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Ther.

FRI. MAY 2, 1884

Wea.

Rained, Pleasant, Rained.  
I went over to the  
Teacher's examination, Got  
home about 7:30

Clara churned.

Venie went out home.

Ther.

SUN. MAY 4, 1884

Wea.

Pleasant and windy.  
Sabbath-School organ-  
ized to-day.

Clara and I got our  
dinner and stayed part  
of the afternoon to Aunt  
Minnie's.

Vena went over to  
Caroline Anthonies.

Ther.

SATURDAY 3

Wea.

Pleasant and windy.  
Mr. Dunn worked for  
me in the cellar.

Clara went out home  
this morning and came for  
strine to get our supper.

Aunt Jamima had  
her pig killed to-day.

Venie came out with  
Clara.

Ther.

MONDAY 5

Wea.

Pleasant.

I commenced my twelfth  
term of school in Or Cove  
to-day.

Mr. James Dunn dug  
in my cellar to-day. Clara  
went out and carried his  
dinner.

Father sowed his  
barley to-day.

Ther.

TUES. MAY 6, 1884

Wea.

Pleasant warm.  
 Uly Mother and Arthur  
 went to the Corner this fore-  
 noon and sold, for us 6 doz.  
 eggs @ .13 - .78 and bought  
 1 gal. molasses, 41 1/2 lb. tea 1s.  
 1 1/4 lbs. sugar @ 10 - .18

Vena had a few  
 invited friends here to night  
 Ulysses plowed a little  
 piece for me this morn-  
 ing and Harrowed and fur-  
 rowed some and I mowed <sup>the</sup>

Ther.

WEDNESDAY 7

Wea.

Pleasant and cool.  
 Mr. Smith tried to get  
 a harrow, but could not.  
 Mr. Otis Gardner came  
 after Venie about 3 o'clock  
 Ulysses sowed oats.

## MARINE DISASTERS.

### AN UNLUCKY STEAMER.

The City of Portland Broken to Pieces off  
 Rockland, Me.—All the Passengers and  
 Crew Removed in Safety.

ROCKLAND, Me., May 8. Steamer City of Port-  
 land, Capt. Larcom, of the International Steam-  
 ship Company between Portland and St. John,  
 N. B., struck Grindstone Ledge, Owl's Head (thor-  
 oughfare), at 3.15 this morning. The steamer  
 left Portland last night with 70 passengers and  
 about two-thirds full of freight of a general char-  
 acter. The night was clear. As day was break-  
 ing the first pilot in charge sighted a  
 striped buoy on the port bow between Sheep and  
 Fisherman's Island. In a few minutes she struck  
 a ledge, slid on amidships and stuck fast. The  
 buoy was then fifty feet abreast of the paddles on  
 the port side. The pumps were started at once,  
 distress colors set, and the boats cleared. The  
 officers and crew were cool and the pas-  
 sengers behaved well. The mate landed  
 in a boat and drove to Rockland, six  
 miles distant, for help. Steamer Rock-  
 land, Capt. Sawtelle, of the Boston and  
 Bangor line, promptly answered the call and  
 reached the scene of the wreck at 6.30. Mean-  
 time the sloop Foam of Owl's Head, Capt. Wal-  
 lace, answered the signals and two boat loads  
 of women and children were transferred to the  
 sloop without accident, despite a heavy sea. The  
 balance, including baggage, express freight, etc.,  
 were put aboard the Rockland and brought to this  
 city. The passengers are well cared for here and  
 will be forwarded to their destinations. The cap-  
 tain of sloop Old Fisherman says the striped buoy  
 is out of position. Had the steamer passed her  
 width one side she would have been all right. The  
 City of Portland was formerly the New England,  
 and rebuilt twelve years ago; value about \$125-  
 000.

The Lewiston will be put on the route to take  
 the place of the lost steamer.

Commenced to rain about noon, and continued all the after, noon.

Clara and her mother hired Nats horse<sup>25</sup> and went up to Mr. John Smith's. Clara got a bag of meal 1.53, 5 1/2 yds calico @ .7 - .38, They got home about 4.30

6 Ther.

FRIDAY 9

Wea.

