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From October 17th 1838 to July 5th 1839

1838 Oct. 17th Wednesday. Simicee N.C.
Hauling timber for bridge until noon.
Raining after dinner, our hands
did not work. Arthur Mc Cann
came down this pm. from the
Chippewa in a bark canoe, along
with his hands. They all called
at Simicee on their way down to
Sen Rague.

Oct. 18. Thursday. Simicee N.C.

Raining or snowing all day. I went
down to Cornacut to look for my
knife but did not find it. The ground
this Am. white with snow, but
it melted almost as fast as it
fell. This Evg. after I had gone
to bed, Porter was arrested by the Con-
stable on the charge of having
occasioned the death of Clark.
He was guarded during the night
down to St. Ysis.

Oct. 19th Friday. Simicee

Joe Paul guarding Porter all day.
This Evg. having got Mr. Carwell to
desert him, he was examined and
acquitted by Ignace Vineyard. He was
working out the road. Heard this Evg.
that Chapman was elected not Engle.

1838 Oct. 20th Saturday Sinipe & Belmont.
after Breakfast rode to Belmont to
attend a meeting of the Company, but
no one arrived there but Mr. Maddin.
I returned with him to near his
house and then proceeded towards
Sinipe but mistaking my road
got to Mr. Cruse's where I put
up for the night. Saw disagree-
-able day for riding.

Oct. 21st Sunday. Sinipe

Left Mr. Cruse's after breakfast, &
got to Sinipe this P.M. Found
at this place, Norris the Carriage-
maker from Cut Bogue and some
others. Mr. Taylor (Stearns) went to
visit his wife at the "Crow" yesterday
Ev.

Oct. 22nd Monday. Sinipe & Cut Bogue

This A.M. I assisted in laying rails
on the bridge towards Smeads, to
answer instead of plank.

This P.M. went to Cut Bogue via
Cameron & Eagle Point.
Found Mr. Bracker and his brother
had just arriv^d at Richards - the for-
mer quite ill, having been obliged
therefore to suspend his survey of
the new purchase in Iowa. Yesterday
& today very fine weather.

1838 Oct 23rd Tuesday. Simice

This Am Richard advised with me on the subject of raising his establishment in consequence of his inability to obtain money from most of his Donors.

This Am I called at Mr Bissell's store for the first time. Mr Barr (Arthur) informed me this morning that the Comrs has decided my contract lots in favor of Hagan.

This P.M. I returned to Simice, Richard accompanying me to Eagle Point. Wargle started for his family about a week ago via Chicago. When I got back to Simice found that Mr Taylor and his wife had staid at Vaughan's last night, and gone down to Antrim today in the Skiff very fine day. Mr Sherman invited me to attend his party this eve, but I was obliged to decline on account of returning to Simice.

Found the Hands had today begun to cover the Causeway leading to Smeads with earth.

Found Mr Allen still at Richards.

Oct. 24th Monday Siripee.

Blustering day. Some Rain and
sleet this A.M. Burning away
some of the drift wood at mouth
of the contemplated new channel
in front of town. Hands also at
work at the Causeway to Smeads.
The "Pittsburgh" Peeler has with
Jewelry. This p.m. commenced
this No. of my diary, and brought
up the way to this date. This Ev. I
went down to Hyde's to tell James Paul
to go for my mare for Capt. - best horse to
ride home on. I went also into Judge Pen-
=tie's Store where I found a regular frolic
going on: - Playing Cards, for
Jewelry - fiddling dancing, and ta-
king grog. The Supper goes down
to Dubuque for his family.

Oct. 25th Thursday Siripee.

After Breakfast Paul & Scott went
down to Camden to get out clap-
boards for covering Paul's Cabin. I
went down with them to show
them the place. Mrs. Prentice and
her children arrived this Ev.
from Dubuque to remain here.
by Rock-peeler here tonight who has
his at or near Marion City.

1838 Oct. 26th Friday. Simicee N. C.
Capt^m Prescott went home yesterday
and today his Wagon came down here
for a Load of Shingles. Mr Taylor
came up this Morning from Smeads
having staid there last Night along
with Judge Partice this crew, belong-
ing to the Mackinaw Boat with
which they has started from Dubuque
to bring up the Judges Furniture.

Early the Boat reaches here. This
Afternoon I ran the line West and South
from Corner of Section 7 to determine
how they would strike the low ground
after crossing the Slough. Found
that Section No. 8 would take in
a considerable quantity of good
bottom if the line was extended.

Paul & Scott this Morning went
up to Shumbe creek to bring down
their things from there. I worked this forenoon
burning up drift wood at mouth of Slough.

1838 Oct. 27th Saturday. Simple

Mr. Cain of M^o was here yesterday, having come up to Fort Snider the evening before of "Palmyra". He told me the "Fulton" would be a total loss. Mr. Taylor went down to Fort Snider last Evng. This morning Vaughan told me he did not intend taking Oliphant's logs, and accordingly wrote today to advise the Major.

This P.M. I went down to Fort Snider via Camden, along with James Bush. Paul Scott returned this Evng. from Plumb Creek with their things, in a canoe.

I found at Fort Snider that Charles Allen had started for New York this week. "Some News" of today announces that proposals are advertised for at Milwaukee for opening the Territorial Road from there to Fort Snider. Also states that Mr. Coriell has sold out his interest in that paper: & Sam told to Mr. Peever.

1838 Oct. 28th Sunday Sub. Reguot Hiniqu
This Morning first called at the Print-
Office, and afterwards at the Law Office
to see Mr. Seade, who has invited me
to do so when convenient. Being first
time I have been inside the establish-
ment since it was opened.

After Dinner I walked to Eagle Point
along with Mr. Jewell & Jas. Burk,
intending all three to cross in the
Spring Canoe, but we found it too win-
dy, and accordingly left Mr. Jewell,
and Burk & I crossed together to
Cromwell, and thence walked up to Kington.
Mr. Taylor starts this morning to Elk
Creek. I heard tonight that Miss Lou-
vina Styles is to be married on Thurs-
day next to Mr. Howland. Thos. McEl-
land of Edinburgh, Kenanga Co. Pa. called at
Richards this morning to see me, having
arriv^d a few weeks ago from home
to look at this Country.

