~car~~ car he handed me a book to write my name in so he could write to me and I did the same.



FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 8. 1889.

I nearly forgot to write his name down in this book. I guess I had better do it. but you I forget it.

L. Hopper, Redington Neb.  
is this name and address and that reminds me I must write to him soon <sup>or</sup> he will think I have forgotten him altogether. (Friday 16-06)  
As I said before I left Omaha at 7:25 and got into Peoria at 7 o'clock in the evening and I was very glad to get here. I did not know where I could find a good hotel so I

SATURDAY 9. I mean the fellow that got off the train until they took a car a little way from the depot and as I did not know the town I did not want to get on the car so I took up the first street and landed at the Smith's hotel and I don't think it amounts to much. The next day I went out to the school and saw Mr. Westlake and a hunter up a place to board and room.

Boarding place Mrs. Brown 3.25 of week  
Mr. Westlake's place Mrs. Westlake 1.75  
FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 10. 1889.

and then went back to the hotel paid my bill, which was two dollars and started in the office office and read till about 4:30 when I went out to my own boarding place and I suppose I was introduced to some of the students that stay there. Sunday was a pretty long day and I was very glad when Monday came so I could start in school. Monday <sup>came at last</sup> I started into school and I start into school the date ~~was~~ Nov. 19-06.

MONDAY 11.  
The first thing I did was to found out a big <sup>spike</sup> and make a file cleaner and after that I started into making tools and have not finished yet but expect to in another week.

I had a letter of introduction to Mrs. Deaforth, who goes to school here, but lost it I am very sorry to say but I met her anyway. She is a friend of Adelle's. Well as it is ten minutes to six nearly supper time I will have to close this. I have <sup>several</sup> a letter to answer tonight. One to Papa and one to Adelle and one to



Today is Thanksgiving day <sup>Nov 29-06</sup>  
the first one I ever spent away from home  
FEBRUARY, TUESDAY 12, 1889.  
Julia Day at Brighton Park.

I am very much ashamed of my self about this letter I did it July 20 and have not one, it is yet but am going to try and do so tonight. Mr Wells just came in from the football game and has gone to supper so had better get busy or get left.

Friday Nov 30-06

Today was a cloudy and dark day. I finished filing my tools today and started into polishing them. It is a very technical task but I guess I will get them all right. As it is late

WEDNESDAY 13.

and my eyes smart from reading so much I will have to close this book for tonight.

Saturday

Sunday, Dec. 30-1906

It has been a month since I wrote in this book; it does not seem possible that it has been so long, time certainly goes very fast and still I want it to go faster. I get impatient at times because it goes so slow and I think I am getting along

FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 14.

1889.

so slow. There is so much I want to do it seems like I will be old and gray before I accomplish it. Since I wrote in this book last many things have happened. I have finished the filing room and am in the see  $\odot$   $\odot$  room and am working on ballance stuff. tomorrow I will begin to turn out four of them to fit the ballance wheel. It is very slow work and I don't think I will be able to do

FRIDAY 15

the work in three or four months as I would like to. Today has been a very blue blue Sunday for me. It has been raining pretty hard just about here in Oregon. I have been practicing penmanship the last hour or so. This writing doesn't show much improvement in fact not other does either but it will come in time. Christmas was very lonesome day. I had not heard from



FEBRUARY, SATURDAY 16. 1889.

home and as I had to buy some tools and also tuition for this month I was about broke in, fact I had about \$2 in my pocket and I owed Mrs Brown for two weeks board and Miss Nesbith for two weeks room rent. I had a few presents to buy but I had to get this town as much as possible. I sent one to Addie and Sherman Lulu Gray and Bert. I have made friend with a former boy from Kansas. As his name is to

SUNDAY 17. <sup>Mr Smith</sup>

lots of exercise we have agreed to take a walk every night which we try to keep. It was a very fortunate thing that I was acquainted with him, as it enabled me to borrow a couple of dollars of him which helped me out very much. I had one present Christmas and that was from Lulu. The landlady gave me a plate of fruit. We go to school to morrow but have a holiday.

FEBRUARY, MONDAY 18. 1889.

Tuesday which is New Years Day. The attendance is very small now. They are as near as I can remember Miss Marston of R.D. Ma Decker, of Michigan Mr Smith of Kansas Mr Huffman of Virginia Mr Wells of Ballard Oregon Van Prusky of California Miss Graefarth of Iowa Mr Benedict of Neb. and some others that I don't know their names. Well I think I will stop writing for today and take a walk down town before supper.

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 19.

This is the first time I have written in this book in the new year. New Years night (or I mean) I went down town I have forgot what for but did not stay very long and came back and at Miss Nesbiths invitation I joined a party of four composed of Miss Guspeth Miss Graefarth and Mr Wells and myself and we watched the old year out and the



FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY 20, 1889.

new one ear and after  
twelve we went across  
the street to Mrs Brown's  
and had some music  
Miss Lacey Ford was  
going to play that is she  
said she would play in  
the evening but when we  
went over she would not do  
it but some of the other  
said ~~and~~ the last song  
was America and everybody  
sang. I am going to write  
down who all was there  
if I can remember but  
then was Mrs Perbith  
Mrs Shaffner Lucy Ford

THURSDAY 21

Lucy - Mrs Brown I  
organ grandma Mrs  
Ford Mrs Smith Mrs Mills  
I can't think of the others.  
Every thing has been going  
about as usual only I  
am broke and I don't  
know whether Papa is going  
to send me some money  
before the 19 or not.  
Pert did not send me  
any money this month  
so I am up against it Papa  
I can get along on what  
they send down if they want

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 22, 1889.

only send it but it is  
like pulling teeth to  
get it  
After this month my  
rent will be 10 dollars  
and that with my board  
and down two dollar will  
help me along a whole  
lot. I have a room mate  
now and I am glad of it.  
He is from Wrentham  
I believe is the name of  
the town. I am going  
to take lessons in  
piano playing at the  
M. C. A. High school.

SATURDAY 23

I am still working on  
jewels and that are very  
hard. I feel all right  
have had a little cold but  
am better the thing that  
is worrying me now is  
whether I can go to get  
any more this month if  
I do I will feel better  
Well I don't feel like writing  
any more Mrs Perbith is  
playing the piano so fine.  
Sunday 24 - 07  
Every thing is going  
along about the same



I got a check from Papa last week for \$30 and was very glad of it.

But did not send me any money this month so I am short. Dawson weeks based billand have only \$1.75 in my pocket so don't feel very good. I wish I could get them to send it to me regular.

March 15/07

I haven't had a chance to write in this book for a long time. I have been sick this week but have

MONDAY 25.

to school just the same but had to stay home yesterday Thursday, and today Friday and as tomorrow is Sat. I don't think I will go either as we have only a half day. I have been feeling pretty bad the last two days but am feeling some better. I have to be careful not to catch your cold. It isn't a very pleasant thing to be sick away from home. Miss Miskel has treated me

fine and I really appreciate it very much. I am getting along fine in school. I have one more job and another, having time to fit and they will be ready for the test. I am afraid I am going to have trouble with the test in my worst subject. I will do the best I can. Well as don't feel much like writing I guess I will quit for this time.

Thursday April 4 - 07

WEDNESDAY 27.

Today I finished the rest of my hoop got my test back and found out that I passed with a grade of 90. Miss Seaphorth got 95. I think I will go in jewelry next. He is going in engraving. I have not kept a very close account of my money but every day has been about the same so I did not see the use



FEBRUARY, THURSDAY 28.