Rained hard all day  
Thundered heavy and  
lightened quite sharp,  
about 8:30 to 9:30 this fore  
noon.

Clara went over  
to Mother's and made  
my shirt.

Ther.

SAT. MAY 10, 1884

Wea.

Cloudy. Commenced to rain about 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Dunn worked for me on the cellar. I worked too.

Deborah went out to Mrs. Smith's.

Ulysses went to the Corner this forenoon.

Father worked on his road — Holland lot.

Ther.

MON. MAY 12, 1884

Wea.

Cold; showery. Ulysses hauled out one load of manure; broke the wagon tongue.

Father worked on his road. Clara washed, and cleared the house up some.

Ther.

SUNDAY 11.

Wea.

Cloudy WRT.

I saw Mr. Smith this morning, and we went down to Sabbath School.

Mr. Ezra Lyons and wife were here to dinner; after dinner we all went out to Mr. Smith's.

Clara and I came right back.

I set Mr. Smith across the river to night.

Ther.

TUESDAY 13

Wea.

Quite pleasant. Philena Lyon and Miss Smith came out to Mother's to day. Clara went over.

Mr. Smith came down from Pennysville, but went right back. Ulysses got one load of my house-frames.

Mrs. Lyon went over to Harriet's to tea.

I printed 52 Carols for Mrs. Lyon<sup>15</sup> — Gertrude H. Lyon

Ther.

WED. MAY 14, 1884

Wea.

Commenced to rain about 9:15 and continued all day.

Clara and Mrs. Lyon went down the road; Clara to Aunt Margarette and Mrs. Lyon to Maria Brown's. I went down to Uncle Sam's to dinner. Joshua Batson and David came into school.

Fred Sprague came after a pig this morning. I signed for 10 apple trees <sup>for 5¢</sup> from Mr. Blanchard.

Ther.

THURSDAY 15

Wea.

Broken clouds.

Ulysses went up to Lenoxville after the rest of my frame. Could not take it all.

Mrs. Smith came out to help Clara make soap but she was not ready.

Mother, Father and Ulysses went to the Grange.

Mr. Blanchard stayed to Father's last night.

Ther.

FRI. MAY 16, 1884

Wea.

Cloudy. Windy.  
Clara scrubbed ironed and chipped.

Commenced to rain this evening.

Ther.

SATURDAY 17

Wea.

Rainy, pleasant, rainy.  
Ulysses and I went over to the Corner, this forenoon.

I sold 12 lbs butter @.20- 2.40 to Mr. Levy, and bought 1 bag meal 1.55- 1 gal. kerosene .14, 1/2 gal. kerosene .07, 9 1/2 lbs. hallowell 4.88 thread & buttons .50, Lantern 1.00 I went to Lenoxville this afternoon and got the remainder of my timber and laths.

Ther.

SUN. MAY 18, 1884

Wea.

Squally; rained all the forenoon; cleared off this afternoon.

I went to Sabbath School this forenoon. Clara and I went over to Father's and stayed till after supper. I set Mr. Smith across the river to night. Fred Sprague came over and got his pig.

Ther.

TUES. MAY 20, 1884

Wea.

Pleasant and warm. Mr. Porter, supervisor, came in this forenoon. Mr. Dunn worked on my cellar.

Capt. Dudley and wife came down to night and I sold them a pig.

Mrs. Smith came out to night.

Ther.

MONDAY 19

Wea.

Pleasant and warm. Mr. James Dunn and Ulysses fenced for me this afternoon.

Ther.

WEDNESDAY 21

Wea.

Rained most all day. John Anthony came down and got his pig.

Mrs. Smith came out and got her pig, from Ulysses.



Ther.

THURS. MAY 22, 1884

Wea.

Ther.

SAT. MAY 24, 1884

Wea.