1838 Oct 29th Monday. Siniper. N. C.

John Sage working at Bridge towards
meads. Paul Scott working at the

Orbin at Cameron. This Morning Mr.
Dawell came across from Peru to see
Vaughan about getting his fee for
defending Porter. This Am. I

showed Mr. Osborne (a Carpenter) my
Lots on Sand Ridge and told him I
would sell him one for work.

This PM I strolled to the top of Bluff
on my 40 acres purchase. Found
some Curious Crevices in the Rock.

Delightful Day. Mr. Lockrap and his
family arrived here last night from
Numerical Point to reside. Mr Saylor
arriv^d this PM from Elk Grove, has
got means from Mr Maddin to make
purchases in St. Louis, whom he intends
going himself in case Mr Scott does
not.

Quite warm day. River rising
a little. Waterman calls this Evg. to ask
us to attend his raising tomorrow.

1838 Oct. 30th Tuesday. Simps W. D.

Very fine day. A Steam Boat passed up this morning before light, name not known. A Boat (supposed the Gipsy) came down this Am. and refused to answer our signal to land her for a passenger. Mr. Taylor went down to Sub Ings this Am. expecting to go on to St. Louis. Capt. Beulhorst and Mr. Madleigh went to Elk Grove today, having finished working here for the present. James Paul went down to Sub Ings to see Mr. Coriell about occupying a Cabin at Camden. I am still attending to burning up drift wood at mouth of the Main Slough here. Capt. Vaughan went up to Paris and back today. He got me this day to make out a list of articles for Mr. Taylor to purchase for him in St. Louis. James Paul came up to Vaughan's tonight to tell me that Coriell wants a tenant to live at Camden on a regular lease.

Oct. 31st Wednesday Simipee N. J.

Very fine day. Capt. Vaughan, Porter, and the Pittsburg Polar all went to see Dugue early this morning. The Pavilion passed down soon afterwards, being the same boat that went up yesterday.

This M^g I went to Waterman's new house which I found he had nearly finished raising ready for the roof. I then walked down along the Slough some distance, and returned to Simipee.

After dinner I went down to see how James Paul & Scott were getting on with the Cabin at Camp 8th, and thence proceeded to Clark's Cabin not far from the former.

John Gague burning brush & logs in the mouth of main Slough.

M^r Reynolds dep^d. Shiff. Calls thinking to collect Vaughan's Jaf.

The weather appears to be like Indian Summer.

Noor 1st Thursday Simicee N. 8.

Most Charming Weather, warm & dry
— Indian Summer. I was busy all
am burning drift wood in Main Slough.
A Kial boat landed here this am.
from Prairie du Chien, wanting to get
a load of provisions for supply of
that place. This am. I went down to
Cameron, took the course of the Slough
there, (with my compass,) and then pro-
ceeded to Paul's Cabin, where I found
him and Pot. Scott busy chinking &
darning it.

Noor 2nd Friday. Simicee

The weather continues most delight-
ful: today so warm as to make the
shade desirable after taking only slight
exercise. This am. I continued the
~~XXXXXX~~^{East} boundary line of Section N. 18
towards the south, but did not go so far as
the Miss: with it. Capt. Vaughan & Porter
returned from Old Bugon last night late.

1838 Nov. 3rd Saturday Simipee W. T.

Fine day. Arose to Samestown P. O. to get my appointment to the Simipee P. O. — on Equine Vineyard's Pony. This P. M. I walked down to Paul's Cabin and crossed to Cape Point with Carpenter Barnett in my canoe, and then walked down to SuBogue.

Nov. 4th Sunday. SuBogue

Called this morning at the Printing Office and read the report of the Canada Delegates of their examination of Iowa. This P. M. Richard & I walked down past Steam Saw Mill to look at the Canal and the encampment of the Settlers from lower part of the District, come up to purchase their lands. No Eastern Mail in this day. Report arriv^d in SuBogue of Ross's having shot Jacob, at Burlington. Methodist Quarterly Meeting in SuBogue, but I did not attend it.

Nov 5th Monday Sub Bugue.

This Morning Mr. Loomis called on me to settle about Out Lot N^o 653 - and after some conference with the Mess^{rs} Coriell about it, I purchased the whole of Loomis' interest in that Lot as well as in Nos 674 & 675 for \$800.00 This Ev. I got my Post Office Box filled, and certified by J. Mason.

Nov. 6th Tuesday Sub Bugue &c.

This Morning got my Juror's fee from Capt. Schen for attending at the last Grand Court. The Land Sale, commenced at Sub Bugue yesterday, but I had not time to attend.

I returned to Simps this P.M. & crossed at Eagle Point along with James Paul who brought the stow with him to put up in his Cabin. Found Mr. Nixon at Simps - and Mr. Meacham got there tonight from Sage's Mill.

1838. Nov. 7th Wednesday Simicee.

Snowing last Night and this A.M.

Continued snowing now or less all day.

Remained in the house (at Vaughan's) all day - writing and reading. Things look very winter-like. Mr Meacham here all day.

Nov 8th Thursday Simicee

Borrowed Mr Wilsons Mare, and rode to John Schideggis to get him to deliver some fire wood to Richard: thence went to Jamestown P.O. and delivered my Post Office Bond and Qualification to the Assistant Post Mistress, and then ret. to Simicee. I suffered about as much from cold today, riding on the prairie, as I ever recollect to have done before.

A great many travellers at Vaughan's tonight. Ice commenced running in the River today. About 3 inches of snow on the ground today, making tolerable slipping on the Prairie. No work doing today for the Company.

Novr. 9th Friday. Simisee.

Fin bright day, but cold. John Scheirger came here this morn. to get my saddle and bridle to ride the man over from Smadi's to get shot, and then to haul Wood for Richard. Considerable quantity of ice running in the River. Squire Vinyard moved his family down to his new house yesterday.

Capt. Vaughan went over the River with the flat to take Mr. Styger and his house across - and this Evng. returned with Maj^r. Connor's horse.

Novr. 10th Saturday. Simisee

Yesterday Mr. Mitchell with John Sague, & gave him a statement of a Balance due him, advanced to Mr. Madden. This morning Capt. Vaughan calls upon me to make a pay^t. on acct of Boarding, which I decline, as I had already advanced on his acct (including what I paid Maj^r. Oliphant) more than amt. of my Bill.