1889.

Mr Duckker of Michigan  
 I for get that town is  
 going away he has been  
 here about two years.  
 He is one of the old crowd  
 that was here when I am  
 or of the crowd that was  
 here during Christmas.  
 This leaves Mr Smith  
 of Kansas and Miss  
 Geopffarth and myself  
 of the old crowd and I  
 wonder who will  
 be next. I know the  
 more as I stay would  
 like to stay I don't think

MARCH,

FRIDAY 1.

I can stay much longer  
 if things are going  
 to work now as I find  
 they in fact I don't know  
 what to think I haven't  
 gotten a letter from home  
 for two weeks. I wrote  
 to papa about some  
 money and told him  
 to send it by the 20th  
 but this is the 4th of April  
 and no letter yet. I had  
 to borrow five from  
 Jimmy my room mate  
 last Saturday to pay.

MARCH,

SATURDAY 2.

1889.

Mrs Brown with and had  
 to stand Miss Pasbeth off.  
 I don't like such ways of  
 doing business. I would  
 quit the school tomorrow  
 if I knew enough to  
 get a job but I don't so  
 must peg along. But  
 it is hard. I have had  
 just barley enough to  
 pay board and that  
 is all. I walk around  
 with the boys and they  
 treat my about I can't  
 return the compliment  
 so that's the way it goes.

SUNDAY 3.

I will get a name of  
 being close but I can't  
 do difference as you have  
 got to have money to  
 spend it. I am awfully  
 glad that I am nearly  
 three weeks work and  
 tomorrow I will go into  
 jewelry and spend a  
 month or six weeks there  
 and then one or more  
 in furniture and then  
 off to the races, etc.  
 I can hear the Harolay  
 band playing so.



MARCH,

MONDAY 4.

1889.

close and go over and tell  
my father. We are going  
to play in chapel of the  
Polytechnic tomorrow  
morning and are party  
for that.

Miss Passoff gave a  
party Tuesday night in  
honor of Miss Gordon  
who is going away soon.  
I had a nice time  
and met one of the nicest  
girls I ever saw. I took  
her home. Well as I  
must go yet will see you  
later. Don't know how  
much to love you sover.

TUESDAY

MAY 3 - 1907

Well again I have gotten  
around to writing something  
in this book, quite a bit  
has happened since last  
time and I don't know  
where to begin.

I went to Springfield Ill  
Saturday April 28 - 07  
and had a fun time  
while there I visited Lincoln  
tombarid saw many  
interesting things. wish  
I could have stayed

MARCH,

WEDNESDAY 6.

1889.

longer also saw the  
Capitol and Arsenal.  
They are very fine  
buildings.

The main thing <sup>we</sup> went  
for was to get some the  
Illinois Watch Factory  
and I enjoyed it very  
much. I had my goodback  
along with me and took  
some pictures but as  
wished they did not  
turn out very good.  
There in the market as I  
remember their names  
was Miss Gordon Miss

THURSDAY 7

Grappoff, apt. 100, Smith  
Mr Roll Hoke Weeks  
Martineque, Burgess and  
Grant think of the other  
fellows name there was  
40 in all. Mr Prinar was  
the only instructor along.  
In the evening I went  
back down with Loggans  
and William  
and listened to the Salvation  
Army and after they got  
that a preacher (I think  
he was a crank on religion  
only a very smart man to



MARCH,

FRIDAY 8.

1889.

a man to preach what he did) spoke and while he was doing it a ~~socialist~~ socialist got up and a box across the street and began his speech which is like all these and as one fellow says it, that is was a good talking show but not a working one. It was more of a debate than any thing else and one of the speakers who spoke against them was one of the best of the fellow I ever saw or heard speak. I staid there till after twelve

SATURDAY 9

listening to him debate and learnt that he was going to talk at the Sunday Lyceum at the City hall and I went of course Sunday and heard him speak again. His name was St Johns of New York I am getting along fine in school am now in jewelry department and like it fine. I don't think I will stay here more than two months and am glad of it.

MARCH,

SUNDAY 10.

1889.

I am sick of the way I have had to live tho, I don't want to kick only want to learn this trash and then if I don't improve then it will be my fault. This is a rainy place Sunday school has gone home and that means no music in the house. Jim has gone to Morton to see some friends of his before he goes home next week. Miss Gordon went home yesterday to stay for a while and that leaves Miss Groggert Lofgran and myself in the house besides Misses Nesbiths.

MONDAY 11.

Mr Smith left for Kansas Thursday May 2 and I hope to see him go. He came two weeks after Edid and we became very good friends and went every place together so I miss him very much. He was a fine fellow clean and



different from most  
fellows. if a person of  
any job aint in his  
country he is going to  
let me know which  
is very kind of him  
I had had to borrow  
money from him  
several times in fact  
I owe him \$2.50 now for  
some silver I had to  
have in the jewelry  
room and as I could not  
pay him for before he left  
he trusted me and I hope  
can send him his  
money.

WEDNESDAY 13.

What I write down in  
this book may read very  
funny to my ears when  
but it will help me to  
recall very vividly the  
way I spent my time  
and how I learnt my  
trade. It may seem very  
strange to the people  
I have met here that I  
am not more sociable  
it is simply this that I  
haven't got the money  
to do so or be so I have

had a good chance but  
I would not take it as I  
can be just about pay  
my board and tuition  
and have a few dollars to  
spend I want to keep out  
of the rent till I get a  
job and have a little money  
then I can do something.  
I hear music across the  
street when I board and  
guess I ought to go over  
and pass the rest of the  
afternoon but I don't  
feel inclined that way  
as I would much rather

FRIDAY 15.

stay in my room and  
get good food and  
think up lots of things  
to worry about  
Sunday May 26 - 07  
again I have gotten  
busy to writing this  
book. This has been  
rather rainy day but  
it has passed very fast  
I went out to St. James  
Park this afternoon  
with Mr. Marquessay  
and had a fine time  
I had my full pack on



the figure might also  
shoot the woods and  
enjoyed them very much.  
They had a ladies band  
this afternoon and it  
sounded very good.  
I went to the decorating  
service this morning  
with Mr Lane Weeks  
Hoake and Marquessay.  
I intended to go tonight,  
we got to talking over  
at Brewer's until it  
was to late for me  
was there and that night  
lots of stones and I  
staid until <sup>SUNDAY 17.</sup> all the  
other fellow left and  
then I went to his  
room and had some  
refreshments oranges  
and candy and then  
took a walk.

I am still in jewelry  
room but will leave  
next week I have learnt  
let in this room and  
wish I could stay longer  
Mr Anderson is a fine  
fellow and helped me out  
lots I have become well

acquainted with him. He  
calls on his foreman.  
This is May it does not  
seem possible that time  
has gone so quick pretty  
soon I will have to move  
again and this time it  
will be aint and work.  
My room mate left  
(Mr Williams) over two  
weeks ago and I was  
sorry to see him go  
Mr Carl Laffey a young  
fellow that has been  
rooming here is rooming  
with me now that is)

<sup>TUESDAY 19.</sup>  
he will be comes  
back. He got some  
thing in his eye but  
two weeks ago and went  
to a funny doctor to his  
sister to stay then when  
he had it treated I got  
a letter from him  
the other day and it  
seemed his eye was in  
bad shape and was going  
to Chicago and see  
what he could have  
don to it there.  
I wish he would come



MARCH, WEDNESDAY 20. 1889.

backroom as it is  
very lonesome being at  
the rooming house  
Lucy Hale Hubby that  
worked at Brigham  
got married the other  
day to Mrs. Kauf  
that is what the fellows  
were saying today  
I don't know whether  
it is so or not  
well as I am getting sleepy  
guess I will quit and  
write more later.

