

Journal by Philander Keep “P.K.” Roots

(Age 17; born 4 June 1838)

[Editor's Notes]

Abbreviations

Est. = Estimate

Abbreviations & Names

M^f. N. = M^f. Northrop

M^f. B. = M^f. Bronson

L.H. = Logan Holt Roots [born 26 March 1841]

O.G. = Oliver Guernsey Roots [born 11 April 1836]

P.K. = Philander Keep Roots

M.E. = Martha Elizabeth Roots [born 2 September 1844]

Jemmy = James Neefe

M^f. F. = M^f. Flowers

W.G. & Co. = Watts, Given & Co.

Capt. John Childe, Chief Engr.

Mira, Fannie, & Queen.

Put. = Major Gen. Israel Putnam

Selim = Colt P.K. is breaking

Pete = L.H.'s little brindle dog. Pug.

M^f. G. = John V. Gould

Resd't Eng'r. N.O. & O.

M^f. E. = L. S. Elethorp

C. = W^m. Caconley

Characters

Untill Sept. 20th 1855

M^f. N. Resdt. Engr. N.O. & O. R.R.¹ Our Boarding Master

Rodman N.O. & O.R.R. School Teacher

Leveler N.O. & O.R.R. Errand boy at Locust Hill.

From Mar. 27th to Nov. 11 1855

Axeman N.O. & O.R.R.

Principal business men of Paducah & Gen'l Ag't. N. & O.R.R., & N.O. & O.R.R.

M^f. Bronson 2 daughters & niece

M^f. Northrops Horse 5 years old for Sam'l [Samuel] Plumley 4 years old

Little black dog Father took from M^f. Bronson's to Tamaroa.

R.R. Begining [sic] Oct. 13th 1855

Cont'r on Secs. 25 & 37. Nov. 19th / '55.

Axeman N.O. & O.R.R. Dec. 1st 1855

July 1855

L. H. & I are on the N.O. & O.R.R. I am Leveler. L.H. Rodman & Jemmy (Neif) axeman. M^f. Northrop Res't. Eng. Capt. John Childe chief Eng. of this & M. & O.R.R.

L.H. & I are boarding at M^f. Bronson's and sleeping at R.R. office. O.G. teaching school at Pinckneyville Ill. John Flowers is hired on the farm (at Locust Hill) by the year.

27th Friday

¹ New Orleans & Ohio Railroad

L.H. & I went down town. Got \$5.00 of M^f. Watts, and L.H.'s new shoes. Worked at Est's. We started our with M^f. Bronson & family. There was a wood car on the track by Phipps field, so we came back and spent the evening with them.

28th Saturday

At 4 ½ A.M. took a horse from Livery stable, rode out to Sam. Plumley's 7 ½ A.M. Charlie & I hunted for his wild colt (Selim) I am going to take him & feed and break him for the use of him. found him 9 A.M. Led him to Paducah. Dinner, worked at est's. L.H. & Jemmy went to town and brought my new bridle & M^f. N's saddle. Rode Selim for the first time about 5 miles. No Breakfast or supper. Selim has thrown several persons.

29th Sunday

At Paducah. L.H. & I bathed. Breakfast. Went to service. Looked out references from Bible Book.

30th Monday

Went to P.O. Worked at Est's. Marked our clothes, & put a glass in place of broken one.

31st Tuesday

Worked at Est's. M^f. Trimble made us a visit. In the morning when I led Selim out to water he broke loose & ran off. I headed him at Ben Harris' & brought him back. In evening L.H. & I hitched Selim to Phipps cart. The 1st time he was ever hitched to wheels. Went out to Edens lane & back. 11 P.M.

For the Month

Capt. Childe in Europe contracting for iron. No track laid this month.

August 1855

1st Wednesday

Finished Est's to Mayfield. Compared Grades. In morning Robertson went down town with us on hand car he bough a watermelon. Ate it at office. At night L.H., Jemmy, Tim & I drove Selim and cart out Gibson's hill & back. 12 O'clock.

2 Thursday

Finished comparing grades on new profile. M^f. Plumley was here an hours. After supper. We drove Selim in cart out to Race track, then came back & went 3 miles out Broadway. Returned 12.15 next morning.

3 Friday

Began copying a plan for a house. Dinner. Rode Selim into Ohio River. Mended my shoe.

4 Saturday

L.H. & I rode Selim. Jemmy rode Jack (mule) out to native American Barbecue near old Wilmington. Stayed untill after dinner. Five speeches were made. I rode over to Democrat's Barbecue on Lovelaceville road. Then to Gum Springs, then home. L.H. came by himself. M^f. N. returned from Tenn. (25th ult.). Supper, we went down to see M^f. N. Joined in the torch light procession.

5th Sunday

At Paducah. Woke to late to bathe. Went to Church. Rev. M^f. Harlow preached. Finished reading Swiss Family Robinson. Went down to M^f. Phipps and ate some melons.

6th Monday

Election day in Kentucky. Morehead (K.N.) elected Gov. 6 (out of 10) congressmen (K.N.s) also elected. Put our bed clothes in sun. Picked some Penny Royal. Wrote a letter home took it to P.O. Dinner. Went down on hand car, brough out some feed. The car was thrown off the track by a stick of wood. I was considerably injured, mainly in my spine.

7th Tuesday

Put Selim in buggy for the first time, took it to shop to be mended. L.H. stacked a way 185 bundles oats. Worked on books.

8th Wednesday

Made out abstract of Requisitions drawn by M^r. Northrop. Received time table of I.C.R.R. from home.

9th Thursday

Made out Est. on Sec. 11. Bought some muskmelons of M^r. Plumley. Rules blanks for abstract of Requisitions. Received a paper from father, saying that trains stopped running on Ohio & Miss. R.R. on 27th ___t. on account of Riotous conduct on track by the inhabitants along the line.

10th Friday

Made out duplicate abstracts of Requisitions. M^r. N. & I began plot of the low end of R.R. that we located in Feb. last. L.H. & I rode Selim & Putman (abbreviation Put.) or Billy into river came back by Rolling mill. Rained a good deal.

11th

Rode Selim down to Market, bought 2 watermelons for M^r. Bronson. Rained hard. Repaired our path a little. Drew some on house. L.H. & I went down to wharf on hand car brought out a packet of things that left home on 14th ___t. they have been to Louisville and back to Cairo.

12th Sunday

At Paducah: Bathed. Breakfast. Finished reading Easop in Rhyme. Went to Church. M^r. Harlow preached. M^r. Bronson was unwell. I brought him some tamarinds from Drug Store. Began a letter home. Rec'd 2 letters from father (at Cairo).

13th Monday

L.H. took the washing. I finished letter home. Hunted for M^r. Waters' Requisitions (Nos. 117 & 118). M^r. Northrop & I worked on map of lower end of line. L.H. & Jemmy began to set 50 ft. Boundary Stakes.

14th Tuesday

Rode Selim down to Market. Drew some on house. M^r. N. & I worked on map. Rained hard ½ an hour.

15th Wednesday

M^r. Northrop in bed sick. Worked on R.R. map. 12 N. Went down to get a dollar or two. L.H. & I went with M^r. Bronson's family to a museum & concert on board the Floating Palace, & Str. James Raymond. Museum good. Concert not worth 3 cents.

16th Thursday

Went down to see M^r. N. about Bell shaped culvert at Sta. 199. Made a plan of it. L.H., Jemmy & I hitched Selim to one of the iron cars & rode to end of track. Dinner in M^r. Grace's shanty. Laid out culvert at Sta. 199. Returned just before a severe wind & a very hard rain.

17th Friday

Took horses to the river. Rec'd a letter from home. Wrote home. Took it to P.O. Dinner. Hitched Selim to a plank, took it over to branch on our path, made a little bridge.

18th Saturday L.H. had a chill. Fannie & Queen came over here. Dinner. Jemmy & I got some bran at Fishers. Selim hauled it up on an iron car.

19th Sunday

L.H. & I at Paducah. I went to Church. Began reading Irvin's life of Columbus.

20th Monday

Went down town, got some Magnesia for L.H. Wrote home. Breakfast helped M^f. Bronson shingling roof 2 hours. L.H. had a chill. M^f. &. & Dallam rode out to end of track (on Selim & Put.). Dinner. M^f. N. brought out a carriage & took L.H. to his room at St. Francis for to-night.

21st Tuesday

Rode down to see L.H. Breakfast. Went down to shop and brought out buggy. L.H. walked out. Jemmy & I rode out to Sam. Ray's and engaged some oats (with Selim & buggy). Came back by Alexander's mill. Took M^f. N. down town in buggy. Dinner. We worked some on map. He (M^f. N.) cut my hair & my face fuzz.

22nd Wednesday

Filled dirt in Selim's stall. L.H. had a light chill. Worked at R.R. map till 3 ½ P.M. L.H. & I counted & stowed away 400 bundles of oats. 5 ½ P.M. L.H. & I rode Selim & Put. into river. L.H.'s cap came off & his efforts to get it frightened Selim so that he jumped broke the saddle girth & threw me off. Just as we got back to office I missed the watch. It fell into the river when I fell off. We went right back to see M^f. N. about it. Supper at St. Francis. Came to office & got the twine to tie around me. L.H. held the twine & I fished after the watch till 10 ½ P.M. Did not find it. Watched them dance till 11 P.M. The horses broke loose. I headed them near Depot. Put. had broken his bridle all to pieces and rolled over with the saddle on. And during the night Selim's saddle and bridle got under his feet.

23rd Thursday

Rainy. No breakfast. In A.M. Jemmy & I were inquiring after my watch. Found that a negro had got of river (but he denied it). L.H. & I worked at books. Went down town saw a small balloon go up. Ohio & Miss. R.R. resumed regular operations.

24th Friday

Worked on profile. Putting on work done by Brooks & Albertson. A marketer that was taking out some Peaches & Plums that he could not sell, threw them away. L.H. & I picked up 4 bushels of Peaches. Took 2 bushels to M^f. Bronson & M^f. Frear. Went up town both morning & evening to see about my watch. L.H. & I put 2 shelves in corner of stable.

25th Saturday

L.H. & I put some forks for saddles &c. Rained steady till Dinner. L.H. & I worked at books. L.H. & I took the horses to river.

26th Sunday

At Paducah. L.H. & I bathed. Went to Church. M^f. Harlow preached. Read in Life of Columbus. L.H. & I took Horses to River via Rolling Mill. No supper.

27th Monday

Wrote home, took it to P.O. Dinner. Hitched Selim to iron car, brought out cutting box. Dung fork & barrel of apples, sent from home on 18th. Inst. most of them were rotten. Cut out chairs in the ravine over by M^f. Bronsons' for the girls.

28th Tuesday

We washed peaches & apples. Dinner. L.H. & I put a floor under horses hind feet. Bought some peaches for M^f. Bronson, but they mashed up so in taking them over that we brought them back to office.

29th Wednesday

Worked at Stable in A.M. M^f. Northrop brought us 2 letters from home & 1 from father at Oconee. Dinner. Went down town & recovered my watch by paying eight dollars rewards & \$1.50 for having it cleaned. M^f. N. said that there was so little doing on the R.R. that we could make our visit at home now much better than 20th October. So he & I settled the amount due to me (\$50 per month).

30th Thursday

Settled the amount due L.H. (\$30 per month). M^f. N. rode Put. out to Cul. at end of track. Dinner. L.H. & I squared up his act. books. Mira & I took a ride on Selim & Put. 5 miles out Court St.

31st Friday

L.H. & I squared up my acct. book. Took Horses to river. Left saddle at shop to be repaired. Got my watch from watch shop.

For the Month

L.H. & I boarding at M^f. Bronson's. Sleeping at R.R. office. On N.O. & O.R.R. with M^f. Northrop. Jemmy axeman. The party only out on line ½ day. We had plenty of melons & fruit. Rode out once with Mira. 22nd Lost my watch in Ohio river. There has been plenty of rain this summer. Weather very changeable. Wheat & Oats yielded abundantly. A good deal was lost on account of wet weather. Corn looks exceedingly fine. No dust this summer. 29th Recovered my watch. No track laid this month. 5th Capt. Childe returned from Europe to Boston.

September 1855

1st Saturday

Sewed up sacks. Cleded [sic] up office. Went to P.O. Dinner. L.H., Jemmy & I put up a swing ft. high. Fanny's birthday (14 years old). Supper. M^f. Bronson's whole family came over & took a swing.

2nd Sunday

At Paducah. M^f. Harlow administered the communion. L.H. took a ride on Put. with Fred Shields & Jem. Twyman. Read in "Columbus." M. E's 11th birthday.

3rd Monday

L.H. & I worked at Stable floor. Dinner. I sewed my shoes & made a strap collar for Pete. L.H. rode Put. down town got some tacks & awls. Capt. Childe arrived, from Mobile. Rec'd a letter from home.