Capt. V. gave general orders this morning to his Boarders to quit, whereupon Mr. Taylor's

Carpenters commenced packing up for a start to Du
Bogue, when I proposed to go tomorrow and
see Mr Maddam about ways & means, and let the
Carpenters remain until my return, in order
to keep Mr Saylor's work going on. This was
agreed to by Capt. Vaughan, and accordingly the
Harris went to work. Mr. Harris and Black
went to DuBogue in a canoe to get flour &c.
Fine bright day, but cold, and a good deal
of ice running. This Ev. the weather be-
gan to moderate considerably. Harris and the
others began today to cut logs to finish Vaughan's
Cabin at Camp for themselves to live
in during this winter.

Nov. 11th Sunday Simpsiee

Quite a change in the weather, it being
today thawing. A good deal of ice still
running, but becoming mushy. I did
not start to Elk Grove, preferring to wait
until tomorrow.

Nov. 12th Monday Simpsiee

Raining a good deal & thawing. I did not

go out at all, but employed my time in read-
ing and writing. Mr. Black came up from San
Bueno about noon, bringing me some
Newspapers, and a letter from a person
named Angel in Venango Coy P.^{ca} en-
quiring about Wisconsin.

Nov 13th Tuesday. Simice

Last night the wind changed to the
North, and it froze hard towards morn-
ing. Today a cold wind blowing,
and a good deal of ice running
in the River. I commenced an
answer to Mr. Angel's letter.

Made a conditional bargain with
Mr. Amstrong for his little Building
here, with a view to converting it
into an office. Mr. Eng. Miller
(the little Carpenter from San Bueno)
came to Vaughan's, & staid all night,
being on his way down from Osceola.
Capt. Vaughan rode down towards San
Bueno to see the "Armoine", but found she
had gone down the River again.

1838 Nov 14th Wednesday Sinipsee

Finished my letter to John Knight and sent it to Peru P.O. Capt. Vaughan crossed the River with (the little Carpenter, Miller and his partner in canoes. Heard this Ev. that Amstbury and Carico had ret^d from Sen Bugan, and had quarrelled with Mr. Nixon about his speaking against gambling &c. I cut my umbrella out of the ice this P.M. when it had got fast in the River.

Nov. 15th Thursday Sinipsee

Saw Amstbury this Morning, and he informed ~~me~~^{me} that he had got value from Richard to Amt. of \$120. - in consideration of which, the office and store here are now mine. Yesterday was cloudy but not very cold; today Snow & fast.

Nov. 16th Friday Sinipsee N.S.

This M. Amstbury and Maj^r Conner started for Belmont, and this Ev. W. Meacham came down from "the Cedars" with a load of

his goods, intending to take them across the
River to Sage's Mill, for this winter.

~~Mr~~ Capt. Vaughan came over from Pease in
the canoe this P.M.

Nov. 17th Saturday, Simpsen M.S.

Very fine day but seasonably cold. Mr. Munch
and returned this A.M. to Elk Grove, as also
Capt. Gray's team to Mineral Point, it has
brought down a load of Bar lead last
Eve. to be shipped. Marshall, Carpenter
finished Judge Pentices dwelling on Thurs.
day last, and returned to Red River on
following morning.

Nov. 18th Sunday. Simpsen M.S.

Very fine day. I walked down ^{to} to
St. Paul & Scott, and then crossed the
Sand Bar with them towards opposite
side the River, where we found the ice
running in a very narrow channel.

In returning to Simpsen I met Mr. Thomas
Hatfield of Uniontown, Fayette Co. Pa. who
had in his possession the note of \$300. which
I had given to Bittings - due at gods. from Aug. 2nd

I promis^d to visit him soon & meany, if possible,
to reach him say by 15th March next. He said
that Squid Charles would have charge of
his business in Galena. Babcock went
to Galena this P.M. on business for Mr
Kison. Mr. Meacham came down
here again this Ev. with a load of his
goods. He says Mr. Amesley told him
he was going to sell his Copper land
for considerably more than he sold it
for before. Capt. Vaughan, Porter
and Black all went up to Paris this
A.M. to get whisky, and the Camp home.

Nov. 19th Monday. Siniper

I got Ross to work this Morn taking up
the floor of my office preparatory to joint-
ing it and layg it down again.

Vaughan and Porter returned this A.M.
from Paris with a hand sled loaded
with whisky. Ice continues running,
rendering it difficult to cross the River.
Mr. Meacham and Messersmiths Man returned
to Elk Grove with this team.

1838 Nov 20th Tuesday. Simpee
Very mild day. I went down to Pauls, and
helped him and Burnett to get the Canoes
across the ice to the blatters Edge, to enable
them to proceed to Redoubt. This Evg.
I went down to Pauls again, and got
Heagle to bring him across, some one
having stolen the "Sow" whilst he
was at Redoubt. Paul brought me
some Papers &c from home. Mr. Meach-
am here again tonight with a load
of his Goods. A Note from Mama
(brought by Paul this Evg.) informs
us that Richard Atwater is marri-
ed to Mary Anne Morrow.

~~Atwater~~^{Today} Mr. Nixon and I talked about
building a Hotel together, near the land-
ing. There not much interrupted by float-
ing ice today. Sailed this PM. at Wa-
terman's new Cabin Head, but did not
find him in. He is just moving his things
today from Smee's, to his new Cabin.

Nov. 21st Wednesday Simicee.

Very fine warm day. Thawing considerably. Mr. Mucham went over to Wages to see about his House. Power & Carroll came over from Era and went to Vinegar Hill.

This Ev. Miss Lavinia Ayde and Mr. Brownell were married, being first wedding in Simicee. John Schreyger came here today on my man to get an order from me for some Coal for her.

Nov. 22nd Thursday Simicee.

This M^g (having got Vaughan to promise to Cut his flat Boat out of the ice) I went to Schreyger's on foot, & got him to return with me and bring the man (to Simicee) to cross her over to Cape Bugue. We brought the Colt along with us from Seneads. Found that Vaughan had got drunk, and done nothing towards getting out his flat, and accordingly I set to work and cut a Canal through the shore ice, ready to cross in the morning.

Showing fast all day. Expecting to see Steam
Boats up yet. I saw Mr. Grigors this
Morn on the road, who told me Genl. Jones
had gone to Washington and w^d perhaps
contest Judge Catby's right to a seat
in Congress this Session. Mr. Meacham
took his stone over to Sage's this P.M.
in a canoe to warm his hands there
whilst plastering it.

