EXCELSIOR DIARY

Daily Committee

2 pkg [illegible] 18 ft clear 18 ft
" " 16 "
" pk 2+2 – 16 "
2 stack lbr 16 ft com
8 posts 2+8 – 16 X
" " 2+10 16 X
" " 2+9 – 18 X

2 pk 2+8 – 8
8 pk 2+6 – 12 cottonwood
[illegible] 16 ft pine 1,150 ft
[illegible] yellow pine boards 95
charged to Pilkinson 1,245
30 pk 2+8 – 14 ft posts X
Dec 12 ft stock.

William Bradt
Beatrice, Neb,
Jany 1st 1873

A daily record of little events, and incidents of life

Lt. of [illegible]
Kilpatrick

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Description of Hunter's watch
taken Aug 12 1878
No. on inside of Case 8336 with
stamp, warranted Coin Silver,
No. on the works 192503
Engraved Name
Wm Ellery
Boston, Mass.
Initials, outside Case
J. H. B.

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Calendar, Stamp Duties, Rates of Postage, a Blank Space for **every day in the year, Memoranda,** Cash Account for each Month, **Annual Summary of Cash Account.**

Eclipses for 1873.

There will be four Eclipses this year:

I. A Total Eclipse of the Moon, May 12th, more or less visible west of Boston, the moon setting with the eclipse upon it, except at San Francisco. At New York, it begins at 4h. 34m. in the morning, and the Moon sets at 4h. 52m. The total phase may be seen at, and west of Chicago.

II. A Partial Eclipse of the Sun, May 26th, invisible except in Maine, and part of New Hampshire and Vermont.

III. A Total Eclipse of the Moon, November 4th, not visible in the Atlantic States.

IV. A Partial Eclipse of the Sun, November 19th, invisible.

Morning Stars.

VENUS, after May. MARS, until Jan. 17. JUPITER, after Sept. 6. SATURN, from Jan. 13 to April 22.

Evening Stars.

VENUS, until May 5. MARS, after Jan. 17. JUPITER, until Sept. 4. SATURN, until Jan. 13, and after April 22.

Planets Brightest.

MERCURY—Jan. 8, May 5 and Sept. 2; also March 15, July 13, and Nov. 7, rising before the Sun at the 1st three dates, and setting after it at the latter three dates. VENUS, March 29 and June 10. MARS, April 27; JUPITER, Feb. 14; SATURN, July 21.

CHURCH DAYS.

Septuagesima Sunday	Feb. 9	EASTER SUNDAY	April 13
Sexagesima Sunday	Feb. 16	Low Sunday	April 20
Quinquagesima Sunday	Feb. 23	Rogation Sunday	May 18
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 26	Ascension Day	May 22
Quadragesima Sunday	March 2	Whit Sunday	June 1
Mid Lent Sunday	March 23	Trinity Sunday	June 8
Palm Sunday	April 6	Corpus Christi	June 12
Good Friday	April 11	Advent Sunday	Nov. 30

PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Names.	When born.	Inaugurated.	Continuance in Office.	Died.	Native of.
George Washington	Feb. 22, 1732	April 8, 1789	8 years	Dec. 14, 1799	Virginia.
John Adams	Oct. 30, 1735	March 4, 1797	4 "	July 4, 1826	Mass.
Thomas Jefferson	Apl. 2, 1743	" 4, 1801	8 "	July 4, 1826	Virginia.
James Madison	Mch. 16, 1751	" 4, 1809	8 "	June 28, 1836	Virginia.
James Monroe	Apl. 2, 1759	" 4, 1817	8 "	July 4, 1831	Virginia.
John Quincy Adams	July 11, 1767	" 4, 1825	4 "	Feb. 23, 1848	Mass.
Andrew Jackson	Mch. 15, 1767	" 4, 1829	8 "	June 8, 1845	S. Carolina
Martin Van Buren	Dec. 5, 1782	" 4, 1837	4 "	Dec. 24, 1862	New York.
William H. Harrison	Feb. 9, 1773	" 4, 1841	1 month	April 4, 1841	Virginia.
John Tyler	Mch. 29, 1790	Succeeded to office of President	3 years and 11 months	Jan. 17, 1862	Virginia.
James K. Polk	Nov. 2, 1795	March 4, 1845	4 years	June 15, 1849	N. Carolina
Zachary Taylor	Nov. 24, 1790	" 4, 1849	1 yr. 4 mos.	July 9, 1850	Virginia.
Millard Fillmore	May 7, 1800	Succeeded to office of President	2 years and 8 months	.....	New York.
Franklin Pierce	Nov. 23, 1804	March 4, 1853	4 years	Oct. 8, 1869	N. Hamp.
James Buchanan	Apl. 23, 1791	" 4, 1857	4 "	June 1, 1868	Penn.
Abraham Lincoln	Feb. 12, 1809	" 4, 1861	4 " 40 days	April 15, 1865	Kentucky.
Andrew Johnson	Dec. 29, 1808	April 15, 1865	3 " 11 mos.	.....	N. Carolina
Ulysses S. Grant	Apl. 27, 1822	March 4, 1869			Ohio.

This is a quiet winters day
a little snow on the ground
The first day of the new year
Comes upon me with new
resolves, 1st to try and be
a better Man, than ever before.
To deal right, and try to do
right, with all men.
to draw nearer than ever
to the Saviour. and to do all
in my power to induce others to
Join me in honouring God:

THURSDAY, 2

A little War is now going
on between Russia and one
of the Neighbouring Turkish
Tribes, otherwise the
world is at Peace.
The Political-Religious Quarrel
between Popery and the
Prussian Government, is
working up, a feeling that
may end in blood shed,
time will tell.

Quite Mild & pleasant today. Sleighs running & bells ringing and Ladies Laughing & chatting. everything seems to indicate a happy new year. Business men are not so sociable as they would be if money was more plentiful. I went down to the Court house and testified to Henry Philips account.

SATURDAY, 4

Today it snows and blows from the S. E. rather severe, snow 6, or 8, inches deep. but few are moving about.
This morning's Mail took a letter for Merrill & Steele of Chicago with draft for $300, to apply on Lumber account
Will purchase a draft to pay Interest on 60 Acres of School lands in Niagara Co N.Y.

This is the first Lord's day of the New year, Wile God smile upon our Efforts to worship Him, and give us all stronger faith, purer hearts, brighter hopes & clearer conceptions of Heaven. More zeal, more spiritual-mindedness, and more hungering & thirsting ~~[illegible]~~ after Righteousness. so our devotions may be acceptable.

MONDAY, 6

Mild light from the southeast this morning, weather Mild & pleasant. Plodding through the snow to School. Various persons preparing to build a temporary sleight, but very little lumber is now being sold.
Received a letter from Lewis J. Correll, dated at Chesseningbing. He is going to Jordan Canada

walked up to the Court house to qualify as Commissioner to Assess the damages on Ford Rogers property in front of his mill $20.75, was the sum awarded to him. The Rail Road Company will pay it. A Terrible Storm came from the North, about 12 to 2 o'clock. Messrs Wm Blakely, McMeans, David Reed, Wm Lamb, Jack Pethoud & my self, Commissioners

WEDNESDAY, 8

Car load of Lumber from Oshkosh in, to unload today, about 9600, ft on it, Quite well satisfied with this load. hard work to get money enough to pay the freight on it. The present financial pressure is severe on business men. Last evening Sat and chat ted a long time with Doctor Reynolds, After hearing in the Hall, where lecturing the Question of what Church in Beatrice was the most popular

The load of Lumber on previous page was unloaded today. The test to have which Church in Beatrice was standing the highest in the estimation of that gathering would have resulted in favor of the Christian Church had it been left to the Citizens outside of Churches. The Presbyterians could not stand that, and rallied for their own rescue, poor things.

FRIDAY, 10

This is a Quiet Cool, but pleasant winters day, those who have sleighs are using them. Got my last Government bond from the Land Office, deposited $75, at Smiths, Sent away this morning 7 letters, My health is remarkably good. The Efforts to build up Sectarian parties in Beatrice seems to be the one ground object, to do good is secondary

JANUARY SATURDAY, 11 1873.

In the office. Most of the day painted a door & wrote a letter to Buckstaff Bro' & Chase, This evening A School Exhibition is to take place at the School house in Beatrice Bro Pratt called in the evening a little while, & talked,

SUNDAY, 12

Enjoyed the Meeting today Bro' Pratt talked well Pgus. Took dinner at John Rhodes had some good singing, attended by the Parlor Organ, Augustine & Lottie and Nellie & Mary took a ride out to Kilpatricks returned home safely just dark,

JANUARY MONDAY, 13 1873.

This Morning the weather is hazy and dull. and my spirits are low. Very little Lumber sold for cash. Mr Colby called to see about the accounts. Walker showed me a Draft from Buckstaff Bro & Chase which I dont recognise. It is too soon for the conditions I required, When I ordered the Lumber. I will pay in two Months.