June 6 - 07

THURSDAY 21.

I changed from the  
single room to the  
double room last  
Monday and hated  
it. I don't like people  
late better than with  
work and if I could  
ingave I would  
make that a specialty  
but as it is will have  
to learn both  
My room mate Coy  
Lafgren came back  
last week and I

MARCH, FRIDAY 22. 1889.

was very glad to see him.  
We have two new fellows  
rooming here now but  
I don't know their names  
so will write it down  
later.

I miss my old room  
mate, Jim Williams

July 11 - 07

Gave my notes to Misses  
Nesbitt for \$35 due  
on Oct 11 - 1907 Sat. Sept 28  
Carlsbad New Mexico  
Guess it is about time  
I was writing something in

SATURDAY 23.

this book have been  
here nearly three months  
am sorry I did not write  
sooner for I won't get  
things down like I would  
at first. Guess I had better  
start in at Leona tho I  
don't think I ever will  
for get it. I was then in  
school things were going  
fine I was broke and  
needed tools and had a  
bad time in general what  
made me so I worked  
for two years to have money



enough to prevent such things happening (I thought) but it seemed otherwise and things were going from bad to worse so I thought I never knew enough to get a job and hold it and he would it. My room mate Jim Williams had a job offered him and he turned it over to me I wrote to the claims Mr. Sauer of Cedar River Sid made arrangements to work for them at fifty per

MONDAY 25

month then I wrote to Papa for money to go on but it was delayed some time and while I was waiting I had quit Mr. Walter Smith and some time previous I had heard him mention that he had a job for some body that he did not pay much attention to it or I expected to go to Oberlin he went to Chicago the fourth and while he got back around

the sand heard I was going away he asked me if I had made a binding promise to Mr. Sauer I did not think I had so he offered me sixty per and pay my way down here by car to take it out of my salary and had a letter from I accepted the offer having a letter from him and paying my way cleared things up wonderfully for me that was bothering me a lot I don't know what I would

WEDNESDAY 27

have done with Sauer about tools as he would have expected me to have them I borrowed 35 dollars from Messrs. Herbeth and guess I would have made it all right with him he would have been a good man to work for but that was not the kind of a job I want. I am going to give my money the first month I am here and go back to Bradley and take up Engineering and after that get in



MARCH, THURSDAY 28. 1889.

with some good men  
and save a second  
apprenticeship that will  
do me lots of good.

I am kind of timid and  
have not got confidence  
in my ability I have  
had more experience  
than lots of the boys in  
school and should have  
more confidence in my  
self.

I left Peoria on Sat.  
night July 14 quite a  
few of the boys were  
down to see me off  
I will look up the names

FRIDAY 29.

and write them down  
but it will help me  
to remember them  
don't suppose I will ever  
see any of them again  
but might and this will  
help too.

MARCH, SATURDAY 30. 1889.

I enjoyed the trip very  
much but got pretty low  
some and kind of blue like  
I always do if things don't  
go just right I got home  
at 11-30 at night and  
about the gloomiest  
night I ever had  
got up at 6-30 had  
breakfast and went  
up and saw Mr Smith  
had a talk with him  
looked around, here  
I had better mention  
some of the watch work  
kind of scared me

SUNDAY 31

and I went to seeing  
all kinds of tools to head  
went and had my trunk  
rent up and then got  
to work at about 11 o'clock  
Mr Smith stood right  
by me and watched  
me take the watch apart  
and clean it and it made  
me very nervous it  
made me more so as  
I had not had a good  
night sleep for several  
nights and it is a wonder  
I got any thing done but



APRIL,

MONDAY 1.

1889.

Did pretty well with 6, 25 worth work that day since then things have settled down in a steady grind have had some pretty hard jobs but got things all right so far. I lack experience but no one know it better than I and not having any one to fall back on if I should blunder in any thing it makes it kind of trying and will be glad when it is over.

TUESDAY

I would not allow myself to get lonesome any more than I could help or I rely that this will do me more good than any thing else if I stay around from home for a few years. I am busy with the timidness away and get more confidence in my self.

Mr Smiths family consists of his two sons Dendley, Frank and

APRIL,

WEDNESDAY 3.

1889.

Milton who is away in Praver and his house keeper and him self. He is a retired doctor and has been a sport in his day he is a very smart man and treats me all right. he has brights disease and drinks quite heavy he was on a little tonight last night but is all right today. I don't

know how to describe this town will make a stab at it. It has about

THURSDAY

two thousand inhabitants and like the usual western town pretty rough but not as likely and up and down like others I have seen. have very good buildings well shaded streets cement sidewalks Electric lights and water works. there is lots of improvement here. the language is very hard to remember. The 11th of Oct. I have to



APRIL,

FRIDAY 5.

1889.

say that not I am I  
 kind of hat to back the  
 subject ~~the~~ with the high  
 I guess I will get over that  
 some day. I am all for  
 getting just \$1.00 I have  
 two months wages com-  
 -ing so I guess I will  
 pull out all right.  
 It is very hard to get  
 you and the but I  
 don't care and it would  
 cost last of money to  
 go out in something I  
 get awful lonesome some  
 times and think I could  
 stand it ~~as~~ <sup>SATURDAY</sup> I have  
 only about three months  
 under guess I can stand  
 it. Any one would  
 get lonesome and when  
 no amusements of any  
 kind and working  
 from six to eight  
 and nine at night  
 I droop in the stove and  
 go to bed as soon as  
 they close up. I spend  
 what time I am not busy  
 I read and manage to  
 pass the time that way

APRIL,

SUNDAY 7.

1889.

but will be pretty glad  
 when it is over.  
 I hadn't heard from  
 Lulu for six months so  
 when I got her I wrote  
 to her it seems she writes  
 me and I never got the  
 letter. I write to my old  
 room mates Jim Wilham  
 of Jasper Minn and  
 of Carl Lofgren of Medford  
 Iowa also to Lucy Grand  
 of Peoria daughter of  
 the lady I boarded  
 with. Well as I am tired  
 of writing will quit  
 tomorrow is Sunday  
 and a very lonesome  
 day. <sup>MONDAY 8.</sup> ~~Friday~~ Aches  
 Oct. 24-1907

Thursday

Today is my birthday  
 so will have to write a  
 little in my book  
 Am 22 years old today  
 can hardly believe it  
 I hope to see them come  
 and go for it seems I  
 accomplish so little tho  
 this last year did more  
 than two or three of the other  
 years combined. When I get  
 to thinking about it I



APRIL,

TUESDAY 9.

1889.

have not done so bad  
tho I know I could do better  
and hope I can this coming  
one. This is a brief  
review of the year spent  
about 8 months at Bradley  
learning the trade and  
am here having charge  
of the jewelry dept. I hope  
this is my last birthday  
in Carlbad it is so blamed  
lonesome it is just a  
steady grind tho I suppose  
I should not complain and  
I don't mean this as such  
things were intolerable

WEDNESDAY 10.