Nov. 23rd Friday Sibirius Subarique
This Morn. I cross^d in the Flat boat at
Vanhook's, and took the mare over with
me. Sent her and the colt up to Sam-
ple's by Warren Salisbury, in order to
have the colt wintered there. Near
Sage's fording we fell in with Richard
and John Shephard, taking up some
of Richard's calves to the farm to be
wintered, & then walked down to
Subarique, where I found John She-
phard waiting to make a bargain with
Richard about getting wood across the river

1838 Nov. 24th Saturday, Centreville & Perm.

This AM. I purchas'd a few articles I wanted in Centreville, and after dinner went with Mr. Power in his Wagon to Perm - and thence the Wagon took my bedding &c. to Vanhans's ferry where I found Mr. Jake and his flitting waiting to cross. It being late I returned to Perm, and staid all night with Mr. Power, leaving Mr. Jake and his family to cross in the Canoe.

Nov. 25th Sunday Simpel.

After Breakfasting at Mr. Power's, I went with Mr. Jake's Wagon to Vanhans's ferry where we waited a long time for the Flat to cross for the Wagon, but as it did not come I crossed in a Skiff, and Mr. Jake got all his loading over in the Canoe & Skiff, and hired another Wagon on this side to go on with him to Hexipoo Madison. I assist'd him this PM to reload his Wagon.

1838 Nov. 26th Monday Simpel M.S.

Last night I slept for first time in my office here, there being rather a scarcity of accommodations at Vaughan, for Mr. Jakes party. This Morn. early Mr. Jakes got started again, expecting to arrive tonight at Mineral Point. On Saturday I met Augustus Coriell returning from Simpel, whom he had been to tell Paul to leave the premises he is now on. The weather on Friday last was very fine - on Saturday cloudy, on Yesterday bright, and today cloudy.

This Am. I went down to Paul's to get an axe, and he told me of Coriell's having been there on Saturday or Friday last.

Nov. 27th Tuesday Simpel.

I was most of the day in my office, reading. I do not feel very well! This Ev. Maj. Anderson, Mr. Townsend and Nicholas Carroll all staid at Vaughan. This Morn. I found the water had raised so as to run into the slough in front of town. I am told that on Sunday

last, the River was closed at Westburg, and
that on Monday footmen crossed upon the
ice there. The River here is still open:
the flat crossed it today. Mr. Fakes second
load of goods got fast in a slough today, be-
tween Penn and the Cherry. When I was in
Sutburg last Friday, Mr. Reeves spoke to
me again about printing a Paper for
Simplee, and this week I have talked to some
of the Citizens here about it. This M^r. old
Mr. Callahan brought me some Papers from
Sutburg, and the report that the City of New
York has given a majority for Whig Gov.
Nov 28th Wednesday Simplee

Yesterday cloudy, and today bright. Seasonably
cold only. This day Mess^{rs}. Townsend accom-
panied by Mr. Marshall (the Carpenter) start^d
for Mineral P.^t This M^r. Robt.
Scott and I had a settlement. He talks
of going to work on his own ac^t, being
afraid the days of some trouble about Pauls
claim. This morning M^r. Anderson

informed me that Saugherty and some others
were endeavoring to raise a Company to
go on a trading expedition to the Mouth
of the Columbia River.

Nov. 29th Thursday. Siniper

Last Evening Mr. Duke's second Wagon load
of goods was ferried across here, and
this Morning proceeded towards Madison.

I staid in the House all day, feeling
a good deal unwell, and having been
so, since Tuesday last, with what I
suppose to be an inflammation of the
Stomach, occasioned by cold. Friday
Mr. Meacham here last Night, and set
to the Ground this Morning.

November 30th Friday Siniper W.S.

This Am. Mr. Scott called to borrow my
man to go to Blue River for some of his
things. Very fine clear day. Mr. Norton
called to shew me his estimate of Cost
of building a double Store here.
Feel better today but still not well.

Nov. 30th Friday (Continued) Simipsee
This Evg. Mr. Marshal returned from Minn.
Point. Says Mr. Madison did not know when
he should be here. Mr. Reynolds Sept 27th left
here tonight along with Mr. Hudson of
Snake Hollow. I spoke to them about
the project of starting a paper here,
which they think would meet with en-
couragement. Fire in the Bottom this
Evg. destroyed some of Capt. Vaughans
Rafts. South wind all day.

Dec. 1st Saturday Simipsee.

I sent some letters to Cut Rugged this AM.
of Mr. Marshal, who intends trying to cross
upon the Ice near Cape Point. The
River here is open, except a little
ice on opposite side.

The wagon that took Mr. Fakes furniture to
Madison returned here this Evening.

Gallagher ret. here tonight from
Lancaster N.S. He says his daughter was
married there this week.

1838 Decr. 2nd Sunday, Simps & Dubuque
This Morn I walked down to Pauls, and
thence crossed the River above his
House, (he & Rob^t. Scott accomp^d me un-
til nearly over) and went to Dubuque.

I called this Evng. upon Mr. Reeves about
his printing a Paper for Simps, which he
is not certain about being able to do, in con-
sequence of anticipating considerable work
from the Legislature. No Mail at Du-
Buque tonight.

Decr. 3rd Monday Simps & Dubuque

After dinner Richard and I walked
up to Simps, he never having yet
seen it. (We crossed on the ice.)

This Morn the Mail arriv^d in Dubuque,
and I got a very kind letter from Mr.
R. C. Taylor (dated Mouth of Ohio) res-
pecting City of Cairo. I find several
of Richard's Bourses are about board^g
themselves, and consequently his parish
is considerably reduced in number.

1838 Dec 4th Tuesday Simipre Wis.

This Am. I walked with Richard up to Capt. O'Kiel's Mill site, and thence along the line on which I think the Rail Road will be made, to Pauls, near where we parted, he going to Suberque, and I to Spec.

Major Anderson came up to Vaughan this pm. bringing me a note from A. Coriell about his Cameron claim.

Snowing a little this Am. but the weather quite mild.

This Evng. Aquic Vineyard brought us the mail from Janesstown, and in it, the Gov. (Message) of Wisconsin.