TUESDAY, 14

Inclining to rain this Morning Received a Letter from Hamilton Last evening, and one also from Geo Wm Hatsler. So a news come by way of the Rockford Gazette. that Taylor Sammons had his leg broke Mailed a Letter to Joseph Bradley Tomorrow if all is well Dr Reynolds & my self, are to go to Belleville to. Arbitrate a Church difficulty an thankful though necessary errand

JANUARY WEDNESDAY, 15 1873.

This Morning Dr Reynolds & I intended going to Bourbilla 20 miles west, but Oh! What weather; at N.B. Mt now storm with a Gale of Wind, driving the snow at a fearful rate, Bro J. M. Yearnshaw stood with us last night. He was among the first disciple preachers that visited Canada about the year 1834

Louis Napoleon is Dead,

THURSDAY, 16

Rather Quiet but cold this morning, Brother Yearnshaw is here attending a Good Templars Convention, Brother Baur came this afternoon for the Doctor & I to go out to his place tomorrow. George H. Train & Woodhull and Claflin are in the Tombs at N.Y. for publishing bawdy literature.

JANUARY FRIDAY, 17 1873.

In a few minutes Dr Reynolds & I start out to Bourville 22 miles, It is Cold and forbiding but God will protect us, we trust, from any serious evil that may befall us, At 2 Oclock we arrive at Bro Baurs take dinner & then Meet with the Parties Concerned in a Church difficulty. Our Committee of Judges were Dr Showalter, Dr Reynolds, Brother Sumpter, Bro Warden, & myself I was chosen as Chairman,

SATURDAY, 18

This morning we met again at the School house to close the investigation which ended about noon, by the opposing parties agreeing to drop everything, asking pardon, & Shaking hands, as a pledge of future good will towards each other.
The Matter was all conducted in a Quiet and Orderly way, and ended in a creditable manner to the parties concerned.

The little Church met again today and heard a good discourse from Bro Pat, and we had a very pleasing & I trust profitable interview. Called on Bro Thornburgh in the Evening, and was Cordially received. But his Reading from the Book of Jim Rade did not please me, too strong of Unitarianism, I cannot believe any discount on the Dear Saviour. He stand very high with me.
Mr Knowles Come to Board this morning.

MONDAY, 20

This Morning it rains Moderately, and the weather is Mild.
The inner Circle of the Rings that surrounds the Planet Saturn, is said (by Astronomers) to have disappeared, and they know not how to account for it. The Rockford Gazette publishes a remarkable Phenomena around the Moon as seen from that City.

This Morning a Car load of lumber is on the track for me to upload about 10000 feet out Jim drought in the Yard with my team. A Trial is Coming on, at 4 o Clock today. Fuller four School Teacher, is prosecuted for unlawfully punishing Young Rutherford, John Summerhays is a Juror.
John Rhoades & Wife & my wife visit Mr Dodges folks.

WEDNESDAY, 22

The verdict of the Jury last evening in the Case of the People against Fuller, was Not Guilty. I was foreman of the Jury. Land regard the prosecution as entirely uncalled for, and Young Rutherford as a Young Scamp.
Today the wind is from the North and it is snowing and Cold.
I bought a suit of Black clothes of L Saunders today.

Cold Nor-West wind, with snow this Morning.
Stokes, the Murderer of Fisk, that voluptuous Libertine of N. York, is Convicted of Murder, and Sentenced to be hung in Feby. but there are doubts about the sentence being carried out.
A Man, the Baggage Master, in Coupling the Cars, has just been Killed, near the Mill, his name is Clark, & lived here.

FRIDAY, 24

Quiet & Cold this Morning
Called on Marsh & Wadsworth this Morning for Money on Lumber Bills, but none can be had, I have just Subscribed for Sewards travels round the World price $5, Mrs L. H. Colby Agent. Called in at Reynolds's Store and had some unpleasant talk about the Assault Case of Fuller.

A Quiet Sunshiny day enlivened by a little more stir in Town, & News of an Immense Ship being sunk in the British Channel two days ago 320 lives, said to be lost. How rapidly the news of events travels in this age of useful developements, of Science and new discoveries. To talk round the world in a few minutes, is no surprise.

SUNDAY, 26

A few of us met in the Hall, and attended to ordinance of our Lord, in the Breaking of bread and partaking of the wine, to renew the Memory of the Saviour's dieing love, and his Body which was offered, and blood that was shed for us.
Wisdom, Mercy, & Love, are all combined in the giving of this ordinance. Let God be praised,

JANUARY MONDAY, 27 1873.

An exhibition by the Scholars of our Baptist School, was held in the School house Saturday eve some of the Citizens taking part
A Cold Storm today from the N.W.
Quite a large procession went out to the Cemetery on Sunday with the Corpse of Clark the Baggage Master. The Rail Road Men turn out generally
Terrible Cold this morning.

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JANUARY WEDNESDAY, 29 1873.

THURSDAY, 30

JANUARY FRIDAY, 31 1873.

FEBRUARY SATURDAY, 1

FEBRUARY SUNDAY, 2 1873.

Attend Meeting in the Hall as usual today. Bro Past took the lead as usual & I made some remarks. Most of the members present who usually attend.
Called up to Dr Reynolds' a while in the afternoon.
Hamilton came this evening from Ford Cloods.

MONDAY, 3

The snow is disappearing & weather mild & clear, and Citizens are stirring around more lively.

A war of words is going on in Chicago between the Mayor and Council.
The Mayor (Medill) seems to have the advantage and the law on his side

February Tuesday, 4 1873.

Sawing quite fast today
A letter come this evening from
Life Protection Insurance Agent
Chicago. Their terms are too
narrow for me.
This morning by Mail Carrier
a letter to Buckstaff Bros &
Chase, with Draft for $100,
& one to Merrill & Keith for
$100, also, drafts from
Smith Brothers.

Wednesday, 5

Hamilton Starter come this
morning with about 16 bu corn
Beans & Sugar, & Cash $2,40
½ C Flour $1,50, Cimoline 51 2,50
Nails Shod 2,50
Cash for Post $2,00

Weather Springlike, bright
Sun shine & mornings,
Attended Presbyterian Meeting
last evening Good discourse,

February Thursday, 6 1873.

Weather Mild, and Calm today
Mailed a draft for $150 to
Richardson & Clark this evening,
Done a fair trade in selling
lumber today. Received in all
about $70,
The prospects for the next season
are encouraging.
It is right to be contented
with what we have,
But not with what we are.

Friday, 7

Sent Mr Fuller 6 pr 2+8-16 ft for hats,
Some wind from the N. W. today
but weather bright & Mild.
The News from Minnesota and
other Northern States, report
hundreds of persons frozen to death
this winter also in England
A hard strife exists between
the farmers & other Citizens in
Illinois and the R R Companies
Reasonable fare is demanded

One feels a little different on Saturday afternoon from any other day of the week. It seems like Closing up for a while, and there are more in Town from the Country than on any other day of the week usually

Weather fine today and health good as usual

Br. Past was absent today and I took the lead in the Meeting, spoke half an hour or so, on the evidences of Conversion, its Clearness as pointed out by the Saviour and practised by the Apostles

It is a pleasant thing for one to have the truth for a stand point,

The farmers of Illinois are going for the R.R. Men, determined to have moderate fair freights for the future. All classes of Citizens have suffered an extortion from R.R. Companies for the past ten years, that has become unbearable any longer,

rather Cool but clear and pleasant today,

This evening I mail a the Deed of my Donation of Lots to Prayer, or Hebron, and a draft for $38 00 to Buckstaff Bro's & Chase, Oshkosh, Wis.

Byron gives a Supper this Evening. Mr & Mrs Colby will be there

This morning Augustine & Lottie & Willie & Mary, start for Hebron or to visit Hamiltons. Weather pleasant for winter, hope they may have a good trip with their little ones,
Some risk to run this season of the year to be out with children

Very thick still fair & mild,
Put down a wooden Cistern at Mr Fullers, said to hold about 25 Barrels, Cost $17,
Lumber say $10,
Making 8,75
Digging hole &c 4,25 $23,00 cts
Steel tub 6½ feet deep
Diameter bottom 4½
Diameter top 4

Dull & hazy this morning. wind lightly from the N. E. rather colder than for the previous ten days.
Mailed last evening, a Day note to E. Selden Esq for 1872 $11.[illegible] and a Certificate of Sale to A. Walker from Augustine & Lottie,
Mr Summers handed in a bill for a house to get my prices I offer to furnish for 6 p.ct over cost

King Amadeus of Spain has abdicated and gone home to Italy, and the Spanish are trying to run a Republican form of Government, how they succeed none can tell.
A little snow on the ground this morning, & rain lightly

Bro John C. Part talked with us today, after which I called attention to the Saviour's rule for settling disputes, Matthew C 18. A good portion of the members were in attendance, and seemed interested.
The protracted meetings are still going on in Beatrice

Monday, 17

This second day of the week, brings with it the usual round of affairs. The weather being mild, a considerable stir is apparent in Beatrice, Wrote two letters to Canada viz to Sandy J Cowell, and Clarke Snure
Wrote also a letter to Treasurer of Thayer Co. at Hebron demanding a receipt for interest money

A Rumor comes to town that the small pox is approaching us. Some alarm in consequence!
Two Scamps from Yank. creek had threatened to come & infect the Citizens of Beatrice with it. This terrible disease has made to an alarming extent in some of the Eastern cities this winter
Bro Part called in this evening

Wednesday, 19

Frozen some this morning, but clear & pleasant weather. Sent a Telegraph to C. F. White. John Pagelis diging for cistern, doing a good business today in selling lumber for cash
Cash taken to 3 o'clock $83,73
Mailed a letter this evening to C. F. White Attorney at Law Lincoln Nebr to look after Timms,

February Thursday, 20 1873.