4th Tuesday

Picked up in office. Began a letter home. Dinner. Capt. Childe came out, to office with M^f. N. M^f. N. & I commenced making out statements of work done and work to do. Worked in office till 10 P.M. Went down with M^f. N. to sit with Col. Barber. But he had the company of the Dr. & M^f. N. so I went to bed at No. 54 St. Francis.

5th Wednesday

M^f. N. & I worked at papers (see yesterday) all day. Bought a Watermelon weighing 47 p'ds. Phipps & wife started to New York.

6th Thursday

Same as yesterday till 12 N. I went down town bought some envelopes. Put Selim to buggy, took it down to shop. M^f. Schoolcraft & Loyd Tillghman Jr. got in. We drove up to Jersey & back.

7th Friday

The 2 boards of N.O. & O.R.R. directors that have existed since the disputed election June 4 through the influence of Capt. Childe agreed that both Presidents should resign. And make a consolidated board by taking one half the members of each board and elect new officers. Judge Campbell was elected President & Trimble Treasurer. All 4 of us were making out an inventory of material furnished by the N. & O.R.R. Co. Iron rails, spikes, bolts & fishbars. L.H. & I stopped at M^f. Neif's awhile during a rain. Got wet through coming out to office.

8th Saturday

L.H. had a chill. I grubbed 2 saplings on path to stable before breakfast. Wrote a letter home & one to Uncle Holt or cousin Emma. L.H. rode Selim & I walked down to Phipps.

9th Sunday

At Paducah; Bathed. Went to Church. L.H. was so weak that he had to go out of Church. Read in Columbus.

10th Monday

Covered hist. of Columbus. Capt. Childe came out to office & wanted the buggy taken to the shop. Jemmy brought some gears (for M^f. N. has none now), hitched up Selim, & all 3 went to the shop. Cut a path to No. 12.

11th Tuesday

L.H. had a high fever. Jem. Taylor & his brother Will were in town. 2 ½ P.M. Father arrived (on Southerner). He brought some fine Peaches & apples. He and U brought pushed them out here on hand car, had to lift it around a car of wood. Took supper with us at M^f. Bronsons. Stayed there during the evening. Mira & Fannie gave us a little music.

12th Wednesday

All went to St. Francis, to see M^f. N. Father rode Selim, Jemmy rode Put. going in. L.H. rode Selim out. Breakfast. Father saw Capt. Childe starting away. I went to M^f. Tilghman's & got Mary Ashley's little chair for Father to take home to her. M^f. N. & Capt. Childe in coming out from town I mounted, Selim to catch M^f. N., & rode out to Allens on Broadway, then a cross to Court St. Found they had got together. I met them by Walters'. Went down to help Father take his things down. (He took Dinner & Supper at St. Frances). Dinner: I went down to see him. He had come out here. He rode Selim in. We both came out. Gave him a swing in Franconia. Went down town with him, back to supper. Went down & saw him start (on Highgyer) at 8 P.M. He took Pug with him. M^f. N. returned from riding out 17 miles with Capt. Childe.

13th Thursday

Twisted me a pair of shoestrings (Grace's Negro Jack helped me). Rained all a.M. L.H. had a shake. I attended to him. 12 N. I went down town and got him some medicine & a vessel. No dinner. Phipps' men plowed the path to the stable. Took some Locust Hill peaches over to M^f. Bronson's.

14th Friday

Wrote a letter home. M^f. N. & Jordan Flournoy came out & finished the peaches. I went down to see about getting some new cog wheels cast for hand car. Rainy to-day. L.H. did go over to dinner.

15th Saturday

Beautiful sunshine in A.M. I went down to see M^f. N. He & Judge Campbell rode out to end of track. Rained hard in P.M. L.H. in bed all day, no shake. Jemmy brought out some bran in one of Phipp's cart.

16th Sunday

At Paducah. Weather: same as yesterday. We went to Church. Read in life of Columbus. Took some Locust Hill apples over to M^f. B's.

17th Monday

Took hand car down to be mended. No breakfast. L.H. took clothes to wash. I saw M^f. N. at St. Francis. Came out to office after some papers. Rode Selim. Dinner. Worked at G. books.

18th Tuesday

Brought out the hand car to be mended here. Worked on Sec. 11 G. books, till 4 P.M. L.H. rode Put. & Lloyd Tilghman, Jr. rode Harry out as far as Edens. I grubbed up stumps under swing. Mira, Fanny & Queen came over to swing. Supper.

19th Wednesday L.H. & I worked at Sec. 11, till 10 ½ A.M. Prepared car &c., for a R.R. ride. Went down town, bought a "Time Teller." Vicar of Wakefield and a book for Queen. Dinner. Hitched Selim to an iron car. Took M^f. N., Judge Campbell, D. Watts, M^f. Thornberry & 3 others to end of track (Sta. 199). L.H. brought the Company back. Jemmy & I laid out Cul. at Sta. 243, & rode back on Grace's car.

20th Thursday

I drew a plan of **Cerl.** at 243. At 10 A.M. M^f. N. started for Jack Tenn. (on Put. via Columbus). Received a letter from M.E. L.H. working Secs. 15 & 16. No blacksmith came, so I took the hand car down town to be repaired. 4 P.M. L.H. & I made a switch for hand car. Lloyd Tigelman Jr. was here.

21st Friday

Went down & locked the hand car, brought some sugar to M^f. Bronson. L.H. helped unload 200 bundles of oats. 11 A.M. brought the shingles up from Engine House with Selim. Jemmy & I began to shingle stable roof. L.H. brought dinner over for us. Fannie gave me a pocket for my watch at night.

22nd Saturday

Hauled up some more shingles with Selim. Finished stable roof, Dinner. Cleaned up in office and around stable. Worked some on the path to stable. Rode (with L.H. jr.) Selim down town to see about hand car. Not done. Jemmy & I rode around by Fan yard. Mattesons garden. Jersey & by Jemmy's home he stopped there. I came to supper.

23rd Sunday

At Paducah. No church. We rode out to Pool's farm, returned by Jersey (along Fred Shields & Jno. Buckley). Read in Life of Columbus.

24th Monday

Rode Selim down & got M^f. Grace's gears. Rec'd a letter from M.E. Hitched Selim to iron car. L.H., Jemmy & I went out & made G.F. on Sec. 6. As we came back, got some apples of M^f. Starr. We had a few ripe persimmons.

25th Tuesday

Went out to end of track (same as yesterday). Ran center line through Sec. 6. I rode Selim out to Sec. 9. Measured the remainder of Timber for Tressel [sic] work. Rained from 1 to 5 P.M. Brought some wood (& a bucket of grapes) for M^f. B. Hitched Selim to dray & took it over.

26th Wednesday

I went down town to see about the hand car. Rec'd. \$120.00 of R.R. Treasurer 11 A.M. Ate our dinner at office. Rode out on car of brick. Set in all & Leveled on to ½ the G.S. on Sec. 6.

27th Thursday Holiday

Cousin Emily came on cars to Locust Hill (with Selim & car). Picked 2 buckets of grapes, returned 1 P.M. Went to the Democrat's Barbecue. Ex. Gov. Powell and others made speeches. I read Vicar of Wakefield. L.H. had his hair cut. Supper. Took our grapes down to Judge Campbell's.

28th Friday

Went to end of track (same as Monday). Leveled on to remainder of G.S. on Sec. 6. Dinner on line. Picked a few Grapes & Hasel-nuts. Returned 4 ½ P.M. Finished amts on Sec. 15. Rode Selim into river.

29th Saturday

A chill tried to have me. No breakfast. Lay in bed at M^f. B's till 10 AmM. Went down town. Paid for repairing hand car, rec'd a letter from home. Dinner. Finished amts on Sec. 16. Sawed 2 slats for our bed stead.

30th Sunday

At Paducah. No Church. Bathed. Read in Life of Columbus.

October 1855

1st Monday

L.H., Jemmy & I brought out hand car from Foundry. Wrote a letter home. When I took it to the boat, I met Townsend on a boat on his way from New York to New Orleans.

2nd Tuesday

Cool, almost cold. Worked at hand car friction rollers. Finished repairs at 5 P.M. Mira, Fanny, Charles & Queen took a ride on it out to Starrs. Got a few persimmons.

3rd Wednesday

Went to Fishers mill after bran. Breakfast. Brought the bran out with Selim & dray. Dinner. Went down to have dinner bucket mended. Went over to see Greefe's bear. Bought some sweet potatoes for M^f. B. Mixed some shoe grease.

4th Thursday

Fixed stable floor. M^r. B's dog Ben caught a rat at the stable. In P.M. I looked for a girl for M^{rs}. Bronson.

5th Friday

Wrote home. Bought a cap. Hunted up a tailoress to mend my clothes. M^r. Hart arrived.

6th Saturday

Showed profiles to W^m. Bonds. Helped L.H. in algebra. Jemmy & Ned hauled in a load of wood on iron car. L.H. & I went down town on hand car to see if Floating Palace had come. It did not come till night. M^r. B. rode back with us to dinner. Brought out a bucket of salt.

7th Sunday

At Paducah. Bathed. Hard white frost. Finished reading Life of Columbus. Read "always happy." Rode up to rolling mill.

8th Monday

Started out to see Esq. Jones, met his son, returned to town. L.H. & I made out a Tabular statement of Graduation. Attended Railroad speaking at Court House.

9th Tuesday

Wrote a letter to M^r. Northrop at Philadelphia. Recd. a letter from him stating that while at Jackson he made arrangements (with Capt. Childe) to leave the N.O. & O.R.R., That a new Engineer would arrive soon. L.H. went out to send of track looking for nuts. Dinner. Jemmy & I went out to end of track with Selim & car. L.H. returned with us. L.H. bought a rifle.

10th Wednesday

M^r. B., Mira, Fannie, Queen, Florence Campbell & 3 little Woolfolks rode out to end of track (Selim & car). We got a few hazelnuts, Grapes & persimmons. (Judge Campbell went out on hand car). Had a beautiful day & a pleasant time.

11th Thursday

Went out on Grace's car of Cement. Laid out Temporary Tressel work at end of track. Returned on hand car.

12th Friday

Wrote home. We 3 rode out in Coles' buggy, and out culverts at Stas. 317 & 349.

13th Saturday

About same Co. as 10th. Inst. went out and picekd 2 bushels of grapes. Returned at 2 ½ P.M. The new Engr. M^r. Gould had arrived. Jemmy, L.H. & I took him, Judge Campbell, Capt. Harris & little Jemmy Campbell out to end of track & back. L.H. & I were turning on the outside of hand car, the plank broke that we were standing on. We fell down, and passed under the car without being seriously hurt.

14th Sunday

At Paducah till 11 A.M. L.H. had a chill. I rode with M^r. G. to Mayfield. Dinner at Edens. Jemmy rode Selim. Arrived at Mayfield at 7 P.M. Judge Campbell & Trimble arrived at 7 ½ P.M.

15th Monday

Concluded not to lay out any work yet at Mayfield. *Judge Campbell bought him a horse. M^r. G. went on down to Tennessee. I rode Selim to Paducah 4 ½ P.M. *They arrived 8 P.M. L.H. had a chill to-day. I went down and got some medicine for him. L.H. had a chill both yesterday & to-day.

16th Tuesday

*I went out on hand car to end of track with M^r. Gordon, and attended to raising the temporary tressel work. Returned 6 30 P.M. *Jemmy came out on Mooney.

17th Wednesday

L.H. & I (Jemmy sick) went out on hand car with M^f. Grace. Grace's black boy helped us in A.M. Set 4300 ft. L.P.'s & Leveled 100 ft. Tr. P's. Returned 7 P.M.

18th Thursday

I went down town. 10 A.M. We went over to the fair. 2 P.M. Dinner. L.H. got his things read to go home. I rode out with M^f. Phipps to end of track (horseback). Supper. Went down with L.H. to Commercial House. He waited for a boat to start home on. Bought him a new cap. Phipps began to lay iron southward again. (First since June 6th).

19th Friday

Rode out to end of track on iron car. One of Phipps men for rodman. Set & Leveled 450 feet Tr. P's. Came in on hand car. 12 O'clock. Went over to fair. 2 P.M. Rode home with M^f. Bronsons family. Dinner. Recd & answered a letter from M^f. N.

20th Saturday

Prevented from being at home to-day by R.R. buisness [sic]. I hope all the other members of our family are together. I rode out with Judge Campbell to Sec. 11 (Horseback) & back. 2 P.M. M^f. Gould was here. Dinner by myself. Made a plan of Culvert at Sta. 317.

21st Sunday

At Paducah: Read Christ & his apostles. Charles went out home & back on Selim.

22nd Monday

M^f. Began again putting up Tressel work at Sta. 218 (that has been suspended since June). I rode Selim out to end of track. M^f. Gould came & sent me in after Level. I went out on hand car, returned to town part of the way on Phipp's horse, & the remainder on foot. 4 ½ P.M. Took a walk looking after hickory nuts, but found them not. Supper. Made a plan of Cul. at Sta. 243.