Bradley that I did not  
have any money and  
was always a week or so  
behind in my board  
I jumped at the chance  
of getting this job and am  
thankful of it. Mr Milton  
Smith will be back in  
Jan or Feb. so I guess I  
will pull thru all right  
This is the routine about  
every day get up between  
six and seven start in  
to sweep and keep it  
up till the doctor comes or  
we get thru then

APRIL,

THURSDAY 11.

1889.

go to breakfast come  
back tea open the safe  
if not open fast the  
jewelry in the show case  
and also in window then  
out and wind watcher I  
have left between 90 and 90  
then scrape off the show cases  
then do what watch work  
then is to do till dinner or  
if 2 o'clock then back and  
no on till 4 supper time  
(5:30) then I help wait on  
store and read till closing  
up time which is any way  
between 8 and 9-30 then to bed

FRIDAY 12.

and next day the same  
thing over that part is  
all right if there was some  
thing to go to over in a  
while so as to get my mind  
off my work and give up  
a little or if I knew some  
one or got to go to a party  
I don't know what I would  
do at one I haven't been  
so long, it is hard for  
a young fellow to be out  
of society or amusement  
it isn't good for him but  
I don't know how to get in



APRIL,

SATURDAY 13.

1889.

I have gotten in a sort of rut. In Peoria I met some fine people several young ladies and if I had not been broke would have gone with one.

Dave Williams, the Coon next door that runs a barber shop was just in to get a cigar and I jolly things up a little he is a mighty smart Coon well educated and read he passed a few remarks about Frank, he was out last night it was the

SUNDAY 14.

night Sherman meeting and after it he got full and got in some time this morning I heard him and his steps were unsteady I thought it was some one breaking in and raised up in bed but when he came staggering in I knew who it was and didn't pay any attention. It is certainly fierce and doesn't help to make them pleasant but his in to blame so much for the Doc. get full about he often

APRIL,

MONDAY 15.

1889.

Frank tried to do some carpentering this morning and let a chisel slip and cut his hand pretty deep 'bout an inch long and half deep he is now peacefully sleeping in the chair as the doctor has gone to dinner.

I got a letter from Grace last week and if what she says is true I may get a job with my old boss Mr. Gobnetti and I certainly do hope so she said he was going to write me but

TUESDAY 16.

I haven't rec'd any letter yet but may soon if I don't I am going to write would write now only don't know hardly what to say.

Rec'd a card from Sherman saying that a little boy was born to them on the 24th I and have since learned from Grace that it did not live I am awful sorry for them if he had lived he would have been a great comfort to them especially Addie.



APRIL, WEDNESDAY 17. 1889.

The weather here is fine  
have not had any frost  
yet and very few cold days.  
I rec'd a letter from Jim  
Wilham's say that he was  
married last month. I  
don't very much surprised  
to hear it as he told me he  
was going to be just as  
soon as he could he is  
very happy now and I  
trust he always will be  
and I think he will, he  
will hard to get along with  
and from his girls I expect  
~~the same~~ I don't think I

THURSDAY 18.

say one word to every  
about her. He is a good  
honest upright fellow  
and has had a hard time  
of it his brother left  
him the burden of taking  
care of the family and  
I think he certainly deserves  
his happiness. He does not  
drink or do any of the things  
that go with that.

I heard from my other  
room mate Carl Liffgen  
He is back in Peoria go to  
Bradley. I would like

APRIL, FRIDAY 19. 1889.

very much to be there when  
he was but what's the use  
I am doing all right if  
I can only be patient  
and wait things will  
come out all right. The  
trouble with me is I try  
to read the future and  
plan for it and would be  
lost but if I did not  
do it but just take it  
as it comes.

I sent the money to Misses  
Pugh on the 7 of Oct to  
pay for the note I gave  
them and rec'd the note

SATURDAY 20

on the or about the 17th I  
am glad that is paid and  
now I can save some money  
I am squeezing every nickel  
I can get to save some.  
I'll guess I will see Alice  
for this time and start in  
on my new year

Nov 19 07 Calico N M.  
Tuesday - 2 - 45. Kaming

Today is a day that I would not  
let go by without writing in  
the book I won't call it a diary  
one year ago today I started into  
the Bradley Polytechnic Inst.



APRIL,

SUNDAY 21.

1889.

and I might as well confess that if I knew before hand what was before me it is hard to say but what I might have looked out about starting on it no doubt if I could read the future years I would shrug from facing them but I am not that ~~cowardly~~ cowardly <sup>cowardly</sup> I have great hope in the future and hope I may achieve as much or more next year as I have in the last. Today has been a very rainy day the kind that I like but I just as well get used to them.

MONDAY 22.

The weather has been fine up to two weeks ago when it started into getting colder and has been colder and rainy ever since.

I don't like this kind of weather as it is lonesome enough as it is. I get so lonesome some time I don't know what to do. Sunday was very lonesome in fact. My all over, I read all morning after cleaning up the stove a little and mending the watches and after dinner read till three o'clock and then

APRIL,

TUESDAY 23.

1889.

took a long walk down <sup>at</sup> up the railroad track to the bridge and then to the dam and then back to the store but went up to the house with the Dr. as it was supper time I would give any thing to meet some young fellow that was engaged that I could talk to and burn around with it would be late better than it is. If I wanted to spend lots of money drink and practice a few other things that any young fellow in supposed to do in sewing well & a lot I could pass

WEDNESDAY 24.

the time all right but I have made up my mind I was not going to do it and am going to stick to it. I don't stand from what the doctor says that his son W. Allen will be boy the first of Feb, he said he ought want me to stay till summer but I don't think that way as business is awful down at the present writing and it ought to be good what it will be after the first of the year.



APRIL,

THURSDAY 25.

1889.

I have a pretty good idea I don't think I want to stay here after he comes back still it is going to be money that will count with me it according to how much I have.

I have not heard from home or Bert for a long time I don't know what is the matter with them, busy I suppose. I am anxious to hear as Grace said he had a letter that Mr. Melville had ask about me and if I could leave here, talked like he

FRIDAY 26.

might be able to give me a job I wrote to him and Papa telling them I would or rather would if he could give me a job as I would like very much to hear from them.

I have had some news of the boys I knew in going to school at Bradley. Jim Walker & Jasper Minn was married in Sept. Polack of Wis. was married at Peoria to a girl he fell in love with last winter he has he works when I don't have work, I would like

APRIL,

SATURDAY 27.

1889.

to know when Half is but guess I will let on Carl Lippert my other roommate has been back to school taking engraving and is now working at Garden Grove. I expect to hear from him soon.

I got a letter from Sub the other day she is going to school in Seattle. She is studying to be a stenographer. Maxine is in Council Bluffs teaching school. Bert gets to see her quite often.

I have neglected to write of the fact of the death of my deceased

SUNDAY 28.

mate and friend Oscar Hermann in Myrtle Point March 19 (I think is the date) and was awful sorry to hear of it. He was a fine young fellow don't think I ever knew a better boy or ever know another one like him. His sister wrote to me telling me of his death the letter was handed to me in the jewelry room at the plotting bench I had to read it several times to make myself believe it. I was very slow in answering his letter



it was not that I didn't sit deep enough but I could hardly frame a reply I never knew the family very well and that made it harder. Before I left M.P. he invited me to his place to see him but I could not get around to going. I don't express my self on paper or don't show my feelings but I feel pretty deep. I expect to go to M.P. some day and will visit his grave. Lots of other people and friends have been crossed the divide since we left there and I'm afraid it will be a sorrowful journey to the cemetery and meet them all in that silent way and place.

TUESDAY 30.