A Terrible Norwester this morning, blowing hard and snowing some, My health not good have taken a cold and am stiffened and sore. Put in a tub Cistern last evening. will hold 12 bls or so, The Adventists are expecting the end of this age or fire in 1875 or sooner, Mrs Bush sent us papers,

Friday, 21

This Morning Hamilton come from Fred Elwoods Bluffton today, hard wind from the S.W. this evening, Frank Holt went here today, He is Quite a cripple, bought 20 pr 2+8-16 ft posts Mrs Snow spent the afternoon here.

February Saturday, 22 1873.

Clear & Cold today wind N.W. Hamilton & Snowdon started down to see our timber land 14 Mils S.W. from here, fear they will suffer, 4 o'clock, still very cold, they returned and give a favourable account of their discoveries, Hamilton thinks well of the land, suffered some from Cold but did not freeze.

Sunday, 23

A few of us attend Meeting as usual at the Hall, Question for Consideration was the Claims of Christ, his having come according to Prophesy and his promise to come again, upon the fulfillment of Events predicted by Paul as well as Jesus in the 24th of Mat.

Close winter weather today
Hamilton is getting his load
ready for starting home to
morrow. Sold a Bill of lumber
to Mr for $120,
Cash down

Jno Pitts & I called on Mr
Ellis and had a pleasant
reception yesterday afternoon

Hamilton started home today
Mr Andrews was in
and made out a Bill for a house
amounting to $150.
But little lumber sold today
He Ster Green reports a Contin
uous Strife between the RR
Companies of Illinois and the
Farmers & other Citizens
Leroy Sorland returned the
Lumber he had bought for a
Stable, somewhat depreciated,

Snowed a little last night
and today a gale is blowing
from the N. W. Making it
terrible cold
This Morning the Hebron Mail
Carrid a letter to J. C. Bruce
and one to Jno E. Proctor
in regard to a Petition,
to be laid before the County
Commissioners of Thayer.

Little Byron is sick this
morning with Billious Cholic
The weather is windy & cold
Today, I enclose Draft for
$20 85/100 to E. Selden Ely as
Interest on a Note of $500,
falling due 1st of March next
Interest at 8 per cent. this
with 11.17 sent him on the 14
Inst by Express Receipts make $40
the Interest for 1 year,

Rec from Judge Carter today

FEBRUARY FRIDAY, 28 1873.

Mrs Coffin has become Insane on the Subject of Religion, The Natural effect of such teaching as she has listened to, in the Methodist Protracted Meeting this winter.
No person has ever become Crazy when the Truth has been spoken to them, Methodism is but one remove from Devilism, in my humble opinion

MARCH SATURDAY, 1

This Morning it was Snowing. Storm from the N.E., but by 8 o'clock it was warm & fair. John Boyce is reported dead.
Mrs Coffin, having attended the Methodist Meeting, had become Insane, and Preachers are trying to make more of the circumstance so,

MARCH SUNDAY, 2 1873.

MONDAY, 3

March Tuesday, 4 1873.

Wednesday, 5

March Thursday, 6 1873.

A Gale of Wind is blowing from the South today and a little house south west of my Lumber Office, took fire & burned. Quite an alarm for a time. but in a few minutes the fire was put out, and all was quiet again
Terrible loss might have occurred to us had this fire not been subdued. as it was.

Friday, 7

The wind changed around last night and today clouds of dust are filling the Air coming from the North and finding its way through every Crack and crevis.
These wind storms are terribly disagreable in Nebraska but they seldom come strong enough to do any harm.

Quiet and rather pleasant today business in the yard moderate: more encouraging
Sold Frank Holt a bill of $171,70
I left Judge Carters & with Cobby & Sale, to secure by Mortgage or Collect
The School Exhibition to night was not very Edifying, and I felt as though I had better be at home reading my Bible.

As usual we attend Meeting at the Hall, about 13 in attendance, all seemed to enjoy the interview.
Called on Bro Hinkle his wife is fast fading or wasting away, she cannot live very long, unless a favourable change occurs,
Spent the Evening in a very agreeable conversation with Br & Mrs Cobby got home at bed time,

This is a lovely Morning. Mild & Quiet with bright sun shine. Men are moving about with renewed hopes,
The fresh and invigorating air, the clear bright Sun, the early opening of Spring all tend to put new life and activity in us.
Business brightens up a little

I offer to sell to Messrs Mosfell & Shull,
+A+ Shingles @ $5,25
8+10 Glass windows @ $1,50
Com Surfaced Inch @ $33,
Com Siding 3/4 @ 29
flooring @ 38
Stock Board 6, @ 34
timber & Posts @ 5 per tone cost
for A Cheese factory 24+40,
to be built on Harry Phillips farm,

March Wednesday, 12 1873.

Spring is now fairly upon us, the farmers are plowing and sowing and building in Patrick is starting up again. E. S. Hawkins is among the Patrick failures and frauds he has left here in my debt about $17.00 I had to attach some traps he left

Thursday, 13

Coats had to be laid off today, warm as summer. Fires South of the Cemetary frightened us with their roaring as they come down town. But it was put out. A very busy day in the yard for me. About $700, worth of lumber has been sold during the last 30 days.

March Friday, 14 1873.

High winds and much dust coming from the South today. But little or no business doing. Had a roast Turkey for dinner, Byron & Frank took dinner with us. The turkey was a present from Mr Betts. John Fagles paid me $2.50 in full today.

Saturday, 15

Dry & dusty. High winds and smutty. Fogs seems to be the fashion. We have been a long time without rain and the frost is not quite all out of the ground yet. Saturday is usually a busy day in Patrick

March Sunday, 16 1873.

Today I was called upon to lead in the Meeting, Examined Rom 6c & Col 3rd with such remarks as I thought appropriate, There seemed an agreeable response, and rather happy approval at least. I enjoyed the occasion, & would above all, hope for the approval of Him whom we met to Worship.

Monday, 17

The usual routine today nothing special to Note except the rapid flight of time, and one Hawkins to get rid of paying his debts.

Mrs Billings has sold her house & lot for $800, pretty well done for a property like hers.

March Tuesday, 18 1873.

How common it is among men to act in this life, as if there was no future, and yet, day by day, we are are admonished, that life is only lent us, for a short period, wherein to prepare for the spirit life to be enjoyed in the future. Purity, Piety, Reverence for God and devotion to Him is life's purpose & aim

Wednesday, 19

Our good Town of Bratrice is to become a City of 2nd Class our Election for Officers will take place on tuesday next the first day of April, A little anxiety is already manifested about it among the Citizens, Who will be the Officers? we shall see.

This must be a day of fearful forebodings to the poor souls who are condemned to hang tomorrow and there are two or more in this country among them Foster the Carhook Murderer of N.Y. Strangers are coming to Beatrice but now

In the Lumber yard as usual today a moderate business done to day. It seems is literally hangmans day, a number of Murderers last, have to pay the penalty of their crimes on the Gallows. Foster the Carhook Murderer in N.Y. is one of them, the last farewell between him and his wife was said to be heart rending, & pitiful

Today there seems more than usual stir in the Lumber yard, and a fair indication of a good business this summer; I sold the bay horse to a stranger for $90, 00/100 Hamilton is home today, come last evening wishes to move soon and leave Thayer Co.

Today Swartz the Methodist preacher perverted scripture on the Question of Baptism, God knows best how to deal with such Religious rascals who deny his holy word and teach for doctrines the Commandments of Men. A few of us met as usual in the Hall to attend to the breaking of bread and other worship, Jesus Reigns,

this Morning
Dull and hazy weather indicates a Storm in the N.E. qrs, at noon a little rain or mist, and at nine in the evening a terrible Snow Storm was coming from the North, Could hardly get to the P. O. to Mail two Order for Lumber one to Gilbert Hedge & Co & one to Geo S. Hayland & Son,

TUESDAY, 25

A cold wintry North wind this Morning and the Snow lays in heaps among the lumber This evening it is cold and Quiet nothing done in the yard today, I wrote a letter to Isaac Errett & sent one dollar for Tracts

The Island of Nitelene is said to Contain a large number of Cannibals who fat & kill boys of the ages of 12 to 14 years, as a delicate dish for the Chiefs of the Tribes. They have yearly Carnivals, and Boys of their own nation are then Eaten by the leading men, here is Human, below the brute Creation.

THURSDAY, 27

Oh that I could always be buoyant and hopeful and drive away the blues, It is natural for some to feel rich, for me to feel poor. My pleasures are in the past, my hopes are in the future. the present is seldom satisfactory unless the spirits are made joyful in the exercise of well known duties

Take the bright Shell
From its home on the lee
And where ever it goes,
It will sing of the Sea.
So take the fond heart
From its home and its hearth
Twill sing of the loved
To the end of the earth.