23rd Tuesday

In office in A.M. Jemmy walked out to end of track. M^f. G. started for Mayfield. I went down town twice with H. Howard. Dinner with M^f. Trimble. 1 P.M. L.H. returned from home (18th Inst.). He & I took turn about riding Selim to end of track. Returned on hand car. Jemmy rode in Selim.

24th Wednesday

Hitched Selim to iron car & brought up the bolts for Mayfield bridge. Dinner. L.H. & I rode Selim & Jemmy walked to end of track. Set (leveled) pegs for tressel work at Sta. 218. Came in on hand-car. L.H. rode in Selim. M^f. Flowers & family started for Ohio in the cars. Jacob Coleman moved into No. 8.

25th Thursday

Wrote a letter home. Went down to see about getting some money for Jemmy. We went to Pool's farm. Came by Jersey. M^f. G. returned (23rd Inst.).

26th Friday

Went down town 3 different times to see about getting some money for Jemmy. Worked at quantities on Sec. 19.

27th Saturday

Worked in Grade books. Dinner. Went out to end of track with Selim & car. Set a few Track pegs. M^f. G. started for Tenn.

28th Sunday

At Paducah. Attended service. Then we went to hear the Presbyterian minister M^f. Matthews. Read in Todds Student's Manual. Supper. Again went to hear M^f. Matthews.

29th Monday

Took the M^f. Grace's to end of track with Selim & car. Set 500 ft. Tr pegs. Came in with Phipps' mule & car. We went to museum on Floating Palace.

30th Tuesday

Worked at Grade books. I wrote home.

31st Wednesday

I made tables of quantities. In P.M. L.H. went out to end of track. He had a chill.

November 1855

1st Thursday

6 to 7 A.M. setting stakes for Phipps on the Lovelace lot. Breakfast. L.H., Jemmy & I went out on iron car to end of track. Set & Leveled 400 ft tr Ps.

2nd Friday

Rained all day. L.H. had a chill. We went down & bought him some shoes. Dinner. I went down and got him some medicine. Wrote home.

3rd Saturday

Rained some. W^m. Berry came to lath & plaster the office & bedroom. I cleared out the office. Went down 4 times on buisness [sic] & to Jersey once. Jemmy hauled out block & fall. Circuit Court ended.

4th Sunday

At Paducah. Bathed. Breakfast. Went to service. Read in Todd's Manual. In the evening walked to Judge Campbell's with Mira & Fannie. Rained all night.

5th Monday

Rained till 10 A.M. I went to Jersey & engaged lumber for joists. Helped put them up.

6th Tuesday

Sawed off the remainder of the joists. Put a bolt in top of one of the outside posts of office that was splitting down. No Dinner.

7th Wednesday

Went down to see about Masons to plaster office. Went down again to see M^f. Grace about building a chimney. Dinner. Masons again went to lathing. Went down town to get some iron straps to support chimney. M^f. Gould returned (Oct. 27) and began to board at M^f. B's & sleeping in office.

8th Thursday

Went down to Market. No Breakfast. L.H. & I went out to Tressel work after Block & fall. In returning, Selim got away from us. I pushed in the car, which made me very tired. L.H. caught Selim at Ben Harris'. Grace began a chimney. An impostor Tosso (the violinist) gave a concert here to-night. M^f. G. & I walked down town.

9th Friday

In A.M. helped put up a chimney. In P.M. L.H. & I shingled around it. The office room is finished plastering.

10th Saturday

Cleaned up. All went down town to get some money. Dinner. L.H. & Jemmy brought out a stove on hand car from Jack Lawson's. We recd some money. M^f. G. said he could get along with out L.H. now. So L.H. will start for home on Monday. I went down after some pipe. It was not long enough. L.H. went down and got another length. Set up the stove. L.H. & I brought some coal in whell barrow from blacksmith shop and made a fire. Supper. Florence Campbell was at M^f. B's. I went and paid.

I went down town and got some candles.

11th Sunday

At Paducah. No service. L.H. went to Presbyterian sunday school. I packed L.H.'s things for him to go home. I read not much regular reading.

12th Monday

Settled with M^f. B. L.H. had his things on the hand car ready to start. Jemmy said that he would not remain on R.R. at \$25.00 per month. So L.H. will remain until Dec. 1st. M^f. G. & L.H. rode his horse Frank & I rode Selim (Selim broke the girth and threw me off.) to Sec. 11. Took estimate all the way, and profile of Island creek. Dinner at Bill's shanty Sec. 6. Supper at Hollowells. Thos. Jones & I went over and slept at Plumleys.

13th Tuesday

M^f. Plumley has found Selim's mate. So we swapped Selim for Colty. Went Hollowells to breakfast. (I am at Mayfield) Took cross section of Camp creek, went on to Sec. 13. M^f. G. went on to Sec. 37. Beadles & Bolinger are just begining [sic] to repair shanties &c. L.H. & I went back to Paducah. Dinner at Plumleys.

14th Wednesday

Went down town. L.H. & I went out to end of track & set Tr. Ps. up to tressel work. M^f. G. returned. David W. Elethorp was with him. I went down town and bought a saw, coal bucket, etc.

15th Thursday

This is the first day that has been at all like the 15th since last March. There is an estimate of about \$2500, promptly paid off. L.H. & I put plank in stable floor to bring it up level. Dinner. L.H. & I worked at Profiles. The N.O. & O.R.R. Estimates for work done in Sept & Oct. amt. to \$1869.27.

16th Friday

M^f. G. left for Sec. 37 before sunrise. Rainy all day. Went down town twice. Wrote home. Wrote some.

17th Saturday

Fixed a place for and removed the coal. L.H. had a chill. I worked on path to stable.

18th Sunday

At Paducah. L.H. went to Sunday school. We went to Service. Dinner. M^f. G. returned. M^f. Campbell and daughters came out to M^f. Bs. Went down to St. Francis Hotel after a letter for M^f. G.

19th Monday

At 9 ½ A.M. I walked out to Sam. Plumleys. Rode some in an ox waggon. Got a horse Dulcenea or Dolly of him. Went over to Sec. 13 with Bolinger, he had begun work to-day (recommenced). I rode with him & led my horse till his buggy broke down. Then we rode horseback. Supper at Grears'. Rode down to Guills' hill. Slept in shanty. First work done on Sec. 37 to-day (by Elethorp). One of my boots got burned up.

20th Tuesday

Set center poles from 1880 to 1897 (Sec. 37). Laid out a Log Drain by Guess. Breakfast and over night at Guills.

21st Wednesday

In A.M. I stayed in Sec. 37. After noon M^f. Elethorp & I rode up to Mayfield. 6 P.M. M^f. G. arrived at 8 ½ P.M.

22nd Thursday

M^f. G., Elethorp & I rode back to Guills for Dinner. M^f. G. & I Set S.S. from 1894 to 1884. Stayed at Guills.

23rd Friday

M^f. G. sold Frank to M^f. E. and took Sallie. He went down to Tenn. I set S.S. from 1894-1897. Laid out Log Drain at 1896 + 60. 11 A.M. Took Level, Rod & Tripod and rode up to Sec. 13. 6 P.M. No Dinner. Stayed at Beadles & Bollingers Shanty.

24th Saturday

Waited all day on Sec. 13 for M^f. G. He arrived at 7 P.M. I had made a B.M. & Some stakes. Stayed as last night.

25th Sunday

At Sec. 13. M^f. G & I laid out some work. 10.40 A.M. Rode to Paducah. (Met Judge Campbell). 3 ½ P.M. Prepared to go home. Supper. Went down to Commercial House & Lodged waiting for a boat, none came.

26th Monday

Waiting for a boat. Went out to office 3 or 4 times. Bought a bale of hay. Had my hair cut. At 6.20 P.M. down came the Sir W^m. Wallace. I went on her to Cairo 11 P.M. Stopped at No. 48 Taylor house. Found that Father was in No. 14. L.H. & M^f. G. set Pegs for E. side track.

27th Tuesday

Father & I came on cars to Jonesboro. He wrote home telling them that we were coming to-night. We took Dinner at Col. Ashley's. Supper at Dr. Condon's and cars at 7.35 P.M. Arrived at Tamaroa at 10.50 P.M. Met O.G., M.E. & Watch up by new field. Home at 11.25. Cousin Walker & wife were here. Mother was unwell, she has been confined to her bed most of the time for 3 months.

28th Wednesday

M^f. Flowers started with his waggon for Ohio. M.E. & I killed & picked a Turkey & a duck. Dinner. Father, O.G., M.E., & I went around the farm. Called at John F. Griffiths. Looked at colts & calves. Father & I walked out to look for some of the cattle. Found them. M^f. & M^{rs}. Ferdinand were both sick in bed.

29th Thursday

Thanksgiving day. O.G., M.E. & I rode up to Tamaroa. Ate a lunch at Uncle Holts (a 14 ½ pound turkey). Emma rode back with me on Polly. Dinner. Service. Father & I went with ox waggon and hauled a load of wood for M^f. Ferdinand. Brought home some hickory-nuts, cracked some, then had nice candy pulling.

30th Friday

O.G. & I put a new bottom in waggon bed. Father & I went up to Centralia & back on 1st Passenger train. Dinner at Centralia. Called at M^f. Lymans. Saw Fred Williams' new brick house. Supper. M.E. & I popped [sic] some corn. O.G. was unwell.

Locust Hill had 2 hired girls, Miss Porter and Amanda Curby. and 2 hired men, John Collins & Halpin.

December 1855

1st Saturday

Fixed boards on cracks in crib. Father & ___ went down into L.H.'s cornfield. Dinner. Father, M.E. & I rode to John F. Littles, via Clay Hawkins. Returned via Peter Lees' mule pen (to see Baalam) & John Hawkins. Supper. I settled with C.N. Breeze for O.G. about book agency. I picked up my things to start on my return to Paducah. L.H. did his last day's work on N.O. & O.R.R. to-day, by going out to Sec. 9 with M^f. G.

2nd Sunday

At Home at 2:25 A.M. Father and M.E. walked up to Tamaroa with me. At 3.05 A.M. I took the cars for Paducah. Arrived at Cairo at 8 A.M. Visited with Collins Dunham until 2.30 P.M. Got aboard the A. L. Shotwell and came to Paducah 6 P.M. Supper at M^f. Bs. The first Locomotive on N.O. & O.R.R. arrived yesterday afternoon, from Boston.

3rd Monday

M^f. G. & D.W. Elethorp rode with Sallie & buggy. I rode Dulcenea. I cook dinner at Plumleys. Laid out Culvert at Sta. 31 8.50 (Sec. 10). Went to Mayfield. 8 P.M.

4th Tuesday

M^f. G. Major, & D.W. Elethorp & Myself, rode down to Guill Hill. Dinner. Took Cross section from Sta. 1873-1878. and Est. on Sec. 37. Met Conley, who is to be axeman hereafter. M^f. G. Conley & I came to Mayfield over night. L.H. began to go school to M^f. B. he pays his board & tuition by doing chores, gardening &c.

5th Wednesday

Took Est. on Secs. 13, 11, & 9. Dinner at Sec. 13. Came to Paducah. Conley began to board at Futrells.

6th Thursday

Conley & I walked out Sec. 9 and began to lay out tressel work at 368+. Stayed at Plumleys.

7th Friday

We finished laying out tressel work at 368+. Laid out Culvert 395+10. Dinner at Plumleys. Walked to Paducah. Sent Transit home by a wagon. Gave Milliken grade on Sec. 6.

8th Saturday

Wrote home. I went down town with a letter home. Again to buy some oil. White Leads Sacks &c. Dinner. Went to Jersey to see about some bran. M^f. G. loaded up a car (dirt) to go to Guill hill. Rained in P.M. Conley got 2 quarter boxes of Candles.

9th Sunday

At Paducah. Went to Church service. Read up our reading to Exodus.

10th Monday

I went to P.O. Got an uncle to come and clean out the office. Conley & I went out and set Track pegs &c. beyond Tressel on 6. M^f. G. also walked out in P.M. We pushed in hand car. Dutch Bill is very sick. We received 25 bushels of bran.

11th Tuesday

We put up the old stove in sleeping room. I went down town after some pipe. Dinner. M^f. G. rode out on line. Conley & I put up plank around office to hold an embankment. I began to wheel up some dirt.

12th Wednesday

I took some medicine out to Big Bill. C. & I walked out to Sec. 9 to test the excavation & set Center line. Returned to Supper.

13th Thursday

Rainy. Set some pegs for excavation of pit in Engine House. Dinner. I covered over the well enough to draw water. Rained all night.

14th Friday

Split up some kindlings. Took my clothes to be mended &c. Brought out a lot of bedding &c. for M^f. G. Dinner. C. & I set some pegs for Timbers for Engine Pit. I went with some men to the levee after some iron.