Dec 5th Wednesday. Simipre

Major Anderson and Mrs. Harrison procured this Am. to Snake Biggings, I having first gone with the latter to look at the ground near Suras Line, where Mr. Harrison talks of establishing a Brick Yard. Vaughan came home Aunt today, from Paris, and when near his own

House, rolled down the Bluff, and got a
good deal hurt. I assisted in carrying
him in, and this Evening I Bed him.
I wrote several letters today, to R. C. Jay-
lor Esq., J. M. Anderson, Anderson & Thom-
son &c. The one to Anderson & S. was
to ask them if they felt disposed to do
anything at Timpece in the way of business.

Sec 6th Thursday. Timpece

Last Night it froze hard rendering
the River impassable nearly, on the Sec. oppo-
site Vaughan's House. This Mrs. Will-
iams began plastering the ceiling of
my Office, and about bedtime she
finished it. Robt. Scott came to see me
this morning (with letters to be mailed).
He says he saw W. Maddin at home
on Monday last who told him he was
about starting for Madison. I told Scott
what Correll had written me about the
"Canadian" claim. Scuiton started this
morning to join the Patriots in Canada.

1838 Decr. 7th Friday. Simpsn W.S.

Very fine day, but high wind. I removed my
desk this morn. from Vaughan's to my new
Office, and this morning did my first
writing therein. Judge Prentice and
Andrew Burns crossed on the ice this morn.
opposite the Town, to Pen. I went down
this Ev. to Pauls, to get some Newspapers,
brought from SubBurg by Rob^t Scott. on
my way, observed a new Cabin just put
up, on "Mr. Rhodes' Claim."

Decr 8th Saturday. Simpsn & SubBurg
Went this Morning to speak to the two
Joneses, who are engaged in building
the Cabin on Mr. Rhodes' Claim, &
then proceeded to his house, and inform-
ed him of what was going on.

This Ev. I crossed on the ice and walked
down to SubBurg, taking the top of the
bluff and coming down a few rods be-
low Eagle Point. I saw the first N^o of the
"Hetchid" at the Print. office at SubBurg this Ev.

1838 Dec 9th Sunday, deVergue Simicee.

Saw Col. Hale at Richards who is one of a Committee of the Legislature, sent up to examine into the affairs of the deVergue Bank.

Heard last Evg. that Mr. Smith and Dr. Stoddard's son had struck a very fine prospect on "Tom" Kelly's lot. After dinner I returned to Simicee, bringing up two "Cambrian's" rec^d. from C. D. Morgan.

Dec. 10th Monday. Simicee.

Most charming day: quite warm and bright. Mr. Nixon starts to Belmont to bring down his family. Heard last Evg. that the Belmont Hotel had just been burnt down, I wrote a communication for the "News" respecting our Rail Road, over the signature of "a Rail Road Engineer". also wrote to W. Byron Kilburn on same subject. I am told that Waterman is busy today fencing his claim in the Bottom. Judge Prentice ret. this Evg. from deVergue, whom he has been during the last few days.

1838 Dec. 11th Tuesday, Simpel.

Another most charming day. Shaving just in the Sun. Mr. Farham, an agt. of Anderson & Thomson, called upon me this morning relative to an order left with me for collection, upon Dr. Sutton, and also a note against Wheeler & Coonis.

This Ev. Mr. Meacham came down from the Crow, bringing with him Mr. Nixon's children. I wrote usual letters today to W. W. Bennett, Emmet Robinson &c.

Dec 12th Wednesday Simpel.

A third most charming day this week. This morning I went across the river upon the ice, in Mr. Meacham's Wagon, to show him the best route, being the first team or horse that has crossed here this season since the river closed. Vaughan this morn. threatened to prosecute Hyde for killing one of his (Vaughan's) Hys. This Ev. Callaghan came up from Cent Engd to get some work. I walked down this Ev. to see Paul, about his giving him work.

1838 Decr. 13th Thursday. Siniper Mt.

Mild day, but overcast. I was engaged part of the day in preparing a preamble and resolutions for a Rail Road Meeting which I intend calling here. Mr. Marshall and his Journeyman went up here today from Antwerp to see Mr. Nixon, who had not set from Belmont when they started home again. Mr. Nixon got back this Evg. bringing Mrs. Nixon with him. Callaghan at work for Vaughan, putting up his fence in "Camden".

Mr. Meacham came across on the ice for another load of his goods, and went back again (to Sage's this Evg.

Mr. Nixon brought us a mail today. Mr. Cole came down today from Capt. Essekhorst's and set off again.

Mr. Nixon says he saw Mr. Madden & Capt. O'Neil at "the Point", and that the folks there were talking of having a Rail Road Meeting there. I showed my Rail Road Resolutions, this Evg. to Surp. Pentice, Nixon, & Spicer Weyand.

1838 Dec 14th Friday Siskiyou N.C.

A most charming day. Quite warm and smoky,
much like Indian Summer. W. Meacham
came across from Cape's this AM. on the Ice
with his team, and went to Elk Grove for
his family. I wrote to W. Osborn for a
Power atty. to sell his property &c.

This Evg. we held a Rail Road Meeting at
Squire Vinyard's House, with H. Purtee
Esq. Pres. - Geo. C. Nixon & Mr. B. Vinyard Esq^{rs}
Vice Pres. & J. P. G. Secy - at which Resolutions
were adopted, and ordered to the Printers, to
be published in their respective papers.

Dec. 15th Saturday Siskiyou N.C.

Fine day, but rather cloudy. This AM. I went
to look at one of the timber Rafts, and told
Williams I would give him one fourth
for getting it out of the Ice. I after-
noon went with Saml. Warren to show
him a Town Lot - then I finished writ-
ting Copies of the R.R. Resolutions adopt-
ed last Evg. - and this Evg. I walked to Astorburg

- Crossing on the ice, and going via McKnight's
Stunace. Found letters at home from Maj.
Siphant and James C. Barry. Observed
my R.S. Letter, signed ("a R R Eng^r") published
in the News of today.

Decr. 16th Sunday SubPuegno.

Remained in SubPuegno all day, intending
to take my pack & to strike to morrow.

Very fine day. This Evng. I called on
Mr. Perry to get my file of Iowa's Terri-
torial Gazette. found there a collection
of the Young men of SubPuegno pretty drunk.

It says this Evng. that Mt. Russell has got
home this P.M. from Burlington.