SATURDAY, 29

This is of the days of more than usual stir in Beatrice. Saturday is the day for Farmers to do their trading and Gossiping around Town,

A life properly seasoned with Grace, is said to to have a uniform flavor.

If you cannot as well as you wish, do as well as you can:

MONDAY, 31

Repentance without amendment, is like continually pumping, without stopping the leak The evil habit should be forsaken; this is the only proof of Repentance

Deep is the Joy of social silence: when we speak not with the loved; but feel their presence.

Truth sometimes tastes like medicine; But that is an evidence of our intellectual illness,

No man who has been consistently true and sincere, has failed to win the confidence of other men.

No man in whom truth and sincerity are wanting, has ever long possessed their confidences and good will.

The eye, the finest member of the human body, does not see itself.
So Piety and Moral Excellence seem, in its purest form, unconscious of its own existence.
God gives Grace to the humble and the pure,

If in our Moral vision we look continually toward heaven.
The ~~[illegible]~~ Glories of that place will unfold to us, in richly repaying, ten fold, ~~for~~ all our longings ~~after~~ its beauties and Treasures,

April Saturday, 5 1873.

Moloch & Schaff Brewers paid their c/c, most of the lumber goes on Contract bills

There would be some pleasure in doing business, even on the Credit System, if all men would be prompt and pay as they agree, but dear me! how they fail in that,

Sunday, 6

A good discourse today from Bro, Williams. If such preaching will not attract attention from the well meaning, then may we well conclude that goodness & truth has lost its power to claim attention,

April Monday, 7 1873.

Hamilton & I go down to see our land in Jefferson Co Sec, 24. Could not find the corners, the day cloudy & wind cold & hard from the North come home against a cold north wind, and attend an Election of a School director

Quite unwell

Tuesday, 8

attending to Business as usual Sales for Cash but Bugle still a good deal of Lumber is going out to fill Contract Bills,

My health is not very Good this Spring. Appetite poor Bad Cough Considerable, feel as though life hangs upon a slender thread

April Wednesday, 9 1873.

A Load of Lumber was brought in, hauled by F. Burnett, from C. Hurley, Son of Clinton, Iowa. Quite green freight $108,
Several Contracts to fill, and the Yard is kept bare looking
Markele & Tilley here every day for lumber for a Bucket factory

Thursday, 10

In the Yard as usual today but take in but little money, Lumber going mostly to fill Contracts, Nothing unusual to note,
The weather has become rather pleasant winds have abated

April Friday, 11 1873.

This Morning Hamilton and I go again in search of Land Marks, and succeed well this time, find the Corners bounding timber land in Jefferson Co. the day very pleasant. on return home find Bro Burton here will lecture this evening on the Superior man,

Saturday, 12

The Lecture last evening by Chancellor Burton was of a high Order, he aimed to show that the Race were growing wiser, more Moral, Stronger, More skillfull in the Arts, and More Scientific and better generally,

April Sunday, 13 1873.

Mr Williams preached today upon the Church, as the light of the world Mat 5th 14, and I think took a correct view of it, he gave us an excellent discourse not a large audience, but there were more out in the evening, and again the Good Sermon. Jesus was held up as the Centre and all absorbing theme,

Monday, 14

A terrible N.W. wind with Snow today! no business done, sold down A Car of Lumber from Hoagland & Son of Omaha, is at the depo.
I wrote a letter today to Frame & Shayer &c, for list of Stoves,
It's now about 3 O'clock and the day is terrible.
The lumber flies about, and the Office trembles and men run to get soon out of the gale,

April Tuesday, 15 1873.

No of Lot bought of Morrard is 5 in Block No 34,

The N.W. Snow Storm that commenced yesterday Morning, continues with terrible blasts, we hear that in Coste & Lincoln buildings have been blown down, One large unfinished Storehouse here, was levelled to the ground yesterday and now 11 o'clock the Office trembles in the gales.

Wednesday, 16

The wind has abated a little this morning, but still it is Cloudy & some snow occasionally. We commenced unloading Car No 1176 from Hoagland & Son Omaha, I have just been up to the Court house and attended to my Assessment list, and Qualified as City Alderman for Patrice, for the term of two years,

April Thursday, 17 1873.

The storm of the first part of this week has abated and fifty to a hundred miles west of here, the result has been terrible large numbers of Cattle and horses have perished, and several Men, women & Children have frozen to death. Nothing in the memory of man has equaled it, & at this season of the year, in our Latitude,

Friday, 18

What has happened the sun? It seems to have lost its power to warm up this Cold and dark Earth. for days and Cold wood this planet of ours be were it not for the warm and cheering rays of Old Sol, But God orders all things for the best to let us be content,

April Saturday, 19 1873.

The last day of another week has come & gone, though busily engaged at my books, and in the yard, I have thought much of the duties and responsibilities I owe to the Church, to God, and to all with whom I am connected in life, would like to do more good than I find it in my power to do.

Sunday, 20

Today a good Audience was at the Meeting in the Hall, and Bro Williams preached a good discourse; and in the evening a larger number were out & all seemed interested. A good feeling seems to obtain in regard to our position, We should try to be as true, & pure, in our profession as it is in our power to be, Will God help us to be thus.

April Monday, 21 1873.

The day is quite pleasant and the usual stir and routine in the trade going on. The Mayor left for Fairbury, and the Meeting of the City Council was a failure this evening. Monday evening being the time we propose to meet regularly for the transaction of business.

Tuesday, 22

Hamilton took load of Lumber for his house to Lone Dale Farm, A severe snow storm from the N.W. met him in the face coming home Quite warm this evening Snowing hard by times Still the Lumber goes out, My Stock is again getting low; have sold a good deal of Lumber this Spring so far, but not much money taken.

April Wednesday, 23 1873.

Last added up accts & Notes one for Sales of Lumber $4548,00 Cloudy & Cold this Morning; some Snow on the ground soon disappeared and at noon it's rather mild. J B McDowell Called to see about his a/c & another bill of Lumber for an addition to his house 16+24. 14 ft high will probably get his lumber of me

Thursday, 24

I have lost a day this week, It seems as though time, in its rapid flight gets ahead of me. My mind is too much on the stretch in business Matters, If I know my own heart my Chief desire is to do good with the Means that in God's kind Providence I may be permitted to obtain. Keep me I pray thee, O God, in the right way.

April Friday, 25 1873.

Today I bought a draft for $200 and mailed it to Geo S. Hoagland & Son on Lumber a/c. Sent also an order for a car load of Lumber mostly Joist and Scantling.
I now take Copies of all orders, and letters of a business nature in a press Copy book, of tissue very convenient for reference

Saturday, 26

The weather still cold enough to require fire in the office not much business done. in the yard. Terrible riots in Louisiana at Colfax, 60 or more Negroes killed and the Court house burned down. News also of Riots in Frankfort. Germany. Beer had put up a little in the price, & the soakers would ~~[illegible]~~ not stand it, so they vite mit one another,

rained nearly all day today

April Sunday, 27 1873

Br Williams preached a Sermon to the Church today, and I think all the members might be benefitted by it.
The life of the Christian is truly a progressive one, he should constantly be drawing nearer to God and rising higher in Moral Excellence, and toward heaven in his desires,

Monday, 28

This Morning at 10 o'clock Hamilton Starting for his home Baltimore Jackson & his Mary went with him. We put up a house 14 + 4½ = 9 feet high, took the tent to lodge in until the house is ready. The day is Mild & Clear altho this Morning was dull & hazy. Another R. Road Horror is Reported on an Eastern Road a dozen or more killed,

APRIL TUESDAY, 29 1873.

WEDNESDAY, 30

MAY THURSDAY, 1 1873.

FRIDAY, 2

This is one of the most quiet & sunny days of the season.
Some 8 or 9 of us went to the river, and Bro Williams immersed Rebecca. I trust that God will bless her in this act of obedience to the commands of Jesus
Mark 15, — 15 & 16 He that believeth & is baptized shall be saved,
When the Lord speaks let the earth silent before him. Sunday, 4 and give ear.

Attend meeting at the hall as usual on the Lords day, and enjoyed the occasion. Though but few attend. the members are trying to be pure. and blameless before the world and by persevering in the right direction, we shall in time increase in numbers and influence and hope to do good, in the world.

The weather is fine today this evening the City Council met for the transaction of business. All present. Mayor Dean in the Chair. Lafub. & Hill from 2nd ward & Dorsey & McCall of the 1st ward Resolved to have the City surveyed and the Old lines established. Car of Lumber in this evening from Omaha

Tuesday, 6

This day I am 61 years of age, God has blessed me hitherto with the use of my mental powers; and altho my bodily strength is gradually waning, I am still competent to attend to my business, which has kept me pretty well engaged for the past two months.
How long will my Heavenly Father permit me still to be active and useful in my humble way?

MAY WEDNESDAY, 7 1873.