15th Saturday

I went after oil & C. went after white lead. Went out to Sec. 9 measured excavation, then made stakes. Returned to Supper. The amt. of Estimates for Work done in Nov. = \$1273.87.

16th Sunday

At Paducah. Attended service. Read 12 chapters in Exodus.

17th Monday

I went down town. Rec'd the money for expenses of office during the month of Sept. Bought and greased a pair of boots. C. started out on line afoot. Dinner. M^f. G. & I started on horseback overtook C. at Sec. 13. All stayed at Mayfield.

18th Tuesday

I walked beyond Priors'. I saw a great number of Pigeons². All took dinner at Guills C. & I laid out Log Culvert at 1907 +15. Stayed at Guills.

19th Wednesday

² Likely these were Passenger Pigeons, as Rock Doves were not as common then and are typically associated with more urban areas.

Laid out Log Culvert at 1855 +04. Came to Mayfield for Dinner. Came to Sec. 13 and stayed over night. M^f. G. went to a corn shucking.

20th Thursday

Set some G.Ps for Bollinger. Sec. 13 and some on Sec. 11. C. & I took dinner at shanty on Sec. 6. M^f. G. came right on to town. We set 300 feet Tr. Ps. Supper at M^f. Bs. Copied the Alignment of R.R. and calculated amt. of excavation for Tressel on Sec. 9.

21st Friday

Rainy. Made out a list of Bench Marks of R.R. Recd a letter from home. Went down town and bought a bridle &c. Brought out a box for M^f. G.

22nd Saturday

Went over to M^f. B.s' and peeled some apples to make Christmas Pie. Breakfast. Compared List of Benches. Rode down to P.O. Dinner. L.H. & I bought a coat & vest for him (3rd time). Went down town for M^f. G. to see if the boat had gone down to-day. Warm.

23rd Sunday

At Paducah. M^f. Le Breton & Charles had a fight last night. They both left M^f. Bs'. Read Parisian sights &c. Supper. Went down to St. Francis to see M^f. Le Breton. M^f. Rossington came. Cold.

24th Monday

C. & I went out on car to end of track to set pegs, but returned on account of the cold. Came by Phipps'. Dinner. Spit a little snow. I went down to P.O. &c. Rev. W. Presbury future pastor of Episcopal Church arrived.

Christmas 25th Tuesday

Breakfast. Went to Church. First Rate dinner. Went down to see M^f. Lebreton. Oyster &c supper. Weather cold & cloudy, about an inch of snow. I gave M^{rs}. Bronson a foot scraper. Mire a bell & a gold dollar and Queen a box. M^f. G. gave them a Christmas box containing Fruits nuts &c. L.H. gave them a can of Oysters & some crackers. M^f. Le Breton gave me a drawing of a ship.

26th Wednesday

Phipps began to haul in ice on cars. I went down to P.O. Worked on a plan of Tressel at Camp creek. M^f. C. H. Bliss & M^f. Thayer arrived in town. M^f. G. took supper at St. Francis.

27th Thursday

Ice 4 inches thick. Went with washing; and to P.O. Finished the plan (see yesterday). Went down town and got some honey to make candy. But made none.

28th Friday

Began a list of Grades. Received a letter from home. Wrote home. We had a nice candy pulling at M^f. B's. I walked home with Judge Campbells' daughters.

29th Saturday

Finished the list of Grades.

30th Sunday

At Paducah. M^f. Presbury was hoarse, so that M^f. B. read service. I read in Parisian Sights &c.

31st Monday

Made out Table for Excavation with perpendicular sides. Went down to P.O. M^f. B, Fannie, L.H. & I went down to the Girls School Tea Party, at the female Seminary. Returned home at 1 A.M. 1st day of A.D. 1856.

January 1856

1st Tuesday

M^f. G. & I made out an approximate Estimate of work from Sec. 25 to Sec. 37 (in.).

2nd Wednesday

C. started and walked to Mayfield. I went down to P.O. At 11 ½ A.M. I started on Dolly for down the line. Dinner at shanty on Sec. 6. Left instruments at Bollinger's shanty on Sec. 13. Stayed over night at Mayfield.

3rd Thursday

C. & I went to Guills (Sec. 37) for Dinner. Made a lot of stakes and measured in centres from 1853 to 1866. Stayed over night at Guills.

4th Friday

C. & I took cross sections from Sta. 1853 to 1866. M^f. G., M^f. Thayer & M^f. Davison (Foreman) arrived to Dinner. Stayed over night at Guills.

5th Saturday

M^f. G., C. & I took the estimate on Sec. 37. Dinner at Mayfield. M^f. G. & M^f. Thayer stayed at Old man Harpers. C & I stayed at Nathan Whitas'.

6th Sunday

Out on line. Measured work on Secs' 11 & 13. Dinner at shanty on Sec. 6. Supper at M^f. B's.

7th Monday

I finished revising the list of Grades.

8th Tuesday

Ruled new Grade on old profile. Capt. Childe arrived to Dinner. Mira had a very bad cold. Charlie, Fannie, L.H. & I went down to a play and candy-pulling at Judge Campbells'. M^f. G. went down to St. Francis Hotel to see Capt. Childe. I slept at M^f. Bs'.

9th Wednesday

I went down to see Capt. Childe at St. Francis. Came out to office after some papers. Got my old account adjusted, and my future wages settled at \$40. per month. Dinner. Went down town after a bar of steel to go with dirt cars to Sec. 37. Capt. Childe & M^f. G. started down the line on horseback. I went over and helped M^f. B. move a stove.

10th Thursday

Wrote a letter home. Dinner. Not very well. Made a profile of Sec. 10.

11th Friday

Made a profile of Secs. 13 & 11.

12th Saturday

L.H. was unwell. A good part of the day I was bothering around after my money and then did not get it. Went up to see M^f. Barbee about Col. Ashley's books. He said he had previously sent them to Col. Ashley.

13th Sunday

At Paducah. Went to Church. M^f. Presbury preached. I finished reading Siege of Derry.

14th Monday

L.H. & I went down and received our money – up to Sept. 1st 1855. Paid up St. Francis in full for our board. I took dinner there. Made a profile of Sec. 37. M^f. G. returned (Sec. 9th Inst.). Made up amt. of Estimates.

15th Tuesday

I went down and got me some medicine. Made a profile of Sec's 14 & 15, made Est of Sec. 6. Amt of Work done in December = \$1641.84.

16th Wednesday

Sat in the office sick, and took medicine.

17th Thursday

On duty again. Rode out to estimate Millikens work on Secs 6 & 5. Returned to Dinner. Went down and brought out M^f. G's pants, my shoes & Col. Ashley's books. Wrote home. Warm and pleasant. The first thawing day since 23rd Ult. (sp?).

18th Friday

Put some partitions in M^f. G's desk. Went down town and bought some stuff for shirts.

19th Saturday

M^f. G., M^f. Thayer & M^f. McKinn went dow to Mayfield. C. & I went out to sec. 9 and set Station stakes. I returned by Peter Allen to see about a milch [sic] cow for M^f. Bronson.

20th Sunday

At Paducah. Bathed. Went to Church, read in Reef Rovings in the South Sea.

21st Monday

Worked at Copying into Estimates book. Bought some Medicine for L.H.

22nd Tuesday

Copies Estimates.

23rd Wednesday

Cleaned out large Stationery.

24th Thursday

Went down town. Got my clothes. Dinner. W^m. Elethorp is here. I cleaned out my desk & small Stationery.

25th Friday

I went down at 6 A.M. & brought out a horse for W^m. Elethorp to ride to Guill Hill. Took tripod down town to be repaired rec'd 3 letters from home. I added up Secs 21, 22, 23 & 24.

26th Saturday

Conley & I made a pung³. I went down and got a dry goods box for a seat. Dinner. I went down & brought out a pair of harness. M^f. G., Conley & I rode out a ways. Then M^f. G. went over to take the girls to ride, just as he arrived in front of the door, it struck a stump and broke down the pung. Snow about 4 inches deep. It rained, hailed & Snowed.

27th Sunday

At Paducah. I rode Sallie, & Bettie & Fannie rode Dolly down to Judge Campbell's. I read in same as last Sunday.

28th Monday

Conley & I reipeired our broken pung. I went down and got some harness. Dinner. M^f. Gould went and gave the girls a ride. When he returned, C. gave Miss Ann Adams a ride in pung & Sallie. When C. returned L.H., Charlie & I rode down in pung & Dolly. The pung shaft broke.

29th Tuesday

Conley, Charlie & I converted our pung into a jumper. Dinner. I took my out sleigh-riding. Then Charlie went riding. M^f. William Elethorp returned from Guill Hill and Col with J. L. Price.

30th Wednesday

In the office most of the time. I went down and got some martingal rings. C. & I mended my martingals.

³ A sleigh with a box-shaped body.

31st Thursday

C. & I went down (in jumper) got M^f. G's pants & the level tripod. Returned took W^m. Elethorp down to St. Francis. Dinner. Began a plan of Tressel at Sta. 218. No supper.

For the Month

This is & had been the coldest month, I ever saw it has been freezing almost constantly. 1st-6th Gone to Guill hill, Estimating. 7th to 31st in office all except one day. The ground being frozen so hard that we could do nothing out on line. 1st to 31st M^f. G. & I boarded at M^f. B's slept in the office. L.H. went to school to M^f. B. C. boarded at Futrells. Congres House of Representatives balloting ever since Dec. 3rd 1855 for Speaker but could not elect one.

February 1856

1st Friday

Worked at plan of Tressel at Sta. 218. Dinner. Mira's 17th birthday. I went down town and did divers things to help about getting things ready for Mira's birthday party. L.H. & I went down with dolly & jumper & brought Miss Emma & Berta Byers. Then went & brought out Carrie, Bettie & Jo. Campbell. At 12 ½ A.M. (tomorrow morning) took Miss Emma, & Berta Byers home. After having spent a very pleasant evening.

2nd Saturday

Took Bettie home in jumper. Mira went down with her. I bought some carpet. Came back, brought a man out to J. G. Coles. Took M^{rs}. B. down to Judge Campbells. Brought her & Mira back home. Dinner. Worked at plan of tressel work at Sta. 218.

3rd Sunday

At Paducah: It is very cold. Thermometer at 10 ½ degrees below zero. I was frozen stiff so that I could not go to Church. M^f. B., L.H. & Mira went to Church. I finished reading "Reef Rovings in South Seas." M^f. Thayer returned from Dresden Tenn. (19th Ult.).

4th Monday

Very cold. L.H. & I moved our bed. I packed away & sowed [sic] (mended) up my clothes. Dinner. Worked a little on plan of bridge. L.H. & I rode down town in Jumper with Dolly.

5th Tuesday

Went down town with M^f. G. M^f. Thayer, & M^f. G. went in a buggy & Conley rode Dolly to Guill Hill to take the Monthly Estimate. I stayed in office. Finished plan of Tressel at Sta. 219.

6th Wednesday

Began a plan of Tressel work at Sta. 368. Snowed. Hailed & Rained today, Leaving the trees covered with a sheet of ice, and icicles.

7th Thursday

Cloudy finished plan (see yesterday). Made some kindlings.

8th Friday

Cleaned out the shed in front of office. Made out and copied an Estimate of Boyd & Eakers' work. 4 ½ P.M. M^f. G. returned. I took the buggy down to livery stable.

9th Saturday

Took Dolly & jumper and was going down to bring Bettie out to M^f. B's, but she had come by herself. She & Mira got in to go out to Edens hill but it broke down nearby. They walked back to the house. Dinner. Conley & I made our jumper over anew. He & I went down to P.O. in it. Then Bettie, Fannie, Queen, Emma Watts, Jemmy Campbell, L.H. & I took a ride. W^m. Elethorp returned from Nashville Tenn. in company with W. A. Shuman.

10th Sunday

At Paducah. Went to Church. Fannie & I took a sleigh ride out to the graveyard. Dinner. I read in Blairs Lectures.

11th Monday

Wrote home. Took it to P.O. Dinner. Wrote a letter to send for a valentine.

12th Tuesday

Mended up the shirts. Took them to washerwomans & vests to Tailoress'. Dinner. Copied proposals for graduation on Sec's 10 & 36 (made by Shuman & Elithorp).

13th Wednesday

I covered Ure's Dictionary. Dinner. Went down town and bought a pair of boots for L.H. Again went down and bought some stamps. I had a black coat torn into behind. We had a very pleasant game of Whist⁴ at M^f. B's.

14th Thursday

St. Valentine's Day. I sent one to Bettie & one to Mira. I sewed some boot straps on L.H.s new boots. They were to [sic] large for him, so I took them. And went down bought L.H. another pair. Had my hair cut (and my face shaved for the first time in my life.) I then covered several of the books that M^f. Northrop conditionally gave to me. L. I. Elithorp & John L. Price came in from Sec. 37. Supper. C., Charlie, L.H. & P.K. walked out to Starrs hunting, but caught nothing. Last day of sleighing.