Pleasant and warm  
 Father fenced.  
 Father, Mother and Ulysses  
 went to the Grange.  
 Clara sold a pig to  
 Mr. Stephen Hayward. (\$20)  
 and I sold one to Mrs. Geo.  
 Hayward. (\$20)

Rained most all the fore-  
 noon; cleared off very warm  
 in the after-noon; had two  
 heavy thunder showers towards  
 night. Father and the  
 Boys went to Eastport.

I payed James Dunn \$6.00  
 for ~~work~~ he has done on my cellar.

Clara and I went to the  
 Corner this after-noon and sold  
 9 lbs. butter @ .20 1.80 and got a  
 barrel of flour \$7.00, <sup>(Hatch)</sup> vinegar .25  
 4 lbs. sugar .10 - 40 etc.

Ther.

FRIDAY 23

Wea.

Ther.

SUNDAY 25

Wea.

Rained hard all day  
 Father finished his  
 fence (Holland Place)

Pleasant and windy.  
 Mother took care of  
 Carroll and Clara went  
 down to Sunday School  
 I got the new library  
 yesterday. \$10.00 express etc. 62  
 Aunt Anna and Mrs.  
 Thomas Slighton came up  
 a little while this af-  
 ter-noon.

We went out to Mr. Smith  
 after supper.



Ther.

MON. MAY 26, 1884

Wea.

Pleasant and windy.

Capt. Dudley came  
down this morning and got  
his pig, but did not get pay  
me.

Ulysses worked  
for Mr. Smith, planting  
potatoes.

I got the Boar from  
over to the barn and put  
him in my hog pen.

Ther.

WED. MAY 28, 1884

Wea.

Rained hard all day.

Ther.

TUESDAY 27

Wea.

Pleasant.

Ther.

THURSDAY 29

Wea.

Cloudy, windy, wet.

To night after school  
Ulysses came down with the  
horse and we went down  
to Aaron Hilburs; he was  
up to Mr. Nelson Mozong's  
bridling a chimney; I got  
him to come to-morrow  
and build my cellar wall.  
I walked over to W<sup>m</sup> H. Carter  
and home. Ulysses went  
to the Corner and got me  
two bags of meal to Levy's

Ther.

FRI. MAY 30, 1884

Wea.

Showery. Cold. Froze water last night. At 4<sup>pm</sup> H. Carter and his men, Aaron Hilbur, James Dunn and Father worked for me on the cellar. I have a very sore throat and am quite unwell to-day. I got Joseph Dunn's drag and broke it; then went down and got Jarvis's. Got one end mated up.

Ther.

SUN. JUNE 1, 1884

Wea.

Cold last night. Pleasant and quite warm to-day. I feel quite well this morning. Clara and I went down to Sunday School this fore-noon, and up to Hard scrabble to meeting ~~at~~ in the evening. Mr. Whittier preached.

Ther.

SATURDAY 31

Wea.

Pleasant, heavy frost and very cold last night. I had the same crew that worked yesterday and Ulysses beside. I payed Mr. H. Carter 4.00 and Aaron Hilbur 3.00.

Clara went down to Aunt Jammie's to a quilting. She came back about 5 o'clock. I have not been very well to-day.

Ther.

MONDAY 2

Wea.

Commenced to rain about one o'clock and rained about all the afternoon. Clara made soap and Mother helped her.

Ther.

TUES. JUNE 3, 1884

Wea.

Pleasant warm.

Clara made soap and Mother helped her.

I sold Aunt Janima's squash seed 2x 22 and payed her for the two sticks that I got for sills 1.50 She payed me for peas that she got of Father 50.

Ther.

THURS. JUNE 5, 1884

Wea.

Pleasant warm.

I sold my beef cow to Mr. Hale for \$25.00

Clara and Mother went out to Mrs. Smith's

Mr. Smith is home planting his beans, squashes, cucumbers, etc.

Ther.

WEDNESDAY 4

Wea.

Pleasant and warm.

Clara and Harriet went down to Ann Carter's, visiting. Father went over to the corner this forenoon.

Ther.

FRIDAY 6

Wea.

Pleasant; cool.

I churned this morning before school, and planted one row of carrots.

I went over to Isaac Wilder's to night.