Received this Morning from John Pagels Draft on Chicago $17,31 & Currency $17,75 total 17,75
to pay taxes in Thayer $35,06
on pt N½ of Sec 18 T3. R2. West

Rained hard last night
Mud & wet today.
Hamilton & Mc. pt out weeping willow at Harvey's grave,

THURSDAY, 8

Mr McConnell and I start to Hebron today reach Fairbury at noon Partey and go on to Meridian awful road up the little Blue Half in with Doctor Matthews & Mr Osborne, reach Meridian last night put up at the Pacific House kept by a Mr Hubbard & well kept the same old house and no improvement on it

MAY FRIDAY, 9 1873.

Start for Hebron this morning, took dinner at the Proctor house looked up our Village lots, and then went on to Elkton in Nuckolls County 20 Mile distant Reached Montgomerys about Sundown, he was unwilling to keep us, but treated us kindly and took quite enough for his trouble with us. I left my truss at his house, it was of no account,

SATURDAY, 10

At the house of Mr Montgomery this morning in Elkton Nuckolls Co. Come to Hebron & take dinner, and then come on to Meridian, by way of Alexandria. Had a long talk with Mc, on first principles. he drew me out, and I drew him in tenderly; The Road & the ride from Hebron was delightful, and the conversation seemed quite agreable, so Mc said.

Intended to attend Meeting today at Power, but was disappointed in the time. Come on home and reached there near Sundown stayed last night at Meridian attend Meeting this evening in the Hall, Bro Williams preached well, on the two covenants,

Monday, 12

The sad news is abroad that a Rock River bridge at Dixon Ills, has fallen, with about 200, persons. Mostly women & Girls on it & over fifty either killed in the bridge or drowned in the River. They were gathered there to witness a Baptism of some 10 or 12 candidates by a Baptist Minister, and unusually crowded one side of the bridge,

The Rumour from Europe is, that a Jesuit Priest attempted to Assassinate the Prussian Emperor at St Petersburgh.
Catholicism is writhing under the restrictions of Bismark & the Emperor Wm and if they could hope for a success the Protestants would be in great danger,

Wednesday, 14

This day passed as usual Quite & somewhat busy in the yard, Reports of the death of 3 distinguished men, viz Chief Justice Chase, Oakes Ames, & Senator Brooks of N Y. The prayer Meeting at Augustines this evening was very pleasant though there was large but a few persons there where fears smiles we should be happy

May Thursday, 15 1873.

Rain today nearly all the time, a load of Lumber is waiting at the Depo weather cool enough for fire in the stove all day The Modoc Indians are said to be chased out of the Lava beds and the soldiers are in pursuit of them bound to annihilate. You better run, Lo, for dear life

Friday, 16

Frank Burnett drove up from Cars a Car load of Lumber from Merrill & Stude Chicago. worked rather much, it do unfits me for writing. This was a good load full car, & correct measurement, Hamilton was up for Corn and some other little articles The little whorns & other birds are coming & giving us ~~most~~ songs

May Saturday, 17 1873.

A few teams in the yard today and a moderate business done a letter come last night from Bro Carroll, he is in Thompson & Carroll's. He reports a good feeling there, God will bless the man of honest intentions. Brother Carroll has had his full share of domestic difficulties in life

Sunday, 18

Bro Williams preached as usual today ~~in the~~ hall, and after dinner I rode out with the doctor Bro Pasty Williams, to Whittimors School house. Where we heard a Sermon on rightly dividing the word I was not very well pleased with the discourse, it was not full enough. and rather short, no appointment was left for another meeting, too rainy for meeting this evening.

Soft & wet this morning inclined to rain, rather cool most of the day. but little business ~~in the~~ in the yard. Seated all day at my Book. Met in the evening a few of the Brethren on matters relating to the Church, and then went to the Meeting of City Council where we were in Session Quite late in the morning.

Tuesday, 20

This is the most lovely morning of the season, Our Prairies have put on their Gayest green, and the bright shining Sun casts his rays upon the well moistened earth, giving health & growth to each spire of grass, and Gay little flower, as they spring up in their beauty; God Rules! and the earth obeys his Mandates

It is said that a strong solution of carbolic acid & water, poured into the holes of Ants will kill, or drive them away. It is better to obtain large crops from small parcels of land, than scanty ones from areas twice the size. Let us not do evil, that good may come of it, bad policy

Thursday, 22

On all things Created remaineth the half effaced signature of God,

There is nothing so true, that the damps of error have not warped it,

There is nothing so false, that a sparkle of truth is not in it. Truth and Error seem to keep even pace. If either have the advantage, tis error.

Compliment by Dean Swift to
a Lady who was in the habit of prai
sing her husband.

You always are making a God of
Your Spouse, But that neither
a reason nor conscience allows,
Perhaps you may think tis in gratitude
And you adore him because he adores you.
Your argument is weak, so you will find,
For you, by this rule, must adore all mankind.

A few of us gather as usual at
the hall. and hear Mr Williams
deliver a good discourse. but I
was drowsy and could not get
sufficiently animated to keep up
a respectful wideawake. which
is not a usual thing for me,
Mr Williams tho, a good man,
does not possess the power
to liven one up very much,
in his preaching

MONDAY, 26

The usual round today but
very little was done in the Yard,
The wet season we have had
seems to retard the building
enterprise, but it freshens
every thing in the vegetable, shrub,
and flower department
our Yard is becoming fragrant
and somewhat gay. The City
Council tonight did but
little

MAY TUESDAY, 27 1873.

To day I done but little in the yard, most of the day writing & reading. A terrible Hurricane is reported as having passed over Washington Co, Iowa, and another at Monmouth Ill, doing great dangr & killing several people. Query, are these whirlwinds accidental, or agencies of destruction,

WEDNESDAY, 28

This morning is calm & warm and the underclothing are thrown off, the day summer like. I read a paper published by Woodhull & Claflin, teeming with evil reports about Henry Ward Beecher & Mrs Theodore Tilton & others of the famed Plymouth Church in N.Y. if true that Church is a cess pool of corruption.

MAY THURSDAY, 29 1873.

Cloudy & cool this morning rapid from the south strong. My lame leg is swollen much more usual, and I am feeling bad. Our prayer Meeting last evening was pretty well attended, and seemed to be quite well enjoyed by all that were present. Our efforts have been to find the best method of conducting them to make them pleasant & edifying

FRIDAY, 30

Last evening the Stage brought to our gate Fred White & his Sister Julia, they are welcome visitors. To day the weather is cool & cloudy. Two large loads Lumber went out this morning on contract to David Nee. The Murder Family have been apprehended at Cedar rapids Iowa. Their doom is fixed. death is the only punishment for them.

Quite an exciting time in Beatrice today John Burk stabed a man in the neck while on a drunken spree, and was up before the Police Judge & bound over to Court at the next term Griggs & Ashley tried to cheat the little scape gallows. The judge acted like a simple fool,

The Course pursued today was new & interesting. The subject was Obedience and certain verses of Scripture relating to it, were given to quite a number to read, and Bro William Made Comments on their relation & force in connection with the subject I think this course will have the effect to call attention to value of the Scriptures,

Warm this morning and rainy most of the day took in Cash $50, 40 cts of Fred White & his sister Julia left here this morning on the Cars, for Lincoln Came down last Friday, have been to Fairbury Mr Avery called around today, wishing to resign his office of Marshall

Wet & dreary this morning, rain again last night, the leaves are outside & the grass is growing rapidly and the mud is after the Eastern fashion, Some interest was shown last night at the Water supply and Coal Mining Companys, Meeting. The prospects of an early beginning are brightening up a little.

The City Council met again this evening and prepared for the passing of some useful Ordinances, and regulations for the City, I was appointed a Committe to audit the accounts, and read the proof sheets when the City laws are printed.

THURSDAY, 5

The American display at the Vienna Fair, is said to be a failure, much fault has been found with our commissioner there, the chief stock for show, is some bottles of Mississippi water. Fudge!!

Who keeps a record of the rapid flight of time?

The mellow eve is gliding
Serenely down the west
So every care subsiding
My soul would sink to rest

The woodland hum is ringing;
The daylight's gently close;
May Angels round me singing
Thus hymn my last repose

SATURDAY, 7

Painting door frames today, and doing the general routine of business in the yard,
The lumber trade is really dull not many buildings going up at present, Mr Roper has sold his interest in the Mill to Pretherold & Co for $2000, a year a good living for a family of moderate dimensions,

JUNE SUNDAY, 8 1873.

This forenoon Bro Williams preached to the Church and in the Evening to the world, or those Outside, both sermons were very good I called on Bro Pratt and we chattered a while & then called on the Doctor and remained to tea talking of the Bible and of Heavenly things generally

MONDAY, 9

Today Bro Williams Baptized Sister Jackson, a dozen or more were present, the matter was properly done, though we had an unsuitable place, the bottom muddy and water some rilly. A respectful attention was given. A new baby came this morning. Paid $70,80 tax on our own property

JUNE TUESDAY, 10 1873.

Mr Pruyne called to see about another bill of lumber for a house. I am desired to take a Note of $150, against McGreans, on the Mill, Ashby & Griggs are trying to over throw the City Council, with their Ordinances for Good Order in Protrice. A Rebellious spirit is at the bottom of this movement. Ashby is the leading genius, & Griggs too willing to follow him.