15th Friday

L.H. had his hair cut. I had mine retrimmed. Dinner. M^f. G. & Guill Hill contrs & W^m. Elethorp went to Mayfield. I packed away books &c. Cost of Work done in January = \$1221.17.

16th Saturday

I Bathed. Was in bed all day & all night at M^f. Bs with severe pains in my head and side & back.

17th Sunday

At Paducah. Same as yesterday. End of the cold weather.

18th Monday

It finally began to thaw out. I was in bed untill 9 ½ A.M. Put a blister on my back. I got up & walked out to Sec. 6. Put Center line over Tressel Bridge. C. went out with Dolly and I rode her back.

19th Tuesday

C. & I went to Mayfield. I rode Dolly & C. walked. Dinner at J. W. Kembles at 3 P.M. Took some bread, oranges, figs &c. to Mayfield for Henry N. Mallery, a young engineer that is very low with consumption⁵. He came from Dresden Tenn. to Mayfield on 1st & 2nd Inst. Stayed at Grears.

20th Wednesday

M^f. G., C. & I took some cross sections at 1207 &c. At Mayfield.

21st Thursday

C. & I took cross-sections at Sta. 1221 et al. I Sentiment and action in Harpers Magazine. Very muddy.

22nd February Friday

C. started for Paducah. At 15 minutes past Eleven A.M. Harry Mallery breathed his last. Disease Consumption at Gear's tavern in Mayfield. I helped M^f. G., M^f. Thayer & M^f. McKean lay him out⁶ and dress him.

23rd Saturday

Went to the burial ground with the corpse of Harry Mallery. Dinner. Read in Constitution of the United States.

⁴ A card game of four players in two partnerships that is played with a pack of 52 cards and that scores one point for each trick in excess of six.

⁵ A progressive wasting away of the body especially from pulmonary tuberculosis.

⁶ To prepare a corpse for viewing.

24th Sunday

Coming from Mayfield to Paducah with M^f. G. (see 15th & 19th Inst.). Supper at M^f. Bronsons.

25th Monday

C. & I went out to Sec. 10. Dinner at Thompsons. W^m. Elethorp helped us run center line and line of levels over the big cut. Sta. 426 to 450. Stayed at S. Plumleys, W. A. Shuman & Co., began to work on Sec. 10.

26th Tuesday

Run in center line through Sec. 9. and cross sectioned 464 to 470. Stayed at Plumleys. Dinner in shanty. Alonzo Hill & Negro Bob Campbell began to work on the engine.

27th Wednesday

Rained hard last night. Went down Sec. 9 to work but the water was a foot & a half deep all over the bottom. C. started across the fence but fell off into the water and got wet. I went back and got Dolly, she had to swim the creek (Island creek No. 2) got wet up to my waist. Came down to Sec. 6, got wet twice more. Set 400 feet Track Pegs. Came on to Paducah. No supper.

28th Thursday

Went down town on divers errands. Came back and took the target down to be painted. Dinner. Wrote home. Thayer & McKean began work on Sec. 25.

29th Friday

C. & I went out on Sec. 1300 feet track pegs. Pulled hand car with Dolly.

March 1856

1st Saturday

Snowed & hailed. Went down to see Judge Campbell. With Sallie & Dolly took Bettie from M^f. Bs. to Judge Campbells. Was to bring Mira home, but she did not come, So Bettie came back with me. Supper. Had a game of Whist.

2nd Sunday

At Paducah. Went to Church. M^f. Presbury administered the communion. Read the Calendars.

3rd Monday

Went down town on several different errands. Dinner. Went down town and bought a pair of boots for D. W. Elethorp. Conley went on foot. M^f. G., W^m. Ellithorp & I started out the line. I had to come back and get the saddlebags, bought some meal. Then went on and stayed at Plumleys. M^f. G. stayed at Thompsons.

4th Tuesday

M^f. G. & I laid out log drain at Sta. 450+. Then rode on down the line, at Jesse Adams took Dinner. At J. W. Hembles found Conley sick. I walked on to Mayfield, & he rode on Dollie. Set Center stakes from Sta. 1207-1213. Stayed at Mayfield.

5th Wednesday

Conley sick. Capt. G. & I rode down to Guill Hill. Dinner. Took Est. on Sec. 37. Stayed at Guills.

6th Thursday

Capt. G. & L. S. Ellithorp arbitrated some accounts for John L. Price & D. W. Ellithorp. I bought a horse of L. S. Ellithorp for \$80.00. Named him Major. Rode up to Mayfield to late. Dinner. C. is right sick. Capt. G. & I took est. & set grades on Sec. 25.

7th Friday

Conley sick. I bought a chicken for him. Capt. G. & I took est. on Sec. 11 & 10, late dinner at Thompsons. I delivered Dollie up to M^f. Plumley (see 19th Nov. 1855). Rode on to Paducah.

8th Saturday

I went down and got my pay for January & February. Dinner at the Campbell House. Rode out to Sec. 6 and back. Supper. Capt. G., Mira, Fannie, Bettie, Queen, L.H. & I went down to negro singing at St. Francis.

9th Sunday

At Paducah. Capt. G. was at river all day waiting for a boat to go to Nashville. L.H. & I went to Church.

10th Monday

Capt. G. got off on the Sallie West at 7 A.M. (for Nashville). L.H. & I went out before breakfast to Sec. 6. I took Sallie down to be shod. L.H. came back after the tape and rode Sallie out. He and I set Tr. Ps. Returned to supper.

11th Tuesday

Rose at 4 A.M. Fed horses, cleaned out the office, put a valance around Capt. G.s bed. L.H. took Major down to livery stable. Started out to Sec. 6 with a hand car full of pegs. Took Sallie. The snow on the rails made it exceedingly hard to pull. Set center & Tr. Ps till 5 A.M.

12th Wednesday

Rose at 5 A.M. Breakfast in shanty on Sec. 9. One of Ellithorps men (Mc) helped me today. We did a fine days work, on Sec. 9 setting G. S., S. S., & D.S. L.H. went back to town. I stayed at Thomsons.

13th Thursday

I went on to Sec. 13 and set grades. Dinner at the shanty. Met C. at shanty coming on from Mayfield. He rode on to Paducah together. Received a letter from home saying that L.H. had better come home and take charge of the farm.

14th Friday

Went to the stable to feed the horses and they were both out. I copied Estimates of Secs. 25 & 37, received a load of corn. L.H. hunted on Tilghmans little pony until 9 A.M. then brought up a horse from livery Stable for me. I started after them, found them out between Edens & Millikens. Returned, had a shoe nailed on Sallies right fore foot. Dinner. Cleaned out stable loft. Betties birthday (15 years old). L.H. had a chill.

15th Saturday

Gave Major Ellithorp his requisition. Went down & got some medicine for L.H. &c. Dinner. Cleaned out the office, Settled up with L.H. Capt. G. returned from Nashville Tenn. (10th Inst.). Cost of Work done in Feb. = \$1971.12.

16th Sunday

At Paducah. Fed the horses. Went to Church. Read the Articles of religion & studied the catechism. Sat up all night writing home and getting L.H.s things ready for him to go home. The first night I remember of ever sat up all night.

Monday 17th

I made out the Est's for Sec's. 9 & 11. Went over to M^f. B's and helped L.H. dig up some roots. Dinner the last meal L.H. ate at M^f. Bronsons. L.H. & I took his things on hand car down to the river.

Tuesday 18th

L.H. took Major down town to have him shod. C. & I went out and set track pegs on Sec. 6. Came back to town. Supper. M^{rs}. B., Mira, Fannie, Queen, M^f. G., C., M^f. Futrell, Charlie & P.K. took the first ride the first time steam was every up on the first Locomotive ever on the N.O. & O.R.R.

Wednesday 19th

C. & I went out and set track pegs on Sec. 7. He went on to Thompsons. I came back to town. M^f. G. has put 2 of the platform cars on to the track. John L. Price is here waiting for a boat to go to Nashville. He left Frank in our stable.

Thursday 20th

Went down town and paid for shoeing Major. Helped put a platform car on the track. Rode Major out to Sec. 10. Dinner at Thompson's. C., & one of W^m. Ellithorps men & I went up and took cross sections of bank at Camp creek. Came back to town.

Friday 21st

The people took a ride on the 4 platform cars behind the Locomotive out as far as Starrs (Sta. 90). There was an immense crowd in town to-day, who came to see Graham hung. I went and saw him hung. Dinner at 2 ½ P.M. Pumped up water into tank.

Saturday 22nd

M^r. G. on Sallie, C. on Frank, & P.K. on Major rode out to Thompsons for Dinner, and to Mayfield to stay all night.

Sunday 23rd

At Mayfield untill after Dinner. I shaved myself for the first time in my life. I rode along the R.R. line down to Guill hill. M^r. G., & C. rode along the waggon road.

Monday 24th

Taking cross sections on Sec. 37 untill Dinner. Came back as far as Mayfield. C. came in the stage.

Tuesday 25th

C. walked on to Mayfield creek. M^r. G., M^r. Thayer, M^r. Eaker & P.K. rode along the line as far as Ben. Adams. M^r. Eaker went back to town. We got dinner at Jesse Adams. Took cross section of Mayfield creek. I got in the water over my boot tops. M^r. G. started for Paducah (leading Major). C. & I ran the level from Sta. 783. to 815. Stayed at Jesse Adams. The past few days have been warm & delightful.

Wednesday 26th

Ran the level from 815-971. Took cross section of Adams creek No. 1 and Andersons' branch. Dinner at Jesse Adams. Stayed over night at Hembles. Cool.

Thursday 27th

Cool, very hard raw wind. Ran Level from 971-1123 & from 1163-1177. Took cross section of Branch by Ben. Adams, and of Adams creek No. 2. Stayed at Jerry Adams. No dinner.

28th Friday

Cold. C. & I walked to town. Took for Tressel work at Sta. 732+. Dinner on Sec. 10 at Thompsons. Arrived at Paducah 2 ¾ P.M. Took a letter to J. M. Grace saying, their contract for Masonry was this day declared null & void by John V. Gould Resdt. Ass't. Engr. N.O. & O.R.R. Attended to divers matters. Supper.

Saturday 29th

In office all day assisting M^r. G. arrange his accounts (Plotted cross section of Mayfield creek) untill sunday morning. Snowed in very large flakes this P.M. Then hailed & rained.

Sunday 30th

At Paducah. Swept out. Went to Church. Read in History of Westminster assembly. Wrote home.

31st Monday

Went down to see W^m. Ellithorp (at St. Francis) who is sick. W. A. Shuman arrived yesterday with stock (horses, carts &c.) off from the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road. Cleaned level tripod. Dinner. M^r. G. & I rode out to Sec. 6 and back.

April 1856

1st Tuesday

M^r. G. finished a plan of Mayfield bridge. I repaired my clothes. Ground a drawing pen. And made a copy of bill of timber for all tressel work on Sec's 16 & 17. Dinner. Received a letter from home. L.H. has arrived there safely.

2nd Wednesday

Cloudy & showery in A.M. Dinner. Started for Tenn. to finish the relocation of this road (R.R.). M^f. G. & I rode in buggy driving Sallie. C. rode Major. Went out to Harpers. Then went to Sec. 14 and set in a grade. We discovered that we had left the Profiles. I started back on foot for Paducah. C. overtook me at Plumleys. He said the Maps had lost out of the buggy. I took supper on Sec. 13. Got a horse at Sec. 10 & came on. Looking after the Maps. Went to bed 1 A.M. tomorrow morning.

3rd Thursday

I went to market to see if any of the waggons had picked up the Maps. Breakfast got the Profiles and started out the road again enquiring of every person about the Maps. Found them at Johnsons 5 miles from town. Found M^f. G. at Harpers waiting for me. We all went on and took Dinner at Prices 6 miles N. of Mayfield. Went on to Guill Hill.

4th Friday

Cold. Went to Karr's for Dinner. Went down the line to Pierce's and stayed all night. Adjusted the instruments.

5th Saturday

Began experimental line with 2 axemen & 2 white boys from M^f. Pierces besides M^f. G., C. & P.K. We had not force enough to run both Transit & Level, so I took the fore end of the chain. Rain from Sta. 532 to 669. Stayed at Karr's. Dinner on line (from Pierces).

6th Sunday

At B. F. Karrs, Fulton Co., Ky. Went to meet at the Buckingham. Captist Church. M^f. G. went to Union City. C. went to Jacksonville Tenn. I read in life of Sol. Smith. Rained some.

7th Monday

Finished running transit over trial line. Same force as except we had one black boy for back flagman, instead the 2 white boys. Stayed at Karrs.

8th Tuesday

C. & I walked to Pierces for Breakfast. Began running the levels. M^f. G. came to us at 10 O'clock. Finished running over the level and came back to Karrs.