Ther.

SAT. JUNE 7, 1884

Wea.

Ther.

MON. JUNE 9, 1884

Wea.

Pleasant and warm.

I went over to the corner this morning, and carried over a barrel of potatoes for Father. I bought 106 lbs. nails @  $5\frac{1}{2}c$  - \$5.71 and 3 yds. <sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub> fasten - 30, 2 yds. calico 68 - 12 to legs and 1 gal. molasses,  $8\frac{1}{2}c$  lb. dried apples, <sup>100</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. 3 lbs. raisins,  $36\frac{1}{2}c$  lb. tea to Hatch's, and 1 bu. corn to Wilder. Paid Wilder \$4.25 on <sup>10</sup>/<sub>10</sub>. Planted some beets etc.

Pleasant and warm.

Mr. Welch's vessel was to be launched to-day and there was no school. She started about 10 ft. and stayed. Mr. Smith cut 12 sleepers for me this forenoon. I spread pomace. Father harrowed for me this after-noon. Ulysses plowed. Grace stayed out to night.

Ther.

SUNDAY 8

Wea.

7

Ther.

TUESDAY 10

Wea.

Pleasant and very warm.

I went to Sunday School this fore-noon.

Mrs. Platt was buried to-day. Clara was sick and I could not go.

Rained hard this morning and part of the forenoon. Grace washed for Clara to-day, she not feeling very well. Ulysses hauled out some shingles, boards, frame etc.

Ther.

WED. JUNE 11, 1884

Wea.

Foggy part of the forenoon, pleasant the rest of the day. Father, Mr. Smith, Ulysses, Arthur and Elly, worked for me, planting, sowing and plowing. I went out this morning and sowed some oats.

Isaac Wilder and wife came down after supper. He came down this forenoon and went out Back.

Ther.

THURSDAY 12

Wea.

Commenced to rain about 12 o'clock, and rained all the after-noon.

I sowed some oats for Father this morning.

Ther.

FRI. JUNE 13, 1884

Wea.

Pleasant and warm. Father went to the Corner. The boys worked on the road.

I went out after the corn to night. Ulysses and Elly got them.

A minister by the name of Hinkley, preached to the school house this evening. Clara and Mother came down to Rhoda's this after-noon.

Ther.

SATURDAY 14

Wea.

Pleasant and cool.

Heavy frost last night.

Mr Isaac Wilder commenced work on my house. \$2 per day and board himself. I worked with him.

I set him across the river nights and go after him mornings. He got his supper here to night.

I printed 50 cards for Elephalet R. Carter. 120

Ther.

SUN. JUNE 15, 1884

Wea.

Ther.

TUES. JUNE 17, 1884

Wea.

Pleasant and warm.

Quite a heavy frost last night.

<sup>and Carroll</sup> Clara went down to Sunday School and we went down to Mr. Charles Brown's and stayed to dinner and supper. <sup>Charles</sup> brought Clara home and I went out through the woods after the cows. I went to Mr. Smith's and he came out and I set him across the river. Mr. and Mrs. Smith went up to his Father's. Kate's horse.

Ther.

MONDAY 16

Wea.

Showery in the morning. cleared up and was very warm. I hauled out Mr. Wilder's chest this morning and hauled in a little wood.

Pleasant and warm.

I went out and Elley and I hauled some sleepers before school. Elley and Mr. Wilder put the sill over the cellar this afternoon.

I went over with Mr. Wilder to night and he took his horse and we went to Denny'sville and picked out my finishing boards - 1000 ft. and 2 1/2 ft of plank. Bought 5 lb. Wm. nails @ 4¢ - 20.

Ther.

WEDNESDAY 18

Wea.

Pleasant and warm. Charles Brown worked for me to-day. Father ~~renewed~~ the sleepers this forenoon. Got the bottom all fixed and part of the posts up.



Ther.

THURS. JUNE 19, 1884

Wea.

Cloudy part of the time  
 Looked some like a storm.  
 Charles Brown worked for  
 me to-day. Ulysses  
 went to Dennysville after  
 my finishing barrels; got part  
 of them. Got all the frame  
 up except a few end studding.