WEDNESDAY, 11

A bright & Quiet morning. The little City has got on an unusual repose. Mr McDowell handed me a bill for lumber for his addition. a fair trade today. Tis now about sundown & the evening is unusually lovely. Mrs Colby is among the flowers. Ladies are moving around and enjoying the cool walking & beautiful bright Sun, and the good Streets today

June Thursday, 12 1873.

The City Ordinances are out today, & hope they may have the effect to modify offenders, and bring into good order the lawless habits of the few who are the only disturbers of our very Good little City & its peace. I thought there a few in Potmes Lawyers who would overthrow all City rules, if they could, and step into Mississippi,

Friday, 13

Business in the lumber trade quite dull, but little sold, and hard to collect a c's. I sometimes feel as though I would prefer to be out of business, but then I should be discontented, could get along all right if I could get pay for what I sell, but there are too many slinks and rascals in the way to do a safe business

June Saturday, 14 1873.

Put a load of Lumber in the yard today from Gilbert H. & Co, about 1160 ft or equal to that, It has been the warmest day of the season,

But little business, no sales of lumber;

~~Doran~~ Baker Quit working for Hamilton this evening, I owe him on settlement $8,50.

Sunday, 15

After the forenoon Meeting in the hall today, Doctor Reynolds & myself went out to the Brick School House 5 miles west to hear Bro Williams preached a good sermon from the invitation of the Saviour, "Come unto me all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

News of Mrs Hinkle's death has come. She died yesterday morning

JUNE MONDAY, 16 1873.

Yesterday Sue Hickman left with Emerys Livery team, & this morning Charley started in search of his team, poor Mrs Hickman cried fearfully last night about him, The City Council met this evening, and talked of measures thought to be necessary for the good order of Bebatrice, did not pass any,

TUESDAY, 17

C. N. Emery returned today, bringing Hickman with him Great noise about nothing

The Ex Empress of France is ~~said~~ said to be back in Paris, and the Young Prince Napoleon will very likely be the leader of the French people by the time his age fits him for the situation

JUNE WEDNESDAY, 18 1873.

Warm Quiet & sunny today The surrounding Country is most beautiful, prospects fair for Good Crops Agricultural Machines are going out from the City & indications are favorable for good times Doors with Screens are now in demand two Strawberry festivals are advertised one for tonight & 1 tomorrow eve.

THURSDAY, 19

from Jeffers Proverbs

Come I will shew thee a friend, thine heart shall not weary of him thou cannot see the despise him, unless thou art sordid thyself,
Thou mayest be long in unraveling all his worth.
He riseth from small beginnings, and reacheth the height of thy esteem. Courtesy & decencies of life draw thee to the

The news of Mrs Hinkles death, came today!!
She has been feeble many months, I told her when I was laying sick some time ago, that she & I were on a race to the Spirit Land, to see who would be home first.
She has gained the goal first & I am left to follow to know how soon,

SATURDAY, 21

Traveled about some a little today trying to collect, was at Hackett rather better than Hamilton went home this Morning. took the Old Mower with him, and a wood rack nearly done, too 9# sugar $1, ½ oz tea.
A pleasant rain this afternoon and this evening

Bro Fast took lead in a Bible reading class. Subject the Prophesies Concerning Christ not much interest taken by the members.
The notion prevails too generally to have a leader. and if it could just as well be done, to worship by proxy.
Professors desire to do just as little as possible

MONDAY, 23

This is decided by a rainy season, The Crops are growing finely, and there is a fine prospect for an extra crop.
Though unfortunate Michigan is dry and fires are raging in the forests, once burning up Villages, the Village of Michigantown was entirely destroyed a short time ago.

June Tuesday, 24 1873.

Warm & Sultry ole day today, Mercury up to 93. Called at J. Saunders today or rather this Evening, sat Just a long chat. He is thought to be going into a decline by Quick Consumption. Has been 18 years in Nebraska. Bro Pratt called & Chatted a good while.

Wednesday, 25

A pleasant breeze today. Cools the heated Air. Mr Guffy took 700 ft Roofing & 2 M cut Shingles for Schoolhouse. Took Leave of Blue Valley Queens wore Concern today, & got Colby to prepare Petition to Commissioners of Thayer Co — So Saunders paid me this morning an Lumber bill $100.

June Thursday, 26. 1873.

A balmy breeze is blowing from the South and has been for several days, but the weather warm. The Libel Suit of Gov Firm's against the Omaha Herald, has ended with no credit to the Governor. 10 of the Jurors was against him and the Case was dismissed. Doran Baker Commenced this afternoon at Hamilton's.

Friday, 27

Quiet with almost a suffocating heat today. A hard Gust Come from the East about Sundown, which was followed with a hard rain. Hamilton was up to day. Brought a Cord of wood. Started home in time I fear to be Caught in the rain.

JUNE SATURDAY, 28 1873.

The Ground is soaked with the heavy rain that fell last evening, and the air cool this morning, the sky is overcast, and indicates more rain. The mercury was up to 100 or more yesterday. The City Council met the evening out done nothing of consequence

SUNDAY, 29

Had a Bible reading today Bro Pratt took the lead, subject the Prophecies concerning Christ and the evidence of their fulfillment he made out a strong case, after meeting I drove out as far as Mr Pheasants on my way to Hebron, I arrived there this morning but weather very pleasant this afternoon

JUNE MONDAY, 30 1873.

Out on the Road to Hebron today Started this morning from Pheasants ~~in the morning~~, took dinner at Meridian, took Cleveland up on the road and carried him to Hebron, horse got frightened at a Buffalo head some fool had hung up along side of the road, a mile from Hebron, recently killed

JULY TUESDAY, 1

Settled with Thayer and paid him for building cow, up to this date, Today I was in Hebron laid before the County Com. a Petition to refund overpaid taxes, The Chairman Pless, gave very learned objections to making the matter right all the Lawyers in Beatrice could not convince him, he ought to!

JULY WEDNESDAY, 2 1873.

Came last evening to Meredian, and today took dinner at Mr. Bauers, had a lonely ride home, quite warm in the morning, but a cool breeze from 9 o'clock till evening. took tea at Pheasants, and reached home safely about sundown. Thankful to God for his kind and protecting care that was over me in my journey.

THURSDAY, 3

Quite a stir among the Citizens today, preparing for tomorrows Celebration, A Car is being prepared to carry 40 young Ladies to the grounds. This Car was gaily decorated, and made quite an imposing appearance a large flag upon a staff 20 ft high. Grand fire works are to be exhibited tomorrow evening. we shall see.

JULY FRIDAY, 4 1873.

Banging & Craking this Morning Quite early. the Boys making the most of the noise. The Car with the Ladies starts at about ten o'clock a pretty heavy, but rather precious looking load. the Oration I did not hear, the boys were rather dry. the day exceeding warm. Crowd of Citizens great, water & ice scarce; but general good order prevailed.

SATURDAY, 5

This morning is sunny with a cool breeze. and seems like Monday, more than Saturday. as yesterday was a day of festive, or Joyous Jubilance.

I must say that I take but little pleasure in such entertainments as are usually given on the 4th of July. Hamilton started home this morning

We had our Bible reading today Bro Pratt taking the lead subject, the promises. Freedom seemed to prevail, and all appeared interested, This is a new mode of conducting devotions but a very edifying one to those who are interested in it We had a good discourse from Bro Williams in the evening on first principles

MONDAY, 7

Hamilton is here today & started home near noon I arranged for the payment of Dwy's account, and I released the lien sold some lumber today got little money taken How much better it is for us to continually aim to do right even though we may suffer in a degree for it let us do right,

Weather unusually warm today, and a Terrible clap of thunder occurred when the sun was shining

Frank Walworth who killed his father, is sentenced to the Penitentiary for life. Served him right in my view his case and his father's fate show what comes of Novels & fiction

WEDNESDAY, 9

Mailed this evening a draft for $200 to Hoagland & Son, and succeeded in collecting $218.50 This was a temporary relief for the blues, It seems I am doomed to disappointments, there are so many miserable failures among those who put on airs as if they were somebody.

JULY THURSDAY, 10 1873.

Mailed today a letter to Monell & Fassbley with draft for $75. to apply on c/c
The weather has been delightful today.
At the meeting last evening matters took a turn, that was not pleasing to all. A time serving ~~came~~ can not be carried on without correction where I have liberty to speak,

FRIDAY, 11

Cool enough for a woolen coat this forenoon and quite a number had them on
Have done a moderate business today but the times are verdantly dull. and money close
I am feeling rather sad for more than one reason, but am bearing my way on in life, in high hopes of future. Joy without the alloy of grief

JULY SATURDAY, 12 1873.

A letter written by Mansfield Walworth to his divorced wife, was so full of the airs of Tragedy, the very outgrowth of a heart overflowing with extravagant and foolish thought like all fictitious writers, that it fed his mom than foolish pride, to go and end his fathers life in Tragedy, he that sows the wind shall reap the whirlwind,

SUNDAY, 13

In our Bible readings today, proof of the setting up of Christs Kingdom was made clear, the meeting was rather long, but satisfactory. Bro Pratt done well, In the evening, Bro Williams discoursed of faith but to me there was but little point in it. He seems not to understand first principles

Hamilton is in town with wood, got a pair of pants for worth $2,50 and 25 cts in tobacco 25
To Hold hat 50 2,75
Terrible Storms have done great damage to Crops are reported in Illinois & Indiana Ohio & Missouri; Earthquakes are reported at Buffalo N.Y.