9th Wednesday

Same force as Monday. Began location line (only 2 axemen, heavy timber) ran from 532 to 620. Dinner and Stayed at Karrs.

10th Thursday

Ran same line as yesterday from 621 to 708. Lodging &c. as yesterday

11th Friday

Ran same line as yesterday to Sta. 758 end of relocation. Late Dinner at Karrs. M^f. G., C. & I walked down to Pierces. C. & I began line of levels. Stayed at Pierces.

12th Saturday

Finished running level over relocated line. Relocation complete. In running transit line I was forechainman &c. and in running line of levels. I was Leveler.

13th Sunday

Riding N. from B. F. Karrs. Rode to Guill Hill to Dinner. Pierce overtook us. Near brush creek I fell off in (Major stumbled) to a mud hole and was completely covered with mud. Came to Mayfield & stayed over night.

14th Monday

Most of the contractors on the road came in with took estimate from Sec. 25 to Paducah. Ate supper at M^f. Bs. Worked making out estimates untill 11.30 P.M.

15th Tuesday

Finished making out estimates at 2.45 P.M. C. rode Farmer & I rode Major out to Sec. 10. Shuman was to bring out transit in his buggy but he did not. Stayed at Thompsons. Cost of Work done in March = \$4957.21.

16th Wednesday

C. & I went up and set Grades at Sta. 603 &c. Went to Harper's. Put Major in the buggy and started for Paducah after the transit. Major laid down once in a mud hole. Arrived 1.15 P.M. Dinner at M^f. Bs. Got the transit and went back to Thompsons & stayed over night. Thunder storm.

17th Thursday

C. & I and a man off Sec. 10 ran center line in on Sec's 13 & 14: Stayed at Harper's.

18th Friday

M^f. G. & Judge Campbell started for Guill Hill. Ran Level over Sec. 13 & 14 (Stayed at Bollingers shanty). Laid ditches from Sta. 565 to 571.

19th Saturday

Put in Grades from 580 to 586. Laid out Culvert at 485. Dinner. Measured Culverts on Sec. 10. Went to see Frenchman about his road crossing came to town. Supper. Took Mira & Fannie down to a museum on the Floating Palace (Man with no arms, Polar bear, Rope dancing etc.).

20th Sunday

At Paducah: M^f. G. returned (18th). Shumans men came. Cleaned out office. Breakfast. Went to Church. Read Harper, and Calendar & Journals. Wrote home.

21st Monday

Went down town twice; once to P.O. & once to hire a waggon to take some flour out to Sec. 10. Made a profile of the Location & Relocation of N.O. & O.R.R. from Sta. 2320 to 2560.

22nd Tuesday

C. & I went out to Thompsons for dinner. Staked out Sta. 422. Rained in P.M. We stopped in shanty by Camp Creek. Stayed at Thompsons over night. Rained at night.

23rd Wednesday

Ran center line on Sec. 12. Dinner At Bollingers shanty. Changed Grade on Sec. 13. Came back & ran Level from Sta. 500 to 509. Stayed at Davisons over night.

24th Thursday

Finished cross sectioning Sec. 12. Came town with Major & buggy. I had no dinner.

25th Friday

M^f. G., C. & I went out and ran in curve from 160 to 170. (On hand car.) Dinner. C. & I went down town, got out pay for March. A Paint pot to mark ties and I bought a razor and shaving apparatus. Rained some.

26th Saturday

Went to Livery table and got the tie hammer. Worked out quantities on Sec. 6. Made a profile of Sec. 12. Copied notes of Sec. 12, And plotted cross sections of all creeks between Mayfield creek and Mayfield.

27th Sunday

At Paducah. Went to Church. Read Harper, the Calendars, Illinois Journal & wrote home. Most beautiful day.

28th Monday

In office untill Dinner. Then M^f. G., C. & I went out to Sec. 11. I carried the paint pot. Ran in a few centers. Stayed over night at Thompsons.

29th Tuesday

Went and began to cross section Section 11 for a final estimate to Hollowell & Frizzell. They having abandoned their contract. M^r. G. went to Sec. 9. At 8 ½ A.M. it began to rain hard. We got wet through. Rained till noon. Dinner at Thompsons. Finished cross sectioning Sec. 11. Stayed at Thompsons.

30th Wednesday

Inspected Morgans Ties on Sec. 9. Late dinner at M^r. Bronsons. Calculated up some quantities.

May 1856

1st Thursday

Rained hard in A.M. I was copying cross sections on Sec. 11.

2nd Friday

C. & I went out and inspec- Rikels ties on Sec. 7.

3rd Saturday

Rained hard in A.M. I was reviewing cross sections of Sec. 11. Went down town. Rained all night.

4th Sunday

At Paducah. Attended Church. M^r. Presbury administered the communion. I wrote home, read the same as Last Sunday. Rained all night.

5th Monday

Bathed. Calculating areas on Sec. 11. Rained all day.

6th Tuesday

Finished up H. & F's final quantities on Sec. 11. Then began working out the areas on Sec. 9.

7th Wednesday

Took away our washing. Went to P.O. At 10 A.M., M^r. G., M^r. Thayer, C. & I started for Mayfield. C. was on foot. Dinner at HOLLOWELLS. Left C. at Mayfield Creek, and he came back to Paducah. The creek is uncommonly high. The water washed a gap in the bank at five different places in Mayfield creek bottom. Stayed at Mayfield.

8th Thursday

Went to Guill Hill to Dinner. Measured up for monthly estimate on Sec. 37. And came back and stayed Mayfield.

9th Friday

Made monthly measurement of Secs. 25, 13 & 14. Dinner at Harpers. Came on to Paducah to Supper.

10th Saturday

This has been a great day here. The brass band chartered the Locomotive & 4 platform cars (by paying the Co. \$75) to take the people out near end of track, where they had a pic nic. I went out with M^r. Bronson, Mira & Fannie. No accident occurred until after the people were safely unloaded at the Court House, and we were coming back to the depot, then the hind pair of trucks jumped off the track, no person was hurt, caused by the brake being screwed up fast, while the train was in motion.

11th Sunday

At Paducah. Attended Church. & Wrote home. was quite unwell today.

12th Monday

Bathed: Breakfast. This was Florence Campbells birthday. She is 17th years old to-day. C., Charlie, Jo. Campbell, Florence, Carrie, Bettie & Queen Campbell, Mira & Fannie Bronson & I went out to Sec. 6 on hand car. Froliced [sic] all day.

13th Tuesday

C. & I went out on horseback to Sec. 10 (M^r. Oakley & Thayer were in Paducah on Monday 19th inst.). Dinner at Thompson's. Measured cut from 412 to 416. Measured 5 culverts at Sta's. 317, 395, 418, 429 & 485. Done by W. A. Shuman & Co. (not by contract) for R. R. Co.

14th Wednesday

In the office all day working out monthly estimates.

15th Thursday

Worked out a final estimate on Sec. 9. Went down and received last months pay.

16th Friday

C. & I went out and inspected 2100 ties on Sec. 6.

17th Saturday

C. & I went out and inspected 2170 Ties on Sec. 7.

18th Sunday

At Paducah. Attended Church. Read in Hood's Poems. Wrote home. Quite cool today.

19th Monday

M^r. Thayer & Oakley were in town. I knocked the transit over on to the floor in the office. C. & I went out to end of track in hand car. Adjusted the transit. Went on to Thompsons for dinner. Ran in center line from 411 to 426. measured cut from 420+ to 426. Stayed at Thompsons.

20th Tuesday

Put in center stakes on Sec. 11 at 460 &c, Laid out tressel work at Camp Creek, at Sta. 499+. C. had to go up to Harpers after the rod. Dinner at Phipp's shanty on Sec. 11. Stayed at Thompsons. D.W. & W^m. Ellithorp, M^r. Hill, Capt. G. & a Roman Catholic Priest stayed there also.

21st Wednesday

Capt. G. walked on up to Harpers. C. & I put in center & Grade pegs in south end of big cut on Sec. 10. Then got in the buggy and led Major up to Harpers for dinner. After dinner, C. & M^{rs}. Shuman went back to Sec. 10 after some coats. Capt. G., M^r. Shuman & I went down to Mayfield creek. I adjusted the level. Then we tried the hight [sic] of the bank in Mayfield bottom. Stayed at Harpers.

22nd Thursday

I walked (left Major at Harpers). C. stopped out of buggy at Sta. 810. Capt. went on. C. & I measured cross section of tressel work at 814. Walked to Mayfield for dinner. Ran in center line from 1197 to 1219. Stayed at Grears.

23rd Friday

C. & I Set S.S. from Sta 1208 to 1248. M^r. G. returned from Guill Hill & went on back to Paducah. We stayed at Mayfield.

24th Saturday

We walked to Harpers. (C. went swimming in Mayfield creek.). C. rode Major, & I walked with W^m. Ellithorp to Thompson's for dinner. Set what pegs (grade) we could on Sec. 10. I walked. C. rode Major to Paducah. We stopped and laid out work on Sec. 8 for Phipps. I came in on hand car from end of track. Bathed, Tired, No supper. went to bed. Conley was twenty years old today.

25th Sunday

At Paducah. Attended Church. Began to read in "Robin's Outlines of History."

26th Monday

All in the office. I copied Monthly Estimates for April.

27th Tuesday

Made out a final Estimate for Sec's 5 & 6.

28th Wednesday

Began the final estimate for Hollowell & Frizzell on Sec. 10. I caught a little bird for Fannie.

29th Thursday

Finished the estimate I began yesterday. And began calculating the areas on Sec. 12. Fannie's little bird died.

30th Friday

Finished calculating the areas on Sec. 12.

31st Saturday

Calculated Cubic contents on Sec. 12; finished at 3 P.M. Then helped M^r. Bronson pick strawberries, until night, rode Major down to the river. In the evening the brass band came out to M^r. Bronsons and played, and ate strawberries. Had a very pleasant evening. I received a letter from home, the first I have recd for five weeks.

June 1856

1st Sunday

At Paducah. No Church today, because M^r. Presbury has gone to convention. I read in Robbin's Ancient History.

2nd Monday

I went down to P.O. C. walked. Capt. G. & W^m. Ellithorp rode in buggy, & I rode Major and led W^m. E's horse out to Sec. 10 for Dinner. C. & I put in grade at Sta. 499 &c. Went and all 4 of us stayed at Harpers.

3rd Tuesday

The 4 of yesterday & W. A. Shuman went to Mayfield for dinner. Capt. G. & I went on to Guill Hill in his buggy, and stayed over night. The other 3 went back from Mayfield.

4th Wednesday

I am 18 years old today. Took Estimate on Sec. 37. Major came with us to Mayfield to dinner. Took est on Sec. 25, met D. W. Ellithorp. he came back with us. He & I stopped at Harpers. Capt. G. & Major went on to Plumleys. Rained very hard to night.

5th Thursday

D.W. Ellithorp & I rode down to Thompaons. He then led Sally on to town. Met C. at Thompsons. Camp creek was so high that we could not cross it to go to Sec. 13. I took dinner at Phipps shanty, & C. at Thompsons. Then went up and ran in centers from 567 to 580 (Sec. 13). Stayed at Bollingers shanty.

6th Friday

Set grade stakes &c from 560 to 588, & laid out culvert at Sta. 582. Stayed at Bollinger's shanty.

7th Saturday

Laid out Culvert at Sta. 634 and ran in center line from 644 to 664. Dinner at Harper's. Waddy T. Boyd helped us till 3 P.M. Saw Thayer & M^r. Keon, Then walked to Paducah. Bathed, and went to bed. Rained some tonight.

6th [sic, this is the wrong date] Sunday

At Paducah. Went to Church. Read Harper for June. C. & I bathed in the Ohio river.

7th Monday

C. & I went out on the line. Dinner at Bollingers shanty. Laid out Culvert at 641+. Rained the remainder of the evening. Stayed at Harpers.

8th Tuesday

Laid out ditches from 655+ to 657+, & 658+ to 661+. Laid out a Culvert at 658+ and one at 662+. Rain in center from 663 59 690. Laid out a Culvert at 681. Supper at Bollingers shanty. Stayed over night at Harpers.

9th Wednesday

Set grades to finish up by from 587 to 602. Stayed at Harpers.

10th Thursday

Set grades from 603 to 607. Measured what work is to do from 630 to 662. 4 A.M. Walked to Paducah.

11th Friday

I worked out all Monthly Estimates of work done in May.

12th Saturday

Worked on a new path over to M^f. Bronsons before breakfast. Walked out and measured work by Phipps & Jones on Sec. 4. Came back to office. W^m. Ellithorp returned from Nashville. Brought his wife. Capt. G., W^m. Ellithorp, W. A. Shuman, C. & I went out measured up Sec. 10 for a final estimate. Dinner at Thompson's. Came back by W^m. Bonds' and got my dinner bucket. Worked at the path after Supper.