"Maj" Jack (Plythe) told me this Evng. of
his having been up to turn out Paul,
but did not succeed.

Decr. 17th Monday. SubPuegno.

When I got up this morning, I very un-
expectedly found the ground white with
snow, and the storm not over. I
accordingly concluded to defer return.

to Simice until tomorrow, in order to afford
Richard the opportunity to get the sled pre-
pared to take up my things upon.

I spent most of the day in selecting &
packing up my newspapers &c, ready for
tomorrow. Called this Evg. on Mr.
Sanford about Gage's lots, but did
not find him in.

Dec. 18th Tuesday. Subique & Simice.

Got an early breakfast, and brought my
sack, trunk, &c up to my office at Sim-
ice, in the sled with the mare. John
Kephart accomp^d me, and took the
sled from Simice to Paul's with some
things for him, intending there to
go with Callaghan to Scheidegger's to
haul fire wood to the River - Rich?
and And^r. Callaghan having gone over
there this Morn^g from Subique to meet
them. I this P.M. arranged my
office furniture, and having got my bed
in order, I commenced regularly sleep^g there.

1838 Decr. 19th Wednesday. Simipre.

Froze hard last night. Good winter weather.

Mr. Crabbler who says he has been down here since Saturday last, called this ^{last} Evng. to see Mr. Engager during most of the day in putting my office "to rights" - read the newspapers, &c. Visiting hard all day. on Saturday last, Scott Taylor's clerk (Coberg), and Mr. Campbell of Calmar / rode up here. Decr. 20th Thursday. Simipre W.C.

Delightful day. John Atchison and "Jack" Thompson came up to see some lead purchas^d by the former from Stantabaraty. I have been writing letters nearly all day. Judge Pritchard returned from Dubuque this P.M. when he has been since Saturday last. Mr. Atchison said he was engaged in building two Steamboats at Pittsburg for this trade. Mr. Meacham, I am told, came over with his Wagon from Sage's this P.M. & went towards the Ground.

1838 Decr 21st Friday, Sireyes, W.C.

Very mild thawing day. Rob^t Scott called at the office this M^g to propose to purchase the "Dan Mc Cann" Claim of mine at P. Creek. This M^g I discovered Williams' Cabin on fire, but we soon put it out. Wrote to W. W. Gist Robinson, C. Seal &c. Measured some pine timber for Vaughan. Miss Amie Burns returned this M^g from the Ball at Paris.

Decr. 22nd Saturday. Sireyes & De Ruyter.

This P.M. I went down to De Ruyter, upon the river ice. Called at Pauls, being first time I have seen him since Major "Jack" & Brophy were there to turn him out. Some little time after leaving Pauls, a Skiff which proved to be W. H. H. Sears of Calana, overtook me, and W. G. invited me to ride with him, which I did. We went as far on the river, as opposite "Black Bank" Bluff, and then crossed the Island to the main Slough, and thence overland to the lake,

The Slough not being frozen all the way
round to the mouth of the Lake. Mr. Bear
put up at Richard's, having been up to Cass-
ville with his Brother's wife, on her way
to join her husband, who has been seriously
hurt by an accident in a carriage, and
is now lying at Prairie du Chien.

When I got to Richard's, I found that poor
Augustus Scott had died yesterday, &
was buried today - and that poor Pow-
ers, was lying at Richard's dangerously
ill of typhus fever. Very cold days,
probably the coldest this season.
Dec. 23rd Sunday Outrage.

at Outrage all day. Sat a while with
poor Powers, who is getting still worse.

Last night I got the President's Message,
which was rec^d in Outrage yesterday
morning. The Iowa News of yesterday
contains Report of our R. Road Meeting
at Simmes. Mr. Matthews was married last
week to Miss Brandon.

1838 Decr 22th Monday, Out Bugud & Simpee.
This morning about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 o'clock poor
Bowers breached his last, after an illness
of only about ten days.

I waited until about noon for the mail
to be opened, and then returned to Simpee,
calling on my way, to see Lucius Lang-
worthy, for first time since he met
with the serious injury to his leg oc-
casioned by being thrown from
his horse. I walked by land to Eagle
Point, and thence crossed on the Ice to
Paul's, and in attempting to do so by the
shortest cut, I got one leg through
the ice, but fortunately, nothing worse.
Found Paul making Rails, and extend-
ing his "boom" up the bank of the Lough
abound his house. Yesterday P.M. I
called upon W. Rijell, who had just
returned from St. Louis, and expects his
goods in a few days. Sleds are now be-
ginning to run upon the River ice.

1838 Dec. 25th Sunday, Simpsd.

Christmas Day: - Very cold wind, but tolerably clear. I remained in my

office all day, reading and writing.

Slept at Vaughan's, all the men being absent from there today. Understood that there was to be a Ball this Evg. at Bushee's, at La Fayette. Judge Puntice, Squire Vinyard, &c. went to OutRogue and back in a sled, on the ice.

Dec. 26th Monday, Simpsd.

Very cold last night and this morn^g. but afterwards moderated, and this Evg. it snowed a little. Mr. Campbell of Galina came up from OutRogue to collect an op against Hyde. I wrote several letters; and a R. Road Comⁿ for "Mimers' Tree Press". I heard this morn^g that a new store had been just opened at Paris N.J. by a Mr. Charles. Mess^{rs} Martin, Paves, and S. Crane all arriv^d this night at Vaughan's, in a sleigh, from OutRogue, and put up there, till tomorrow.

1838 Decr. 27th Thursday Simicee, N. J.

Mess^{rs}: Martin, Rorer, and Dr. Crane proceed
this morning up the River, on the ice.

Mr. Nixon started this AM. for Salena,
intending to speak to Mr. Bush, about open^g.
a branch of his store here. Vaughan ret^d
this AM. from his "Marble Quarry", with
a specimen of its contents.

Very fine day. Wrote several letters, as see Letter Book

Decr. 28th Friday Simicee. No.

Snowing nearly all day. Rufus Miller
called, and I sent some letters by him
to be mailed at St. August.

Vaughan and I polished a piece of
his Marble, to see how it would look.

I commenced reading Mrs. Addick's Ele-
mentary Work, for learning to speak French.