Tuesday, 15

A subduing heat today, but a cooling breeze to relieve; very little lumber sold. walked up to see Judge Carter; The Co Com' were in session, settling with the Treasurer.
Mr. Millard of the Firm of Frank Millard & Co. Called, and I had a long chat with him They are lumber dealers in Burlington Iowa

Mr McDowell handed me $50, on lumber off today.
Ex Gov' Stoddard is about locating among us,
Our Prayer Meeting this Evening was quiet and fervent A devoted little company were together.

Thursday, 17

Cloudy this forenoon with wind from the North & Cool. the day throughout, very pleasant;
This evening is one of the most delightful ever known, Called on Mr Parker, and went through his house to see how it is furnished, It is got up in fine Style, and at considerable expense

July Friday, 18 1873.

Wind still from the North and greatly bracing & cool, My spirits was low & feeling sad, when two friends called somewhat unexpected, bringing me some money, and what was better, sweet smiles of friendship and kind words, how necessary it is that we should belong, suffering, forbearing one another in love.

Saturday, 19

The weather is still cool and pleasant. Citizens are wearing woolens.
Some complaint among the Farmers about blighted wheat, or scab or they call it. Some varieties of spring wheat are badly injured by it.
A good day for lumber sales. Sold lumber and received $875,00 on a/c of Lumber

July Sunday, 20 1873.

A quiet and lovely day has past. Our meetings, morning and evening were edifying and encouraging. Spent a few hours of the day at Augusta. Walked out to the Cemetery and visited the resting place of my dear departed Harvey.
The little evergreen tree, is growing. Pinks and various flowers cover his grave, but all the beauties of flowers and monuments, cannot relieve the sadness. But we hope to meet again.

Monday, 21

A Mr Brown called today and made inquiry about funds in Thayer Co, He is a tall heavy man, with black hair & eyes,
Mr McDowell loaned me $50, on a/c,
Mr Parker bal of his a/c, $3,50
Mr Bethel left this morning for Brownsville. Dan Marsh left Old Mower to be sold today price $35 or $40, The Farmers are engaged in Reaping their wheat.

At noon today Mercury up to 90

JULY TUESDAY. 22 1873.

Day after day passes swiftly by, and, we stop not, to count the Moments. Minutes, hours, days, weeks, Months, years, are all linked together, looking quite short here, but length far away yonder. Who can tell the difference between time and Eternity? When ceases the one and the other begins; Time has no End, Eternity no beginning. At 4 o'clock Mercury down to 86,

WEDNESDAY. 23

At 9 o'clock this morning the Mercury was up to 80, and now half past ten, it's up to 86 in the shade and the wind is strong south S.E. at ½ past 1, it's up to 92. —— Attended a meeting this evening in the interest of establishing Cattle yards in Bellevue. It is thought to be a good point from whence to ship fat Cattle from Texas and the Cherokee Country

JULY THURSDAY, 24 1873.

8 this morning Mercury up to 80
10 " " do " 90
at 1 o'clock do up to 94 in the Shade, with a cool refreshing wind from the south. The ground is becoming quite dry and the gardens are suffering. A bold and deliberately high way Robbery was committed on Monday last, in Iowa by throwing the train off on Rock Island R.R. 30 miles from Omaha and then robbing the Cars. of $1700,

FRIDAY, 25

Wind from the North this morning but at 9 o'clock Mercury up to 79. A car load of Lumber from Sylv. Harvey & Co Chicago, Sherman Lister drays it up in the yard, train freight $115, worked rather hard today piling lumber, signed up the books at the Office today. A horse thief was in town and left here this morning.

Hannah & Rebecca came this morning, and brought Eggs, Butter, Cucumbers, The Mercury is at 85, today, but the day is quiet and very warm. Two Ladies called and left an order from M. Ware on Reynolds & Simonson for $75, to pay Lumber bill, against School District No 81 Neb, Bismark is said to be trying to put down Christianity, in the German Empire!!!

SUNDAY, 27

Attend Meeting in the Hall Br. D. M. Williams preached on the absent disciple, giving various reasons why members of the Church are absent from their places, and in the evening he discussed on the Question of Christianity, differing somewhat from the usual notions of it among the sects, Christ Repentance is the outgrowth of godly sorrow, but there may be sorrow for sin without Repentance

At 7 o'clock this morning the Mercury stands at 70 in the shade, and having had a pleasant rain yesterday the weather is most delightful. Mr Abels Child will be married today at 11, o'clock, Hear load of Lumber from Frank Millard & Co Burlington Iowa Amount to $328,95 Charly Emery returned with a horse thief today

TUESDAY, 29

Took dinner at Augustines today, & about noon a pleasant shower of rain fell. Took Tea at Capt. Hills and spent the evening at Mr Eles. Was in good company most of the day, Got an order for Philip Rusby's mower to E. Clark Wyo Co Lincoln, Charly Emery has the delirium tremens so said

Today I delivered at the Depot, A Kitty Mower complete, the Shipped to J. C. Clark & Co Lincoln $12.50 Charges on it, At 5 o'clock the Mercury up to 86 in the shade, weather pleasant A Woman at Shows got some thing in her throat, and the Doctors were called in It did not amount to much after all.

Thursday, 31

Quiet and warm this forenoon, 9 o'clock, mercury up to 88, A Terrible Riot and Massacre, in Aleot, Spain. The Officers of the Town were killed, and the Mob Rioted terribly beginning with a Strike for higher pay

Wind very light from the North still quite warm This is the day for Collecting Bills, but I succeeded poorly, City Council met again tonight and decided on building a Lockup. Mr Hill and my self are to attend to it. The Water supply and Coal Mining Company met this evening for business

Saturday, 2

Hamilton is again in Town got a pair of Shoes for him, paid $2.00 60 cts for Calico 50 cts for Coffee & Cash 50 cts 80 cts worth of Sugar, I got a Check of Saunders & Brum today, for $100, on me A Kind Providence has given us a much needed rain today, O how much we thank God for his Goodness

In our Bible reading today the Subject was the Gift of the Spirit, Bro Past taking the lead. I did not feel as free and full in my enjoyment as I do sometimes.
The Sermon on Baptism I was annoyed with, delivered by Bro Williams in the Evening, too many ridiculous comparisons, & not enough point,

6 O'clock eve Mercury up to 80 in the Shade,
today has been fair for business $160 on Cash Book,
Much of the wheat is in Shock now ready to stack, and the Harvest is a bountiful one Wheat sells @ 75 cts
Gave Mr Edwin a price list today of lumber,

Warm and windy today, Mercury up to ninety, health not good,
Mr Parker left an Order for Lumber for a barn
Rowdies Riding on the side walks this evening

August Thursday, 7 1873.

Friday, 8

August Saturday, 9 1873.

Sunday, 10

health improving
but still feeble. P

Wallace and Dave Baker
finishing up the Cala-
boose
It is becoming dry
weather warm
Business dull some
sales on Credit

Dr Reynolds & Wife
took tea with us this
evening
We have just finished
a Log Pen or City
Jail. It cost about
$128
The Mercury is up
today to 96 to 98 in the
shade

Broke my Mercury tube
this morning and have no
thermometer.
The day has been one of
the warmest of the season

A sick Man at the Pacific
is supposed to be a rascal
as he declines giving his
history a big snake story
is in the Intercoeanl

Warmer than usual today
Mercury said to be up to 107
in the shade. The Beatrice
Express comes out with more
than usual this week.
Our prayer Meeting last evening
at Sister Chesney's, was well
attended, and most of those
present seemed to enjoy it.
Deposited this evening at
Smith's Bank $150.

Rained a little last night and this morning is cool
Cloudy & Quiet, Changed
Clothes and put on woollens
Taking in a Car load of lumber,
from Frank Millard & Co.
had a Social Gathering this
evening at Bro L. H. Williams
about 40 persons there.
All seemed to enjoy it well,

Hamilton & Wife come up
this morning the day is
bright and Beautiful, rather
Cool.
News comes of a terrible
Slaughter of Pawnee women,
and children, by the Sioux.
Over 100 are said to be Killed
including Warriors in the fight
They were all on a Buffalo hunt,
out in the Republican Valley

It came upon me to take the
lead today in the Meeting.
Read the 12th Chap of Romans,
and made such remarks as
I found myself capable.
Bro Williams gave us a good
discourse in the evening on
the Subject of Conversion
there was a good Audience
and respectful hearing.

today the Stone bank of Riggs
and Mott is resumed.
Council Met at Mayor Brans
Office, this evening.
Bill of for Building lock up
laid before the Council,
but no action taken,
Lamb and Tobe sick,

Side of Cellar of Griggs & Co
54 + 66 ft 5½ ft deep
gives 1127 square yards
Lay 1122 @ 5
Deduct 422
700 yds @ 5 $35

August Saturday, 23 1873.