15th Sunday

At Paducah. Went to Church in the morning and at night. M^f. Boyd our old minister preached at night. I went washing with C. & M^f. Futrell in the river. Read in Ancient History.

16th Monday

&c. Rainy all day. Filed away the estimates.

17th Tuesday

Took clothes to Washerwomans. C., M^f. Gaston et al. and I went out the line. Dinner at Thompsons. Went on up to Sec. 14 and made some stakes. Stayed at Harpers.

18th Wednesday

C. was sick to day. W. T. Boyd helped me all day & Frank in P.M. Cross Section from 663 to 704. Stayed at Harpers.

19th Thursday

Ran center line & cross sectioned from 705 to 750. Dinner on line. C. brought dinner and marked stakes. Boyd & Frank helped me. Stayed at Harpers.

20th Friday

C. & Boyd & I went up and laid out Tressel work at Sta. 813+. And bridge at Adams creek No. 2, Sta. 866. Dinner with M^f. Easton. Washed off in Mayfield creek. Came back and stayed at Harpers.

21st Friday

Boyd helped us cross section from 751 to 781. Dinner at Harpers. Came to Paducah. On our way, we staked out bank from 408 to 412. After supper we all went down the ice cream Saloon. I bathed.

22nd Sunday

At Paducah. Capt. Childe arrived. Went to Church at morning & at night. Read the Song of Hiawatha.

23rd Monday

Wrote home sent \$5. In office in A.M. C. & I walked out to Harpers. Put in Grades from 415 to 420 (On the way out).

24th Tuesday

Laid out Culvert at Sta. 693. Began cross-sectioning at 785 went to 798. C. & I stayed at Adams. Waddy went to Harpers.

25th Wednesday

C. & I by ourselves Cross-sectioned from 799 to 830. Stayed at Adams.

26th Thursday

Did same work as yesterday from 831 to 858. I walked down to Harpers.

27th Friday

I walked up to rock quarry to Sec. 18. Cross-sectioned from 859 to 886. Stayed at Prices.

28th Saturday

Cross-sectioned from 887 to 904. Dinner on line (Every day this week.). Walked to Paducah. C. rode Major in from Plumleys.

29th Sunday

At Paducah. Went to Church. Read Calendar & Journal.

30th Monday

Went down to P.O. C. & I walked out to Thompsons for Dinner. Began to set grade stakes on this side Camp Creek. Stayed at Davisons.

July 1856

1st Tuesday

Finished setting G. S. from 492 to 499. Went up to Jesse Adams to Dinner. C. & I cross-sectioned from 894 to 910. Stayed at Allbrittens.

3rd Thursday

Jos. Allbritten helped C. & I, cross-section from 942 to 974. Stayed at Allbrittens.

4th July Friday

Worked all day. Jos. Nesbit helped us cross-section from 974 to 998. Dinner, & C. & Nesbit stayed at Ben. Adams. I walked up to Mayfield.

5th Saturday

Put up Center Pole at 1197 &c. Missed by breakfast. Walked to Ben. Adams. Cross-sectioned from 998 to 1006. Laid out Culverts at 1006 & 984. Dinner at Allbrittens. Walked to Paducha.

6th Sunday

At Paducah. Went to Church. M^r. Presbury administered the communion. Read Harper for July. Went washing & took the horses into the Ohio river.

7th Monday

I worked in office in A.M. C. & Hill walked out to Thompsons, at 11 o'clock I started out on Major. Stopped at Esq. Jones on account of a shower. Late dinner at Thompson's. Rained in P.M. Went over and stayed at Plumleys over night. Capt. Gould went to Guill hill.

8th Tuesday

Set finishing up Grades on Sec. 12 from 501 to 523. I took dinner at M^{rs}. Hams. Stayed over night at Harpers.

9th Wednesday

Set grade on Sec. 14 from 609 to 614. Dinner at Harpers. C. walked & I rode Major to Mayfield. Made some stakes at Sta. 1266. Capt. Gould returned to Paducah. John L. Price was with him on his way to Nashville (7th Inst.). Stayed at Mayfield.

10th Thursday

Pat Omarr was axeman. Ran test level from 1265 to 1292. Stayed at Mayfield.

11th Friday

Same force as yesterday ran test level from 1292 to 1330. I got wet through, then had a chill and had to go to town at 4 P.M. Stayed at Mayfield.

12th Saturday

Took Monthly Estimate from Mayfield to Paducah. I was quite sick on the way. Supper at M^r. B's.

13th Sunday

At Paducah. I had a very hard chill. Was almost crazy with the fever until night. Capt. Gould has been quite sick during the past week. Doctor Devine is attending on both of us.

14th Monday

Not chill day, but I was unable to do anything. Capt. G. is better. C. is sick too, has the chills.

15th Tuesday

I worked out all the Monthly estimates.

16th Wednesday

Did a little office work. M^{rs}. Mira Alexander from St. Louis was at M^r. B's.

17th Thursday

Copied the Estimates for May.

18th Friday

Copied the Monthly Estimate for June.

19th Saturday

Working out areas on Sec. 17.

20th Sunday

At Paducah. Went to Church. Wrote home. Read Calendar & Journal.

21st Monday

Worked in the office all day. J. Stroop Shuman is town and loaned Capt. G. a mate for Sally (called Dolly) for an indefinite length of time.

22nd Tuesday

Worked in office till 2 P.M. Then rode out to Plumleys in buggy with Hickie driving a Mule. Then went in same conveyance with W. F. Ellithorp to Harpers. Stayed there over night.

23rd Wednesday

Set Grades on Sec. 14 from Sta. 614 to 632, till 2 P.M. Then W. F. Ellithorp and I drove the mule down to Thompsons. I drove it back to Harpers, bringing M^{rs}. Ellithorp and children.

24th Thursday

Waited at Harpers for W^m. F. Ellithorp until 9 A.M. Then rode sorrel⁷ Bill to Mayfield (to late dinner). Good little shower. Waddy T. Boyd went with me up to Ryan's on Sec. 30. Made a few stakes at 1479. Stayed at Ryans.

25th Friday

C. came on Major. Staked out the work from 1478 to 1487+50. Dinner. Ran in center line from 1330 to 1363. C. & I stayed at Ryans. Waddy went to Mayfield.

26th Saturday

C. & I ran in center line from 1364 to 1428. Capt. G. came from Paducah with Sally & Dolly to the double buggy. All stayed at Ryans.

⁷ a light bright chestnut horse often with white man and tail

27th Sunday

At Ryans on Sec. 30. Capt. G., D. W. Ellithorp and P.K. rode down to Sec. 37. Dinner at Guills. W^m. F. Ellithorp, W.A. Shuman, et al. came to Dinner also. Drove back to Ryans for Supper & Lodging.

28th Monday

C. & I ran test level from Sta. 1330 to 1414. Dinner on line. Stayed at Ryans.

29th Tuesday

Staking out work on Sec. 29.

30th Wednesday

Staking out work on Sec. 29.

31st Thursday

Staking out work on Sec. 29. Stayed at Ryans all the week.

August 1856

1st Friday

Staking out work on Sec. 29. Stayed at Ryans.

2nd Saturday

Started at 2 A.M. and rode Major to Harpers for breakfast. Rode down the line expecting to meet Capt. G. on Sec. 11, But did not, so I came on, and arrived at Paducah at 11 A.M. Dinner at M^r. B's. (Capt. had gone out to Sec. 11. He came back at 6 P.M.). I made a profile of Sec. 29. Then went down town on Dolly and got some oats & a pair of shoes. C. walked in as far as Plumleys.

3rd Sunday

At Paducah. Went to Church. Read Harper for August, & Wrote home.

4th Monday

In office untill 3 ½ P.M. Making profile of Sec's 26, 27 & 28, then rode out to Thompsons and stayed over night. C. went out in A.M.

5th Tuesday

C. & I set in grades through. Cut at Sta. 423. Dinner at Thompson's. Charles Alexander began working with us on R.R. We went up and stayed at Allbrittons over night.

6th Wednesday

Laid out Culverts at Stas. 894, 916, 950 & 975. Dinner at Allbrittons. Stayed over night at Ben. Adams.

7th Thursday

Laid out Culverts at Stas. 1019 & 1041. I took dinner at Jerry Adams. C. & Chas. Hill. We made stakes at 1260 &c in P.M. Stayed at Mayfield.

8th Friday

Cross sectioned work from 1257 to 1276. Dinner at Mayfield. Stayed over night at Ryans.

9th Saturday

Staked out ditch at 1461+. Cross sectioned work from 1461 to 1465. Stayed at Ryans.

10th Sunday

At Ryans on Sec. 30. Read in a History of the World.

11th Monday

Cross sectioned from 1405 to 1416, from 1435 to 1450 7 from 1488 to 1490. Dinner at Ryans. Stayed over night at Mayfield.

12th Tuesday

Cross sectioned work from 1277 to 1292. Stayed at Mayfield. Left Major at Wilfords.

13th Wednesday

Cross sectioned from 1248 to 1256 by 3 P.M. Then took monthly estimate on Sec. 25. Stayed over night at Allbrittons.

14th Thursday

Walked to Paducah, measured all Culverts at Stas. 485, 601, 608, 634, 641, 662, 680 & 693. Dinner at Thompsons. Supper at M^r. Bronsons. Hiram Blanchard is in town.

15th Friday

Made up the monthly Estimates, and made a profile of Sec. 30.

16th Saturday

In the office today, doing several odd ends.

17th Sunday

At Paducah: Read Newspapers. Attended Church.

18th Monday

O.G. & M.E. came during last night. I went down to St. Francis and ate breakfast with them. Wrote home. Bought a pair boots. O.G., M.E. & I came out to M^r. Bronsons in Shuman's buggy, and ate dinner. Then Chas. & I went in it to Harpers. O.G. rode out on horseback.

19th Tuesday

Measured up Sec. 14. Final estimate of Blacksmith's hill. We came to Paducah to Dinner. O.G. & I made out the estimate of Blacksmiths Hill.

20th Wednesday

C. & Chas. started for Guill Hill. O.G. & I went to Guill Hill in buggy. Dinner at Mayfield.

21st Thursday

O.G. started back. We made stakes at 1832 & 1899.

22nd Friday

Staking out on Sec. 37 lower end, whenever it was not raining. Stayed at Guills. Chas. sick.

23rd Saturday

Same as yesterday except Chas. well.

24th Sunday

At Guills Sec. 37. Did pretty much nothing but eat peaches till evening. Then I went ot meeting with Strong.

25th Monday

Finished lower end of Sec. 37 as far as 1929 in A.M. In P.M. I ran in center line on upper end of Sec. 37.

26th Tuesday

Cross sectioned & Staked work from 1832 to 1852.

27th Wednesday

Put new Stakes from 1853 to 1866 by 3 P.M. Dinner at Guills having been here just one week. Walked up to Ryans and stayed over night.

28th Thursday

Made stakes on Sec. 29 in A.M. Dinner with Capt. G. at Phipps shanty. Cross sectioned and staked out work from 1416 to 1427. Stayed at Ryans.

29th Friday

Cross Sectioned and staked out from 1428 to 1434 & from 1392 to 1404. Dinner at Phipp's Shanty. Stayed over night at Mayfield.

30th Saturday

Rode in hack⁸ from Mayfield to Harpers. Dinner. Cross Sectioned borrow pit at 604. Gave grade on Sec. 12. Walked to Paducah. Supper at M^r. B's.

31st Sunday

At Paducah: Attended Church. Read Miscellany.

September 1856

1st Monday

Walked out to Harpers and stayed over night. Dinner at Thompsons.

2nd Tuesday

In A.M. I took final est. of Sec. 12. C. & Chas. made stakes at Sta. 733. Dinner on line. Began staking out tressel work at 732+. Stayed at Harpers.

3rd Wednesday

Finished laying out tressel work at Sta. 732+, in A.M. Dinner at Harpers. C. & Chas. made stakes at Mayfield creek. I went to Jerry Adams with W. F. Ellithorp & stayed over night. Capt. G. stayed at J. W. Kemble.

4th Thursday

Capt. G. came to Adams, and I went with him and helped lay out an embankment for a County road in Mayfield creek bottom. Late dinner at J. W. Kember's. Stayed over night at Jerry Adams.

5th Friday

Capt. G. started for Paducah. I came with as far as Mayfield creek. He went on, and we laid out the excavation for widening the channel of Mayfield creek. No Dinner. Ate 2 large water melons. Stayed over night at Harpers.

6th Saturday

Left Harpers early and came to Thompsons for breakfast. Then came to end of track and set 1500 ft. track. Came to Paducah at night on the train.

7th Sunday

At Paducah! Attended Church it was Communion Sunday. Read but little. Wrote home.