Decr. 29th Saturday Simicee

Fine clear cold day. Warm Sun about M.
Mr. Nixon ret^d this P.M. from Salena,
and brought a mail from Jamestown.
He says the Mineral Point people

at their late Rail Road Meeting, only con-
templated the Road to extend from Mineral
Point to Simpson. He says too, that he saw
a long advertisement in an Illinois
Paper, respecting the Union of Cairo.

Mr. Coles at Vaughans tonight. I waited for
some time at Vaughans, after Supper,
for him to return from Peru, to look
over our acct., but he did not arrive
until after I came down to my office.

Dec. 30th Sunday. Simpson, & C. B. Pugh.

This morn. Vaughan and I looked over
his bearing acct. &c. against me, &
we make a sort of a Settlement.

S. Santabarata, and Mr. Roberts (ag't of Ill.
State Bank) called at Vaughans, this
A.M. on their way down to Clarkburg
in a sled. After dinner I went
down to Clarkburg, calling at Pauls,
on my way. Guy Morrison ~~was~~
overtook me with his Sleigh, on the
River, and carried me to Town.

1838 Dec 31st Monday. Simicee

Yesterday was fine, but very cold.

Today has been most charming.

Last night Mr Russell gave the alarm of fire in Court Street, in consequence of seeing the roof of the house nearly opposite to Richards, burning. I got up, but the danger was soon over.

This morn I called at J. Masons, and on Chadwick respecting the lot bought of Equine Williams. I also called at Mr Pyells to get some letter paper. Also to see Mr T. S. Taylor who ret^d from St. Louis on Saturday last.

After dinner I ret^d to Simicee, calling on my way to see Richard, who is getting down wood at "Black Hawk" Bluff. Saw Mr. H. M. Shaw of Boston at Richards. Called this morn. to speak to Mr. C. Ferrall about Mr Pines desire to supply him with pine logs.

1839
January 1st Tuesday. Simicee N.Y.
Commenced hoarding this morning
at Squire William B. Vineyard's, hav-
ing finished at Vaughan's last night.
This Am made out my P. Office
Quarterly Returns for last Quarter.

Very disagreeable, and unusual
weather - raining, and freezing as it
falls.

January 2nd Wednesday Simicee

Thawing all day, and apparently, most of last
night. I wrote to Capt. Sewelhurst in reply
to his letter, wishing one to attend a meeting of
the Stockholders at Mineral Point, on Saturday
next - and sent my letter this Am. by Mr. Meacham.

Mr. Lane went down to Lee Runge today, as I
suppose, to see Mr. Saylor, about his pay.
Mr. Rockwell commenced building him-
self a Cabin just in front of the town, on
the bottom, near mouth of the big Slough. I
notified him that he was upon the Co's. ground.

1839 Jan 3rd Thursday Simicee N.S.

Thaw still continues. R. Amstary called at the office this Morn on his way to Snake's Squire Vineyard went to Leu Berque & back, with his Sleigh, on the Ice. This Ev. Rev. Mr. Early arrived at Squire Vineyard, & preached a sermon, the first we have yet had in Simicee. Ross started this Morn for Mineral Point, and Gathrop commenced getting the timber hauled for my frame building. Wrote several letters.

Jan 4th Friday Simicee.

Still thawing. Judge Pentecost & Vaughan went to Mineral Point in Scarborough. Mrs. Nixon and Vineyard went to Leu B. on the ice in a Sleigh. Brownell hauling timber again today, for my frame. Mr. Meacham spoke to me about giving a note against J. Philes for some of the pine logs here. W. M. went on to "the Grove" Mr. Nixon taking advantage of the weather to build his Chimney higher.

1839 January 5th Saturday. Simple

Still thawing. This P.M. Mr Patterson the
post master from Jamestown, brot.
me a mail, containing my Comm^{rs}
from P.M. Genl and a letter from
Anderson & Thomson, stating
that Mr. Anderson would start on 1st
Curt. for Philada. & would see Es. Utting
about the lead Business &c. I wrote
several letters today, and this P.M. walk-
ed down to Genl Bogue, upon the
ice, which however is becoming
rather unsafe. I found at Richard's
Mr. Secretary Daughton. After supper
I called upon Mr. Bissell at his store.
We left his store together, and called
at the printing office, but found that
the paper would not be published
until the morning. Richard inform-
me that he had just made a bargain
with a man named Moore, to break 100
acres of prairie for him @ 5. of aced.

1839 January 6th Sunday Bent Buque Sinipee.
Spent some time this morn. at the Printing
Office, waiting for the publication
of the Iowa News. Saw there Mr
Cooking, who told some particulars
respecting the Mississippi Emigration
Company. After dinner, I walked back
to Sinipee, bringing with me one of
Coll's pups, which I have named Venus.
Brighting rain part of today - and thaw
& continues.

January 7th Monday, Sinipee.

Still thawing, making a week of uninter-
rupted thawing weather. The frost is now to a
considerable extent, out of the ground, and it
is quite sloppy and muddy. Travelling still
continues upon the ice (with horses) but
in many places it has become dangerous.

I walked down to Pauls this morn. expect-
ing to find something sent up from the
P.O. at Bent Buque, but was disappoint.
W. Lane p^c me this Evng 1/25. on 1/2 of his lot.

January 8th Tuesday. Simpsn N. J.

Last night it froze pretty sharply, but today has been almost like Spring.

Squire Vinyard went this Morn to Paris and Plattville. This Morn I rec^d. from Sen. Rogers an Alton Telegraph, containing the prospectus of the "Chicago City and Canal Co." first I have seen in print about it, excepting some brief notices. I agreed with Chas. Brownell to give him $\frac{1}{4}$ for getting out some of the timber lying in the ice below Town.

January 9th Wednesday. Simpsn

It rained considerably last night, & continued gloomy until about noon, when it cleared up, and felt quite like Spring.

Very muddy and disagreeable walking.

Mrs. Vaughan thinking there had been a mistake made in my statement with her for boarding &c. sent Vaughan for me to look over the $\&c$ again, with their clerk, Suger Bentice, which I accordingly did; & found all as before.

1839 January 10th Thursday. Sinipee

A most charming day, actually quite like Spring. I let my fire go out, and sat in the office with the door open!

Traps crossed on the ice with Mr. Wilson's man, to the mill, but it has become quite dangerous. Squire Vinyard, et. al. this Ev. from Plattville, whom his brother told him that the Rail Road Charter would doubtless pass, tho he is pledged himself not to vote for it if the Bill defines Sinipee as one point. Mr. Kilburn called this P.M. and took some letters for me to the Jamestown P.O. I commenced yester-

day to work at the plat of Sinipee (first time since moving my things from Vanphanis) — and today, began to sink the lines.