A little boy was born to Addie Sherman on Sept 25 but did not live long and died Oct 4 I am awful sorry for them especially Addie as he would have been such a comfort to her. Well guess I had better close for the present (radio)

Feb-9-08

This is the first time I have written in this book this new year. Quite a number of things have happened in the last few months, but will try and start in and get most of it down. A few days before Thanksgiving day the Dr. got on his usual spree and along about Thanksgiving he was just getting over it on that day. Frank got in with some fellows and didn't stop till he got drunk if he had started away from the house and I think it would have dropped every different but he came to the store to go to dinner and the Dr. was here he was feeling pretty bad and to have been come in drunk was the limit he told him to pack up and leave and he agreed to do so. He got drunk proper then and stood that way all that day and the next and then left for El Paso. The Dr. proceeded to get good and drunk again and stand



MAY,

FRIDAY 3.

1889.

that way for two or three days  
I had a funny time of it  
and hoped I am not called  
on to stand any thing else  
like that. I thanked you  
to El Paso and stand in  
pretty bad company. I  
don't want to write you  
more about it guess it will  
be the better way referent  
to say that he only stand there  
three or four weeks and  
then come back he signed  
paper for his father about  
reforming and has kept  
them since. He is a  
fine boy and I hope he  
stays with them.

SATURDAY 4.

Oh yes I last wrote you  
this book I thought  
would be in Peara  
by this time but the  
way it looks now it  
may be in April or May  
before I leave. At the present  
writing I have saved up  
about 150 and expect to have  
over 200 by that time.

I sort of broke into  
society here on Christmas  
day. I went to a party

MAY,

SUNDAY 5.

1889.

that night and several since  
I met a new pretty girl  
not at the party but before,  
and like a Champ did not  
try to continue to go with  
her, took her to church  
one time, but then quit  
I have been running you  
such a nut that I don't  
know whether I will  
ever get out of it or not  
I am going to try my best  
to break out of it some of  
these days.

Christmas day was pretty  
lonesome. This was the

MONDAY 6.

second one away from  
home. I wonder how  
many more I will spend  
away. I hope not many.  
I have wanted so long to  
write in this book that  
I am afraid I can't put down  
a very accurate account of  
the last few months but  
will try and do better after  
this.

The weather has simply been  
grand I was out walking  
to day and saw a few wild  
flour in bud during Dec



MAY,

TUESDAY 7.

1889.

I saw wild fowls every  
Sunday I took a walk  
I saw some cotton on the  
limbs that wasnt picked  
The Church bell is ringing  
so guess I will quit part  
this time. (a dubs)

Peoria, Ill, Sept 29-88

It has been a long time  
since I wrote in this book  
and a good many changes have  
taken place. My room mate  
Mr Vera Chamberlain, just  
went down town so I thought  
I would write a little in this  
book. I have only time to give

WEDNESDAY 8

a mere sketch of the past 2 months.  
The seven of them spent in Carleton  
were simply fierce I dont  
believe I ever was so lonesome  
before and I know one thing I  
wont stand any thing more  
like it the job was all right  
and every thing was nice that  
way but all work and no  
amusement will disgust any  
body with such a life.

After Christmas I went to  
several parties. Christmas  
night I went hunting Christmas  
day in the afternoon and killed

MAY,

THURSDAY 9.

1889.

one duck and a quail a fellow  
by the name of Scott and Dudley  
went with me, we had a very  
good hunt got back to the house  
a little after six and of course  
Mrs Dummer the house keeper  
had to fuss at Dudley a little  
but we didnt mind that got  
kind of use to it. She is a  
kind hearted old lady and  
deserves lots of credit for keeping  
the family together. She use  
to treat me all right and had  
lots of talk with her especially  
after the Dr. would come home  
Drunk. Day in father's with

FRIDAY 10

them such a life is fierce  
to live and it is hard for our  
Milton to live it. He other  
dont know they are missing  
except in a vague way  
I am getting of the track. At supper  
time that night Frank said  
I had an invitation to a party  
given at Miss Aken I couldnt  
believe it at first and as he invited  
I went and had a very good time.  
I guess that broke the ice for  
I was invited to quite a number  
of them. I met Miss Johnson  
and Miss Elmo Smith they



MAY,

SATURDAY 11.

1889.

two fine girls and I got very well acquainted with them. Guess I just as well put down my experience with trying to go with them. I am pretty much of a Darnfoot excuse French but I must use the expression as I don't know of any other that comes closer to putting the truth. I needn't to have been so conscience if I hadn't of been one.

One day I rec'd an invitation to a party and that day or noon while sitting on the porch

SUNDAY 12.

waiting for dinner the two young ladies come by spoke to Frank and myself and said some thing about the party that was my gun or that it was anyway I went down the steps I want to stop right here and say I don't know how I got around the saw of flower pots that was string out on the steps and when I got back to my seat and looked at them and got to wondering how it happened cold sweat broke out on me to think of

MAY,

MONDAY 13.

1889.

what might of happened, well to get back to the subject I ask the ladies to go to the party and they accepted the lot. Miss Johnson sent me a note and said she couldn't go so I took Miss Smith and some other girl staying of we have don't remember her name, and went and had a good time, when I left her at the gate after it got her conform to Church that was the only thing to take her too for I didn't have the nerve to call and spend the evening so took her to Church and after it of course ask for her company the next Sunday she said she didn't know whether she could go or not and would let me know well she didn't and I didn't ask her any more. I did have much better luck going with Miss Johnson she got kind of sore about some thing and I never got a chance to ask what it was though I guess she got over it for the day. I left she came into the store and invited me with the other lays to her party. I write this so that some day I think I will enjoy reading it.

TUESDAY 14.



MAY,

WEDNESDAY 15.

1889.

if I don't love this book every body isn't as honest as they might be and they might read this then isn't any thing as in it I am ashamed of I have written this simply as a first time and when I had no one to talk to.

I will try and finish up my journal in Cobbad.

The last few months then I didn't go any where and turned down several invitations to parties why I don't know I don't know if it is always going to be like that or not when I get into a small town if it is I can't

THURSDAY 16.

stand it and I don't see when I will end. here at school I have lots of congenial friends and it is very pleasant but in small towns it is different and I have stood about all of them I am going to. They talk about or against the Army or Navy but I would rather in either one than the other place. We had a Band in Cobbad it was organized by the Turnman and I enjoyed playing in it very much. St. Wells was the leader.

I worked up to the day I left it was a little hard to break I got

MAY,

FRIDAY 17.

1889.

unto the rut pretty bad. I had a good job and Mr Smith treated me fine I may be mistaken but I thought the Dr. showed signs of regret at my leaving the morning I left. It is the hardest job in the world for me to say to goodbye. Milton come home on Monday evening the 10<sup>th</sup> of August and I left the 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday morning I told the Doctor before Milton come that I would leave as soon as possible he wanted me to stay and sort of serve a apprenticeship but I would entertain the thoughts of it I simply could stand it not doubt it was a good chance

SATURDAY 18.

and there is chances of me going back some day as the Dr said he might have a good job to offer me some day. Trent was staying around quite a bit and he be fixed and again tho I hope not.

I won't go into my trip coming to Prairie I had a nice time and learned quite a bit and maybe if I travel enough I will learn to get my manny's worth. Sometime I will try and write of my trip for I saw many interesting things in Old Mexico but to my lot it is late and I must get to bed



MAY,

SUNDAY 19.

1889.