8th Monday

Went out early on hand car to end of track. Took breakfast & dinner on the boarding car. Made pegs, and set 2400 ft. track pegs. Went to Thompsons for a late supper.

9th Tuesday

Set finishing up Grades from 471 to 484 (Sec. 11). Dinner at Davisons. I took late supper at Harpers. C. & Chas. were tight.

10th Wednesday

Walked to Mayfield and stayed over night. Dinner at Jerry Adams. On the way we staked out Culv's at Sta's 1051, 1062 & 1120.

⁸ A light, easy saddle horse; *especially* a three-gaited saddle horse

11th Thursday

Made pegs, and began to set finishing up Grades at 1207. Stayed in Mayfield. Capt. G. & Judge Campbell were also there.

12th Friday

Finished setting Grades from 1207 to 1227, in A.M. Dinner in Mayfield. Cross sectioned & Staked out work from 1293 to 1299+. Stayed at Ryans over night.

13th Saturday

Measured up work on Secs. 29 & 30. Then ate dinner at Phipps shanty. Came to Mayfield. Took Major from Wilfords but to Jerry Adams. Came to Paducah in buggy with Capt. G. Supper at Harpers. Arrived at Paducah 11 P.M.

14th Sunday

At Paducah: Read Calendars and Journals. Attended Church. Wrote to O.G.

15th Monday

Worked out all the monthly estimates.

16th Tuesday

Went down town in A.M. C&C has made stakes on end of track. I went out on hand car to end of track. We ran in centers to 329. I came back to town.

17th Wednesday

Went out to end of track before breakfast. Ate & slept on boarding car. Leveled track pegs all day.

18 Thursday

Leveled track pegs up to 329. Went to Thompson's and stayed over night. No supper.

19th Friday

Some frost. Went from Thompsons to Davisons & got breakfast. Walked down the line and laid the three long piers of Mayfield Creek bridge. No dinner. Made stakes at 1035. Stayed over night at Carmons.

20th Saturday

Cross sectioned and laid out work from 1034 to 1042. Dinner in Mayfield. Laid out Culverts at Sta's 1224+ & 1234+. Supper at ... Rode down to Sec. 29 to see Phipps (and back) in company with D^r. Dismukes & Basford.

21st Sunday

Walked from Mayfield to Paducah, took dinner at Harpers on the way. No supper.

22nd Monday

Went to end of track on locomotive at 4 A.M. Ran in centers and set up pegs from 329 to 366+67. Slept at Birds, ate at car.

23rd Tuesday

Leveled track pegs from 329 to 365. Breakfast & Dinner at Birds. C. & I took Supper and stayed over night at Thompsons.

24th Wednesday

Ran in centers from 366 to 411. Set up & leveled pegs from 365 to 382. Breakfast & Dinner at Thompsons. Supper on car. Came to Paducah & got things ready for inspecting ties.

25th Thursday

Went out to end of track. Breakfast at Bird's. C. & I inspected 1500 of Plumleys Ties. Capt. G., Chas. & I slept at Birds.

26th Friday

C. & I inspected the remainder of Plumleys Ties Before noon. Set 1200 feet track pegs. Came to Paducah in hand car. R. P. Rowley came to town yesterday.

27th Saturday

Went out and set finishing up grades from 451 to 470. Set 1000 ft. track pegs. Came to Paducah on hand car. First day Rowley ever worked with me. Chas. Alexander quit work (See Aug. 5th).

28th Sunday

At Paducah. I went to Church. Wrote home & read some.

29th Monday

Left Paducah at 4 A.M. on Engine out to end of track. Then went to Camp Creek and tried hight [sic] of Stringers. Breakfast at Davisons. Set in Grades from 630 to 643 & from 666 to 694. Stayed at Jerry Adams. Dinner at Harpers.

30th Tuesday

Laid Culverts at Stas. 1155, 1183+, 1204+ & 1246+. Dinner at Mayfield. I stayed at Old man Hills. C. & R.P.R. stayed in Mayfield.

October 1856

1st Wednesday

Ran in center line from 1467 to 1477. Ran test level from 1466 to 1472. Dinner at Phipps. I stayed at Hills. C. & R.P.R. stayed at Mayfield.

2nd Thursday

Walked to Mayfield. The R.P.R. & I rode to Paducah in buggy with Dolly. Dinner at Jerry Adams. C. rode Major from Adams to Paducah.

3rd Friday

The Indian was hung to-day. D.W. Ellithorp & A. Hill Chartered the train, and ran it to end of track at Sec. 9 at road by Frenchmans. Capt. G., Mira, Fannie, Bettie, Queen, 2 Mifs Byers, Miss Presbury, Miss Robinson, C. & I went out beyond Harpers on a Pic Nic frolic. Had a very good dinner, and fine time generally.

4th Saturday

Copied off Estimates for August.

5th Sunday

At Paducah. Did nothing, but have a chill.

6th Monday

Quite unwell. Rode out to end of track.

7th Tuesday

In bed all day. Capt. G. went to Guill Hill.

8th Wednesday

Went to end of track on Engine, very early. Ran in center from 411 to 426. Stayed at Boarding car.

9th Thursday

Set track Pegs untill noon. Then came to town and attended to curving iron.

10th Friday

Attended to curving iron till near noon then went out to end of track on Engine. Set in centers from 426 to 446. Capt. returned (See 7th Inst.). Stayed at car.

11th Saturday

Set track pegs till 8 A.M. Then went up and set grades in cut from 644 to 656. Rained all P.M. Came to town on Engine.

12th Sunday

At Paducah. Read Harper for October, wrote home.

13th Monday

Went out very early on Engine to end of track. Hickie & I went to Harpers and waited till dinner (on account of rain). Then went to Mayfield to Supper.

14th Tuesday

Quite Cold rain all the forenoon. Hickie & I measured all the Culverts between Mayfield & Mayfield Creek. Dinner at Ben. Adams and supper at M^r. Bs.

15th Wednesday

Made out all the Monthly Estimates; in office.

16th Thursday

Copied off the August Estimate.

17th Friday

Went out to end of track on Engine. Capt. G. & Judge Campbell went to Mayfield. We took final measurement of Sec. 11, then set track pegs till night. Stayed at Gores.

18th Saturday

Set track pegs all day. Then came to Paducah on Engine.

19th Sunday

Took Medicine all day.

20th Monday

Went to end of track on Engine. Breakfast at Davisons. Set finishing up Grades on Sec. 14 & 15. Dinner at Harpers. Went and began to lay out tressel work on each side of Mayfield creek piers (Sec. 19th ult.). Stayed over night at Leemans.

21st Tuesday

Finished laying out tressel work at Mayfield creek. Went to Allbrittons for Dinner. Went to Mayfield and began setting grades on Sec. 25. Stayed at Greers.

22nd Wednesday

Finished setting Grades on Sec. 25 at 2 P.M. Went down and ran the tangent from 1488 to 1493+50. Stayed at Ryans. Fair in Paducah.

23rd Thursday

Fair at Paducah. Capt. Gould shoed Sallie. Ran in centers from m1493+50 to 1505. C. & R.P.R. made stakes. I went on Frank to Guill Hill for dinner. Walked back, and helped make stakes. Stayed at Ryans.

24th Friday

Barbecue at Sec. 10. Ran in centers from 1505 to 1545. Dinner & Stayed at Ryans.

25th Saturday

Gave grade in hard pan pits on Sec. 29. Walked to end of track. Dinner at Thompsons. Came to Paducah on Engine.

26th Sunday

At Paducah. Worked on a profile from 1240 to 1600, all day. Capt. G. started for Troy. The train ran today to carry negroes. It also ran on Wednesday & Thursday the days of the Fair. And Friday to the barbecue at Camp Creek or Sec. 10. I wrote home.

27th Monday

I went to end of track on train, gathering together timbers for a water tank at Sta. 180. Dinner at Paducah, went out again on same errand.

28th Tuesday

Hired Bond's team and men, began putting in Foundation for Tank. Dinner from Rikels. I stayed at Curby Jones over night. C. stayed in Paducah.

29th Wednesday

With same force we finished foundation to tank at noon. Went out to end of track to see Rowley about setting track pegs. Returned to Paducah.

30th Thursday

Went out to end of track. Set track pegs all day. Ate dinner at Boarding car. Stayed at Gores.

31st Friday

Set track pegs all day. Dinner at Davisons. Saw Capt. G. Stayed at Gores.

November 1856

1st Saturday

(Rowley set track pegs, then he went to Paducah.). C. & I came to Mayfield for Dinner. (C. rode to Harpers.). Ground the axes. C., Frank & P.K. cross sectioned and staked out from 1300 to 1304. Stayed at Mayfield.

2nd Sunday

At Mayfield. Read in Parleys Curiosities &c. of the world. Rowley came up from Paducah on Major.

3rd Monday

Cross sectioned and staked out from 1304 to 1306 & from 1314 to 1319. Stayed at Mayfield. Dinner on line. Oliver Guernsey Roots⁹ died at New Orleans at 5 A.M.

4th Tuesday

Election day: Buchanan¹⁰ [sic] supposed to be elected President of U.S. Cross sectioned and staked out from 1319 to 1331.

5th Wednesday

Ran Test level from 1509 to 1545, while C. & Frank made stakes. Dinner at Ryans. Rowley & I made a profile of Sec. 30 and laid the Grades. Then cross-sectioned & staked out from 1539 to 1536. He & I stayed at Jonathan Pryors. C. & Frank stayed at Ryans.

6th Thursday

C. & Frank made stakes for Sec. 28. Rowley & I with negro-boy (Julius Caesar [sic]) Cross sectioned & staked out from 1535 to 1531, then began at 1490 and began laying out work South. Dinner at 1496 on line. Stayed at Jonathan Pryors.

7th Friday

C. & Frank finished making & scattering stakes on Sec. 28. Rowley & I & Negro boy cross sectioned and staked out from 1500 to 1518. Rained after 3 P.M. Stayed at Ryans. Turned suddenly cold in the night.

⁹ Oliver Guernsey "O.G." Roots was teaching in Louisiana when he died at age 20.

¹⁰ James Buchanan took office in 1857 with J.C. Breckenridge, Vice President.

8th Saturday

Rowley, C., Frank & I cross sectioned and staked out from 1518 to 1530. Dinner at Ryans. I went to Guill Hill on Major. Met Capt. G. there. The others went to Mayfield. Five men beat Conley unmercifully.

9th Sunday

At Guill Hill. Read in the "Old Homestead," and helped Doctor Major Ellithorps horse, Frank. Rode up to and took supper at Ryans. Also stayed over night.

10th Monday

I rode down to Mayfield to see Conley. He was fined \$10. for getting whipping saturday night. Conley quit the engineers, and went to Paducah with Capt. G. to work on train. (See Dec. 4th 1855). Rowley & I changed side stakes from 1319 to 1331. Dinner at Phipps (Sec. 29). Took est. on Sec's 29 & 30. Stayed at Phipps.

11th Tuesday

Rowley, Frank & P.K. cross sectioned & staked out from 1331 to 1355. No dinner. Stayed at Mayfield.

12th Wednesday

Staked out work from 1180 to 1197. Dinner on line at 1186. Supper at Carmons. I went back to Mayfield to count cement barrels. Stayed at Grears.

13th Thursday

I rode down to Carmons to breakfast. Set Grades in Babb's field. Walked to end of track. No Dinner. Came to Paducah.

14th Friday

Rowley & I made up estimates on Secs. 26, 27, 29, 30 & 37.

15th Saturday

Rowley & I made up estimates from Sec. 11 to 26. Dayton arrived. Judge Campbell started from Mobile left orders to suspend all work south of Sec. 26.

16th Sunday

At Paducah: Read Harper for November. Attended Church.

17th Monday

Rowley & I went out on first train. Breakfast at Davisons. Laid out tressel work at Sta. 804. Rowley, Dayton & I stayed at Allbrittons.

18th Tuesday

Made stakes from 1087 to 1111. Dinner at Mayfield. Took Final measurements on Sec. 25. Went up to Sec. 29 & back to Mayfield, where we stayed over night.

19th Wednesday

Made stakes from 1111 to 1128. Inspected Price & Allbrittons' Cross Ties. Dinner at Allbrittons. Took final measurement of embankment thrown up for County road in Mayfield creek bottom (See Sept. 4th). Stayed at Harpers.

20th Thursday

Walked up to Sta. 740 then to end of track. Came on cars to Paducah. Dinner at M^f. Bs. Rowley & I made out final estimate of Sec. 25. Recd a letter from Uncle Holt¹¹ informing me of Oliver Guernsey's death.

21st Friday

¹¹ Must have been a brother of P.K.'s mother, Martha Sibley (Holt) Roots.

Rowley, Dayton & I took breakfast at Rikels. Made final inspection of Rikels ties. It rained. So we came in on 1st train to dinner. I finished copying work done in September.

22nd Saturday

We three inspected ties all day. Breakfast and Dinner on line.

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