Sunday, 24

August Monday, 25 1873.

Tuesday, 26

Took a car load in the Yard to day from Millard & Co. Mr Grace Bartlett drove up the load from the car, short
7 pcs 2+4 10 ft
120 ft flooring.
160 ft finishing
Ex cess on car 20 pcs
2+6 14 ft

Thursday, 28

Saturday, 30

Sales in the yard only moderate today, some farmers are buying lumber for Granary's. most of them asking for time on the payments,
The weather has been very warm for several days past mercury to 100, in the shade.

AUGUST SUNDAY, 31 1873.

The Meeting this forenoon was continued rather long, some impatience manifested. Bro Williams preached in the evening to quite a large audience.
When the wind changed today, the grass hoppers rose up and left for the South,

SEPTEMBER MONDAY, 1

This is the first day of the fall season, the wind changed yesterday from the N.E. & it is cool today. No rain for several weeks in Nature, and vegetables all dieing and grass drying up. Some anxiety among Candidates for Office, &

SEPTEMBER TUESDAY, 2 1873.

Health not good today have taken a slight cold with the change of wind from the N.E. A large drove of Cattle pass'd through town for Iowa, A rope sensation at Suspension Bridge, A French man dived from a rope and come safely

WEDNESDAY, 3

Hamilton is in Town today he collect him cash $3,825 for the Grass hoppers have again visited him, in large numbers, I am not well today, having a lame back; But I attended the prayer Meeting at John Hovy, Pastor and enjoyed the occasion very much warm and dusty today sent away drafts for $2400 22/

SEPTEMBER THURSDAY, 4 1873.

This Morning is Cloudy & cool and I am not feeling well, have had yesterday letter from Mr Joseph He is well but his son George is sick of a fever

FRIDAY, 5

SEPTEMBER SATURDAY, 6 1873.

SUNDAY, 7

SEPTEMBER MONDAY, 8 1873.

TUESDAY, 9

SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY, 10 1873.

To day Mc Means, Boyce Reed, Wm Blakely, Lamb, Harpster, & my self road out to Nicholds farm, to assess damages against the R.R. Co. Received $3,20 cts for the day. The time we were together passed quite agreeably.

THURSDAY, 11

There is going to be more than an ordinary struggle in regard to the Election of Judge to Treasurer, A strong opposition will be made to the re election of Webb, but who will be the successful Candidate, it is hard to tell just now.

Wise & Donaldsons Balloon in N.Y. while being filled took fire & was carried around and bursted in two! nearly suffocating the crowd with the escaping Gass. It is rumored that since the first failure on the 8th Inst, the two heroes have quarreled over something about it,

The Sunday School was pretty well attended today and fairly inaugurated some forty Scholars present Both Meetings pretty well attended
Morning discourse Good Some little dissount on the Evening Sermon

There is an evident indication of a change in the season: the excessively hot weather has passed by, and cool and pleasant breezes have taken their place. The Council was without a Clerk this evening, William being a Candidate for Office, he's out on the Circuit.

SEPTEMBER TUESDAY, 16 1873.

Wind strong from the south this morning and a good shower of rain, near noon I set my vines, pinks, and plants out to get refreshed by the rain, Even the little flowers seem to look up to God, with thankfulness,

WEDNESDAY, 17

Wind still strong from the South, & dark clouds gathering up for more rain The news of a collapse of Fisk & Donaldsons Balloon, in New York does not create much surprise A humbug, or fizzle of some sort has been hoped for, and expected by many citizens

SEPTEMBER THURSDAY, 18 1873.

FRIDAY, 19

SEPTEMBER SATURDAY, 20 1873.

SUNDAY, 21

SEPTEMBER MONDAY, 22 1873.

TUESDAY, 23

SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY, 24 1873.

THURSDAY, 25

SEPTEMBER FRIDAY, 26 1873.

SATURDAY, 27

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY, 28 1873.

MONDAY, 29

SEPTEMBER TUESDAY, 30 1873.

OCTOBER WEDNESDAY, 1

OCTOBER THURSDAY, 2 1873.

FRIDAY, 3

OCTOBER SATURDAY, 4 1873.

The failure of Jay Cooke & Co of N.Y. Bankers, has brought down as a consequence nearly all of the principal Banks of the United States, and such a money derangement in the Banking business of the Country, was never before seen in America

SUNDAY, 5

Bro Williams preached two discourses today, both good but neither of them remarkable for moral force, or Energy,

Our Sunday School is pretty

October Monday, 6 1873.

There has been an unusual demand for Lumber for a Month or more; I have sold about a Car load per week during that time, but too much of it on a credit, that very much cripples my business. How can I remedy this evil?

Tuesday, 7

Some special notice is given to Mr Webb's reply to the anonymous circular, that has never come out, rather awkward to criticize before the public what they have never seen. But in my view this contest is taking a form that I do not, nor cannot enjoy. Too much corruption, & too much money, against principle.

October Wednesday, 8 1873.

This morning a car of Lumber is in from Frank Millard & Co. Bly the draws it up for $3,30
Rhoads bills it for 1,25
4,75

Attend the prayer meeting at Augustines this evening, and enjoyed it much. I always enjoy being where I think the Spirit is worshiped, in truth and in sincerity.

Thursday, 9

This morning the wind is pretty strong from the west, but the weather is mild and pleasant. I am feeling rather sad over the ill feeling, that is just now being the result of the contest between the two parties, striving to elect a Co Treasurer Webb & Col Rhodes, Candidates but all parties will settle down after the Election is over.

Saturday, 11

Monday, 13

October Tuesday, 14 1873.

Wednesday, 15

October Thursday, 16 1873.

Friday, 17

Sunday, 19

Tuesday, 21

Thursday, 23

Saturday, 25

Monday, 27

Wednesday, 29

October Thursday, 30 1873.

Friday, 31

November Saturday, 1 1873.

Sunday, 2

NOVEMBER MONDAY, 3 1873.

TUESDAY, 4

NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY, 5 1873.

THURSDAY, 6

SATURDAY, 8

MONDAY, 10

WEDNESDAY, 12

FRIDAY, 14

The Meeting last night was not very cheering but there except members, and they rather Cold, But a few have, as yet, seemed to be interested Still I trust & hope that God will bless our efforts for Good in this work of love; and let us enjoy the patience of hope, and work on, trusting in his goodness

Sunday, 16

This evening Bro Williams Baptized in the Blue River, Richard Rudd. Minnie, & Miss Thornburgh, Quite a number of the Citizens Collected to witness the ceremony, which was solemn & impressive. The day had been Blustery & Cloudy but it was now Calm and Quiet. A large Number come out to hear the evening sermon, a discourse on the fourth of the Christian Church

yesterday the wind blew a Gale, but today it blows almost a Hurricane and the dust is flying in clouds and the Sky and Darkness indicates rain, Still, there are Quite a good number of teams in from the Country and some business in the Yard,

Tuesday, 18

NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY, 19 1873.

THURSDAY, 20

NOVEMBER FRIDAY, 21 1873.

SATURDAY, 22

MONDAY, 24

WEDNESDAY, 26

NOVEMBER THURSDAY, 27 1873.

FRIDAY, 28

NOVEMBER SATURDAY, 29 1873.

SUNDAY, 30

DECEMBER MONDAY, 1 1873.

TUESDAY, 2

DECEMBER WEDNESDAY, 3 1873.

THURSDAY, 4

DECEMBER FRIDAY, 5 1873

SATURDAY, 6

DECEMBER SUNDAY, 7 1873.

MONDAY, 8

SUNDAY, 14

TUESDAY, 16

THURSDAY, 18

SATURDAY, 20

MONDAY, 22

WEDNESDAY, 24

DECEMBER THURSDAY, 25 1873.

FRIDAY, 26

DECEMBER WEDNESDAY, 31 1873.

Notes & Accts left with Judge Barth
Nov 12 ~~[illegible]~~ this date

Date.	Name.	Amount.
8	Notes	
	James H. Philips a/c Bal due	16,44
	Rec'd P. H. Howard a/c	4,10
Aug 26	Howard & Oakley Note	16,00
June 10	" A. McMeans "	64,10
" "	" F. H. Laverty "	8,40
Nov 9	Wm B. Mebb Note	50,68
	a/c Oakley Horrick	75,23
	a/c Wm B. Mebb a/c	1,14

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER.

Number in Shed at Pine Bluff Ark

1000 pcs Pine Lumber @ 30 — $30,00
474 " Stock " " 34 — 161,11
cotton wrapper — 2,48
Pine Bark $1,65 — 48,30
— 192,65
— 50,24

732
103
89
924 in the roof
360 in
190
1474 ft.
30
220

8
20
160

60
6
360
360
520
30
550

Mears, Bates & Co
Lumber Dealers
East end Kinzie St Bridge
No of Lot bought of them
is 5 in Block No 34

	ft	in
1 pc 1 in wide	6	6 long
1 pc 2 in do	2	8
X2 pc 1 in	6	6
X1 pc 1 in	2	6
1 pc 2	2	8

John McGreevy