I arrived here Aug 26 and went  
to see Grandma and Grandpa  
Mc Guire also Uncle Colvin and  
wife and Dr. Fisher and wife they  
were very much surprised to see  
me and I enjoyed my visit very  
much. Ellen is quite a young  
lady now and very pretty.

I got back to Peoria the first of the  
month and started into school  
the first of Sept, went into the  
quadrangle. Left out here been than  
all the day and will go into  
my rooming tomorrow. I will have  
a hard time with it and will want  
to quit but will try and stick it.

MONDAY 20.

Cherry King is ~~about~~ <sup>in</sup> Peoria. I board at Mrs. Brown's in a  
room at Miss ~~Mc~~ <sup>Mc</sup> ~~Smith~~ <sup>Smith</sup> it seems  
like home to get back again.

~~Now~~ I have a room mate, his  
name is Vern Chromblier  
and is from Detroit Mich is a  
fine fellow. Well as it is late  
and my eyes smart will have  
to close. We are having the  
first fast cold weather of the  
season pretty cold for the  
last of Sept. (Adair)

MAY,

TUESDAY 21.

1889.

1909

Feb. 28 1908 Sunday  
I only have a few minutes to  
write in the book  
This is the first time in months  
and will try and do better  
after this. Have had a very  
pleasant day and am ready  
for work tomorrow wont  
be here long only about a  
month will be glad to get  
to work again the hate to  
leave Peoria as I have some  
good friends here.

My room mate is down  
punching the furnace for  
the night so I must close  
and get to bed. (Adair)

WEDNESDAY 22.

Wednesday March 17. 09  
I just got home from school  
and haven't much time to  
write as I have lots of other things  
to do but I am going to take  
time as I wont have another  
chance before I leave Peoria,  
I am going home the first  
of April. I had a letter from  
Father saying that Mr. Polin  
in Pacatillo had made me  
a proposition there here  
and wanted me to consider



MAY,

THURSDAY 23.

1889.

it. I don't know how it will come out but I am willing to take a chance at any thing that's about the only way a fellow stand much of a chance of making any headway now.

The way I understand the proposition I am to get  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the profit off the repairs all the ~~of the~~ business I can work up and I am to engrave any thing off of out of the store that is sold free of charge I don't think much of this part of the proposition

FRIDAY 24.

Feb-20-1900. Sunday.

This is the first I have written in the book since coming home. I have a bad attack of the blues today and I thought I would write in this book. I generally like to write in it when I have the blues don't know whether it makes me feel better or not any way. I know it doesn't improve the book any. Have been trying to write some letters today but it is no use Sunday

MAY,

SATURDAY 25.

1889.

is a day that I like to lay around and do nothing. I get up late and do every thing else about as I feel like it.

George went away today to Boise Ida. to travel on the road for Smith & Co; and I guess his leaving makes me more lonesome than ever. I didn't know I would miss him so much.

Grace is teaching school (the first one) three miles out of Blackfoot Ida. she was home Sat to see Geo. off and she went back today north

SUNDAY 26.

My room-mate. Papa is staying on the ranch as is also Frank and Mother.

Our home is pretty well broken up. I was out to the house a week ago and the empty rooms reminded me of other time when we were all home which I am afraid won't happen again.

Christmas Bert came home from Boise. Grace from her school and we had kind of a reunion but I think if



MAY,

MONDAY 27.

1889.

if we all told the truth we would say that we were glad yet sorry when it was over with as it made us think of times gone by happy old days of old. while the wife we have got to live our lives and we just as well fare it like men Geo. and I. walked out to the house Christmas day and we certainly did enjoy our dinner. This restaurant stuff is fierce and would drive any one to marriage if he could only find a good cook and if he didn't he would be worse off than ever.

TUESDAY 28.

Things have worked out rather different than what I expected in regards to me getting a job here. I went in to see Mr Roberts and had a talk with him and I never went back to continue the talk. he didn't have any kind of a proposition to offer and as Mr Molinelli wanted me to work ~~then~~ for him I decided that I would he offered me \$15 per week which is anything for this

MAY,

WEDNESDAY 29.

1889.

country the way living expenses are eastern about \$15 per month to live the best I can do is but I figured that I could learn enough from him to make up the difference and I believe I have. Mr Barnes bought Mr Molinelli out the first of the month so I am waiting for him I told him I wanted him to make my air out so I would know when I am at and he said he would and that we would talk things over but he hasn't had time up to date but expect he will in a few days.

THURSDAY 30

I was to get 10 per month in Nov + Dec - and I am going to stick that much or more. I only want to stick it out here till July then I will and I am going to my father and I expect to stay there some where if I don't I think I might go back to New Mex. if I could get any kind of wages or a chance to go on for myself which I want to do as soon as possible. Harris offered me a job at



MAY,

FRIDAY 31.

1889.

20. per week to start with  
but I turned it down I realize  
that I am pretty much of a  
chump but I think I am  
learning slowly.

We have had a fierce winter  
and I don't want to spend  
another one like it.

The only things that make  
me hesitate about leaving  
is Father doesn't like to have  
us all leave and none of us  
like to but we can do much  
better in other parts of the  
country where they have a  
better climate and a much

mid <sup>JUNE</sup> place <sup>SATURDAY</sup> to <sup>TODAY</sup> live but  
he has a claim on us  
that we respect.

I play in the band here.

Mr. Semmes is the leader and  
has made the band what it  
is. We have about 25 pieces  
have taken several trips with  
them and always had a  
fine time.

Went to Iron Falls about  
a month and a half ago and  
had a fine time met Bert  
Wanapton he is running  
a second hand store

JUNE,

SUNDAY 2.

1889.

and during June. Had a long  
talk with him, didn't get  
to see any the rest of the family  
as I didn't have time but expect  
to next time.

I invested \$40 with several  
other parties to send a  
prospector to Garbridge the  
new mining camp about  
150 miles from here, don't  
know how it will turn out  
but hope, that all we can  
do.

Well as it is late after six  
will have to go get something  
to eat go to Band practice

MONDAY 3.

and tomorrow go to work  
again and I will be glad  
if it as I am so busy in  
the store I haven't time to  
get blue or any thing else  
but get good hard work  
that keeps me busy  
Thursday. Oct. 26-1911

Islaystiff Arizona  
It has been nearly two years  
since I have written in this  
book Time certainly goes fast  
tho at the present writing it  
is moving pretty slow  
I will start in with the time



Thursday Oct. 26 - 1911

JUNE, ~~TUESDAY 6,~~ 1889.

Flaxstaff Oregon

Grace and I left Pacatello and put down a brief out line of how things have been going.

Grace and I left Pacatello about July 24 - 1910 we went to Portland stayed there a few days visiting old friends and then went on to our old home in Myrtle Point Oregon, arrived there about the first of Aug. I will have to admit that I was disappointed in the old place much faded and the other town in that country had gone ahead but the old place hadn't done much also so many of the old friends my school mates

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were gone tho I met a few and am more than glad for taking the trip. I am sorry I didn't keep a letter account of things I should have written in this book as many things happened, met old friends that I wish I had put in in this book. Maybe later I will remember some of the important ones and put it down then.