Ther.

SAT. JUNE 21, 1884

Wea.

Pleasant and very warm.  
 I went to Dennysville  
 this forenoon and got the  
 remainder of my finishing  
 boards and 4 ft. shingles.  
 I hauled them out this  
 afternoon and got some  
 brick (300) (old) to Martha.  
 My Crowell.

Mr. Wilder worked a-  
 bout 1½ hours, was sick  
 and went home.  
 Mrs. Hanson came over with Mr. Smith.

Ther.

FRIDAY 20

Wea.

Pleasant and warm.  
 Charles Brown, Father,  
 Arthur and Elly helped  
 me to-day, boarding in. ~~the~~  
 Arthur went to the Corner.  
 this forenoon.

Ulysses plowed for  
 Mr. Smith. I got my  
 supper to Mrs. Smith's, Clara  
 went out this forenoon.

Sold Aaron Stilbur Cdz  
 1893 @ .15 - .78  
 Arthur got 50 lb. board nails  
 and 10 lb. 8 per.

Ther.

SUNDAY 22

Wea.

Pleasant and warm.  
 I went to Sunday School  
 this forenoon.  
 Clara and I went over to  
 see Mr. Wilder a few min-  
 utes this afternoon.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Smith and  
 Mrs. Hanson and mother came  
 to our house about 4 o'clock  
 and stayed till after sup-  
 per.



Ther.

MON. JUNE 23, 1884

Wea.

Ther.

WED. JUNE 25, 1884

Wea.

Pleasant and windy.

Ulysses went to the  
Corner this forenoon and  
got 2 casks lime 1.25 = 2.50  
1 bush hair 60 and 1 bag corn <sup>1.00</sup>

This afternoon he went  
to Remusville and got  
a load of shingles - (8 M)

Mr. Wilder was not  
able to work to-day.

Terific thunder shower  
last night; wet all day.

Father went to the  
Corner and sold his  
wool.

I went up to Mr.  
Lincoln's after supper with  
Clara; got some medicine

Mr. Smith Ulysses and Elley.

Ther.

TUESDAY 24

Wea.

Cloudy. Cool and Windy.  
Had a few drops of rain  
this morning.

Mr. Wilder came over this  
morning to work.

I got Aunt Jennie's  
horse and went to the  
Corner. I sold 5 doz eggs  
14.77 and got 5 lbs. sugar  
45 - 10 nutmegs. or 1 elast. 3  
sheathing paper. 2.22

I got 4 chairs for Mrs. Smith.

Mr. Smith, Ulysses and  
Elley worked to-day

Ther.

THURSDAY 26

Wea.

Pleasant and warm  
I hauled out some lathes,  
bath nails, and sheathing pa-  
per.

Got the roof about  
all shingled.

Mr. Smith came out  
and we went up to Hard-  
scrabble to meeting.

Mr. Smith, Ulysses and Elley.

Ther.

FRI. JUNE 27, 1884

Wea.

Pleasant and warm.

I went over to the brick yard this morning and Mr. Wilbur hauled over a load of bricks. Hauled rocks. I payed him \$2.

Ther.

SUN. JUNE 29, 1884

Wea.

Pleasant and warm.  
Smoky.

I went to Sunday School this fore-noon. Mrs. Smith went. Eva stayed with Clara.

Towards night we went out to Mr. Smiths.

Mr. Smith, Ulysses, Josiah Wilbur

Ther.

SATURDAY 28

Wea.

Pleasant and very warm.  
I went over to the Corner with Mrs. Olive Linn and got 10 lbs. of hen, and 6 lb. of per finishing nails. I came back through the woods. I worked on the house. I got my dinner to Mr. Smiths. Eva Lyons came over to Mrs. Smiths about noon.

Ther.

MONDAY 30

Wea.

Pleasant and warm.  
Saron Wilbur came up to stone one end of celler, under pin the house and build chimney. He used up the most of the rocks and went home, till next Monday.

Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilbur, Ulysses and Ella