Now I guess I just as well put down a little bit of the inside

history of our trip.  
I corresponded with Lulu

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Grace since I left the old place we left the country about the same time. George Grace and I - with Addie went to Roseburg by stage and from there to Portland. We arrived in Roseburg in the evening about six o'clock. Geo and I hunted up some old friends. The Lory boys and spent the evening with them about 11-30 we went to the Depot and there was very much surprised to see Lulu and found out she was on her way to Ida. via Portland. I happened to get a seat behind her and so we spent the rest of the night talking and before reaching Portland we agreed to write to each other and we kept it up ever since that is up to last July when she was in W.P. I always liked her and Mamie better than any of the other girls in school and considered them my friends and do now and always hope to.

FRIDAY 7

Early in the winter Grace and I got to talking about going back to W.P. on a visit. I wanted to leave Pacatello, so I wrote Lulu and Grace corresponded with



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Clara Gilis (an old school mate) and the cut come was that they got up a camping trip. Lulu said she was going back to that country and said she would go when we did and go on the camping trip. So we made our arrangements to leave about the 15th of July. I was delayed and couldn't get away in fact had a hard time getting away it was hard to get a water mason to take my place but at last I telegraphed for a friend of mine G. C. Hayes and he came out and took my place so I

SUNDAY 9.

got away about the 20th of July. In the meantime the Gilis family went on their trip and also Lulu left much sooner than she said she would and got there about the 1st of July. My last letter was dated from there about the 10th of July and said she would wait till we came but that her friend was going back to Portland. My surprise was complete when arriving in M.P. to find out that she had left two days before

JUNE, MONDAY 10. 1889.

scope probably reached Portland the day we left on the Boat for Marshfield. A few days later I learned that she had married a worthless fellow that had been laying around the Hotel. All I know about this thing is what was told me some time later in fact shortly before leaving M.P. (a few months ago)

I hate gassp and I thought the less I said in questions I asked the better all around. This was rather a disappointment but there and I went

TUESDAY 11.

on up into the mountains and joined the camping party and we had a fine time. Lulu and I were just friends I believe good friend and her actions were very strange this based on what I have since learned but I hope some day to get the straight of it.

I have no confident and few real friend and no one that I would begin to talk to like I write in this book I don't know why I write this way.



in this book I guess these things that happen to a man as he is knocked around in this world shouldn't be put on paper like this to perhaps some day to make trouble.

I must get on with this or I will never get there.

After the camping trips we visited around Mr. P. met old friend and in the meantime I looked over the place to see what could be done in the jewelry line Mr. Green had a small repair shop and there was a store that he had.

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Bender had been running tho he had just sold out to Gus Schroeder To make things short I made a deal with Green bought his shop then moved the stuff down to Schroeder and we went into business together I giving him my note for about 1700<sup>00</sup> and we formed the jewelry firm of Schroeder & Black things went along very well but I found out that that wasn't a jewelry

turn or country also that Schroeder had very little experience in the business and also had no idea how to run it couldn't sell goods or get a decent price for repairs work and I began to find out that I was up against a hard proposition I did my best to make the thing go but I could see that it was almost a hopeless job.

I nearly worried my self sick trying to think of some way out. If there had been any business then I would

SATURDAY 15.

have taken the business over and tried to make it pay its way out but to go in nearly 4000 in debt with business the way it was I couldn't see it so told Gus I was going to get out, the one mistake I made, I should have gotten out six months before I did.

The past year has been an awful grand bath in a business way and another I had just as well am up I fall in love with an



JUNE,

SUNDAY 16.

1889.

old school mate of mine and I am going to make a remark now that I don't even want to hurt any one's feelings but love and business worries are the worst mysteries in the world. How do I know — well because I have been thru them had nearly a year of it and I would be crazy if I thought I had to go thru another.

Now this last remark covers a lot of things and it is rather painful tho I think ~~another~~ I put up

MONDAY 17.

a good fight and I think I have won the girl tho you are never sure till your face the altar. With this ~~some~~ few remarks I am going to pull down the curtain I don't think I will have to put any of the happens on paper to remember them I won't need that help.

If The Girl should ever read this I don't want her to think that I in any way whatever mean or hold anything against her. I mean ever

JUNE,

TUESDAY 18.

1889.

word I ever said to her. I will get back to the partnership business. In July I started to try and get away tho then we were trying to sell the business but we failed in that so I knew it was up to me to get out. I had a proposition offered me in Portland got it thru E. H. Bender and in the mean time my friend McHinton whom I met in E. L. Peas who I stopped off thru on my way to Peas, he was in the drug business here in Delapstoff and he had made up his mind to open up a jewelry dept. so I turned down the job in Portland and come on here and am now waiting for my bench and material which we are expecting every day and when it comes we will open up the watch repairing dept and the jewelry later. I think I have a good proposition I am just the same thing as half partner with him putting up the capital

WEDNESDAY 19.



We go into the deal and split the profits do this in the jewelry and in the R.P. dept. we each pay half the cost of material and then split the profits. This is a good proposition but this is the weak point he may not put in enough stock or the right kind and also the business may not be here for two years and in that case it would not pay for me to hang on and just make expenses for I have said I would do that for a while in a few months

FRIDAY 21.

if it should get bad and I see that there is no chance to get anywhere I will have to quit as I simply have to make something as I have the girl to think of as well as myself. If I should leave I am going to get a job and will certainly stay with it till I have money enough to go in for myself. I arrived here about two weeks ago and have been looking ever since and it is simply

The hardest job I ever had in my life I sometimes wonder if I am doing the right thing as I am so anxious to get ahead in the world I sometimes think that I would have been better off to have taken that job in Portland. I have started on this and I am going to see it thru I don't take but a few months to prove what this is going to do or be and in the mean time I am getting financially up against it. I landed with 20<sup>00</sup> but my expenses have been very heavy and I now have about 4.50. If the bank will only come I will be alright but if it doesn't it is going to be rather bad tho Mr Hunter said he would help me out but I don't want help that way if I can help it. The worst of this is I have to put up a bluff that I have money and in reality I have to squeeze some I



JUNE, MONDAY 24. 1889.

mikel. I have certainly had lots of experience and I guess it is good for a fellow but it is rather bitter medicine must ease and get something to eat.

Aug 6 - 1913 Flagstaff Ariz.  
Tonight I will add a little more to this story. It seems that only means hard luck and disappointment to me. I fight and the harder I fight the worse mess I make of things. Woud to heavens I had followed my original plan I don't think I would be in such a fix but would be happy.

TUESDAY 25.

I am not putting everything down in this book I don't trust it. I sometimes I had a letter forgotten.

A few weeks ago the girl sent the ring back - sent it back because she hadnt heard from me - I wrote two letters but for some reason she failed to receive them. This was no excuse but she used it.

I wrote last week asking her to reconsider her actions - up to date however heard.

Today the plan fell - I

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cant realize that it is all over with for ever and my dreams and my castles in the air have vanished.

The home paper stated she was to be married and the date was Aug 2 (Sunday) I believe most things happen for the best tho this is one case when it is hard to believe tho time will tell. Love or what a person sometimes thinks is love, blinds a persons senses and seems to make a fool of him tho he generally seems to get there to his own

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advantage. I would give every thing in the world if I could go back and do things different. If I had only decided differently, I might not be on the boat. I believed in the girl (and really thought I loved her but began now it was different tho I still think more than I wish I did, that's what makes it so hard) and this is what I get

I have had to fight all my life and fight all alone but this is going to be the hardest



JUNE,

FRIDAY 28.

1889.

I will win tho I will fail the thing a man tries to keep in his heart. I am hoping about all the Hell that I think is coming to me. No one knows what this is unless they have to go thru it. I am alone among strangers no friend - I mean friend that could help me - have no help and must each day face things cheerfully or I make believe I am the happiest being around. One thing is in my favor, no one cares or will stop to look under the surface to see that things

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travel underneath. This is enough of this sort of thing - I will go over this all in my mind as enough times without having to read it out of this book. The week days go by fast as I am busy every minute but the long lonesome Sundays, God, how I am going to stand them? Must quit for now - no use to fill this book with any more of this sort of thing.

Everything in the story is going along very well and I believe

JUNE,

SUNDAY 30.

1889.

we are succeeding. I am making money have several hundred in the bank and all bills paid and am now in shape to save some money. I am going to hang on, certainly things will change for me some time - I must believe that or I won't have the courage to go on. Hope the next entry will be more cheerful.

Have overlooked some of the family history of the past few years. Father and Mother left Seattle shortly after Year and I did not want to Burns, Oreg. (The stone

JULY

MONDAY 1.

in Paris. went broke and as usual Dad lost everything) at this place they built a stone building and were doing fine when in July 5<sup>th</sup> they had a fire and lost everything. They are now in the Valley, Oreg. and have another lot. Year married William Ellis July 15 - 1912 but was married about the first of June. This in Paris. George is engaged and will be married some of these days - must close for tonight.



SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 16, 1889.

June 11 15 1903  
by contract I receive  
50% of all money ~~collected~~  
collected for W.B.

Clifton  
mrs nichals for  
watch and clock rep

50% equals \$1.25  
\$2.50

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SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 24.

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W. B. Clifton  
Dayton  
Wash.

of C. C. Davies

Mr Clifton sold out  
to L. F. Molenelli  
Sunday May 31, 1903

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~~SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 26.~~ 1889.

Stendrick P Smith	13.25
Harry Mathews	3.75
N. W. Simball	3.50
J. W. Wintle	8.00
Pi Breggs	.50
Miss Jane Brenery	1.50
Miss Michals	2.50
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	20.00
	2.50
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	17.50

FRIDAY 27.



~~DECEMBER, MONDAY 9. 1889.~~

March 9, 1903  
Started in to engrave  
this afternoon but  
I'm not sure I will  
make it

TUESDAY 10.

DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY 11. 1889.

THURSDAY 12.



Private This is my

MEMORANDA.

On sixteenth of November  
1902 I began work in Mr  
Clifton's Jewellery store to learn  
the trade

George and I landed in this  
town (Pocatello Idaho) Monday  
morning Oct. 6, 15 minutes  
after 2 o'clock, was met at  
the train by Rome, we went  
up main street and went  
into a restaurant and had  
something to eat, Rome  
then took us up to the  
store and we talked till  
about 15 to 5 o'clock then  
went up to the house

and went to bed got up  
about 8 o'clock and got down  
to the store about 9 o'clock  
and went to work. and work  
till Nov. 16. Bert came in two  
or three weeks from Myrtle Point  
and then a few weeks later  
Florence came from Macomb  
Id., everything went very  
well till about a month before  
Christmas then Rome took sick  
with what after wards was  
Typhoid and a little later  
into Typhoid Pneumonia  
and got very low but got

business and no one else

MEMORANDA.

better and on Christmas  
day he seemed lots better  
and the doctor said there  
was no doubts about it but  
what he would get well  
we were all pretty happy  
Christmas day thinking  
Rome would get well  
about seven in the evening  
he died George and Frank  
and Florence were at his  
bed side, I could hardly  
believe it for he had been  
so well that day.

He made a hard struggle  
in this cold, cruel world  
and though his life had  
many ups and downs to  
it he done the best he  
could and was well as  
many others in this sin  
caused world, must bow  
to the will of Almighty God  
I have written this in this  
book so that when ever  
I open this book it will re-  
call that day Christmas  
day that has always been  
a happy day, he had many  
ambitions for us boys and  
I am going to carry all of them  
out as much as I can



June 5, 1903 3000 20

MEMORANDA.

I joined the band  
close onto 5 months  
ago, that would make  
it about January it  
was by the influence  
of Mr. Clifton that  
I got into the band.  
On the 28<sup>th</sup> of May I played  
in the band. We escorted  
President Roosevelt up  
the street to the school  
house where he spoke  
about 30 minutes and  
then he went back to  
the train. About 8000  
people were at the school  
house. The street was  
very muddy I lost  
both of my rubbers  
and nearly all the  
rest of the fellow  
did the same the first  
piece we played for  
the president was  
Hail to the Chief.

The 14<sup>th</sup> of June (Sunday)  
they had the biggest  
~~rock~~ week they ever  
had in Pocatello one  
man killed and about  
6 wounded.

MEMORANDA.



## ADDRESSES.

Name.

Residence.

11

## ADDRESSES.

Name.

Residence.

Hammer & Myrtle Point at 9 o'clock  
 Sept 26/1962 - aged 16  
 Hard Luck







Goods sold for M & S Co

1889

CASH ACCOUNT — FEBRUARY.

Date.		Cash Received.	Note Paid.
Feb 1	1 1/4" Scrall Hoop	85 00	
" 1	1 1/4" 1/2 Plat family box	110 00	
" 2	1 1/4" 1/2 Plat "Y" box	100 00	
" 2	1 3/4" Spg seat	5 00	
" 2	1 1/4" 1/2 S Plow box	5 00	
" 2	2 Singletons	2 50	
" 2	6 Cans axle ms	90	
" 5	1 1/4" 1/2 11 B Perc.	17 50	
" 6	1 3/4" 1/2 Stuek gear	75 00	
" 6	1 3" 1/4 East B B Hoop		70 00

CASH ACCOUNT — FEBRUARY.

Date. Received. Paid.



following is all the cash sold  
by me from millerton  
CASH ACCOUNT - AUGUST.

Date.	Received.	Paid.
Jan		
4	\$2 50	
10	2 50	
17	2 50	
24	2 50	

following is account of all money  
spent by me beginning Jan 31 1903  
CASH ACCOUNT - AUGUST!

Date	Received.	Paid.
show		
Dec 31		25
other		25
"		.05
"		1.40
"		.75
"		1.00
"		1.00

Pocattello of dahn  
April 30 - 1903  
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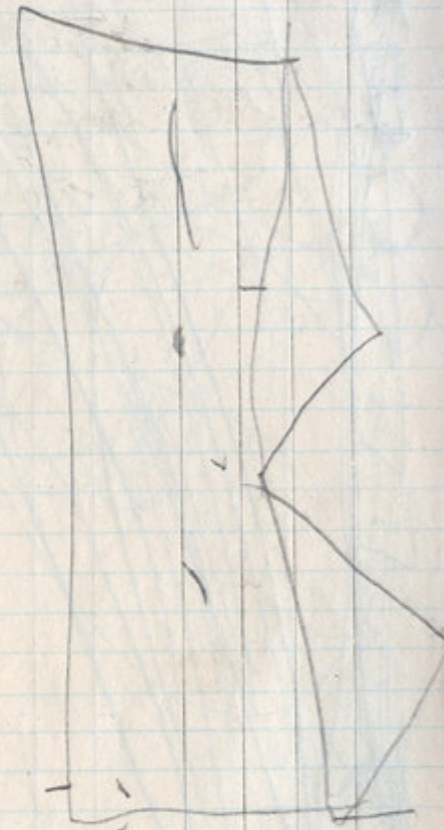
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CASH ACCOUNT — OCTOBER.

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Elmer B. Pack

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