Squire Vinyard states that Judge Coaty is now charged with having built the Capitol of Wisconsin on "Mason's" land, and consequently misapplied the Public Money. Miss Mary Johnson, et. al. from Mr. Wilson's, to Belmont this p.m. on horseback.

1839 Jan^y 11th Friday. Sinipee N. J.

Dark day, and misty. Thawing still! I am engaged in finishing the plat of Sinipee - and at night I study French. It is so muddy as to render walking very disagreeable indeed.

Squire Vinyard told us last night, that Col. W. S. Hamilton was now talked of, as the next candidate for Congress from the Wisconsin. Mr. Packwell ret^o. This Evng. from Plattville. As says the water and up in the smaller streams, owing to the rain & thaw. The Miss^o too is rising.

Jan^y 12th Saturday Sinipee.

Froze a little last night. Quite a Spring day again. Carico came down this Evng. from Belmont. I this M^o. walk^d over the swampy ground along the west side of the Run, to judge how my plat of the town would measure, as to the public grounds.

Squire Vinyard went to Paris this M^o. with a Wagon for some pork. Engaged all day at drafting plat of Sinipee. Babcock and Williams this M^o. began digging for Mineral.

1839 Jan. 13th Sunday Simeon & Cent. Bugue
Sleighing and Sleeting this morn. I had
very disagreeable walk down to Cent. Bugue,
having some difficulty in finding a
place where I could get on to the main
ice, and there being a good deal of
water upon the surface of it. I had
some trouble too in crossing the Slough
near Cent. Bugue. However I arrived safe-
ly this p.m. at Richards. Snow and sleet
melting mixed with some rain, altoget-
her has made it exceedingly sloppy to-
day, and a good deal of water is
running off the surface of the ground.
Jan. 14th Monday Cent. Bugue.

Still the weather continues remark-
ably mild, tho' this evg. it begins to freeze
again. I remained in Cent. Bugue all
day in hopes of having better traveling
tomorrow. Mr. & Mrs. Taylor commenced
boarding at Richards this evg. I called this
evg. on the Misses King, but there Messrs²⁵
Russell & Stout.

1839 Jan 15. Tuesday Simipec.

It having frozen last night, I found the walking to Simipec from Club B. today, very good. Richard intended going up to his farm this AM.

Robt. Scott came up to the office this PM. to see me, intending to go tomorrow to Richard's farm.

Jan 16th Wednesday Simipec
Weather continues uninterrupted by mild, nothing like blinter at all since 1st Jan. I wrote tonight my first Com^r respecting "Oregon Rail Road," for Iowa News. Spiers & Co went to Club Regue, and I sent Mr. Taylor his ap^t Book by him. According to Vaughan, who saw Mr. Maddin at Paris yesterday, the latter was to have been here today, but he failed to make his appearance. A blacksmith from Elk Grove has been here this week, and talks of settling here.

1839 Jan. 17th Thursday辛酉

Weather still remarkably mild. I walked down this morn to Warrens, Stated in Camden to send some letters by him to Leuburger, but found he had started very early. Paul was down today, also this P.M. he brought up the mail to my office. This Evng. I attended to hear Bro. M. Stewart preach at Aquin Vineyards: his first appearance here.

Jan. 18th Friday 辛酉 U.S.

Weather getting more like winter again: having now had 18 days almost constantly thawing, at any rate of a few miles. This P.M. I went down to Jones' Cabin to see them about cutting me some good wood, but did not find them in. Rockwell hauled me say 1/4 cord wood, of theirs, this P.M. Brownell came down from Elk Grove this Evng. says Mr. Madison got bound last night from Snake diggings, (without having been here)

1839 Jan'y 19th Saturday Simipre Wis.

Very fine day. Mr. Nixon went to Sen
Rague on Rockwells sled, and brought
me up some papers from the P.O.

Mr. Taylor a Brick maker called this Am.
and I showed him the ground best suit-
ed here for establishing a Yard upon.

Vaughan selected a lot this Am. the
next alternate about Mr. Mitchells on same
line. Mr. Furman here this Am. I spoke
to him about my intention of opening a
Common warehouse here.

Jan'y 20th Sunday Simipre Wis.

After breakfast, I walked down to
Sen Rague, crossing the ice at Eagle Pt.
and going down the lake. I met Capt.
Schou and Judge Wilson with each a
Sleigh, going up to Simipre. I found at
Richardson that they had had a fine party
on Thursday night last, and that he had
gone up to the farm Yesterday with a
new yoke of Oxen. Quarterly (Methodist) meet.
in Sen Rague.

1839 Jan^y 21st Monday Sub. & Simipee.

Delightful day. Yesterday not very pleasant. I waited for the mail, and returned to Simipee this pm. I called this AM. to see Shff. Cummings about a claim set up against the oxen Richard bought last week. Sleighs running in all directions. Saw yesterday a notice of Col. Engle's marriage in Philad.?

Jan^y 22nd Tuesday. Simipee
Very fine, until a little before sunset, when we had a snow squall. J. S. Taylor and Geo. Shannon called here on their way down from Turkey River. I sent our mail down to Subingen by them.

Rockwell began hauling wood for Bissell & Co to the Steam Boat landing. Judge Lockwood called on me this Morn^g on his way to Snake Diggings.

I wrote tonight, a letter to Sangle, at Franklin. Wrote several other letters today, as see letter Book.

1839 July 23rd Wednesday Siquip M.S.

I began this Morn. to write a book, descriptive of Iowa and Wisconsin. Squire Vinyard spoke to me about putting up some Steam Boat Wood for Beyer & Co. I told him I had no instructions, to contract for any, excepting with Rockwell. Fine day, but colder than lately, and cloudy. "Jack" Thompson rode up here this pm. to see "Judge" Prentice.

July 24th Thursday Siquip.

A most lovely day. I let my fire go out, during a considerable part of it. This pm. I went down with Hyde and Williams, to look at the pine timber which the latter has got out of the ice, and hauled on shore.

"Jack" Thompson came up this pm. to see "Judge" Prentice. Squire Vinyard concluded today to recommence operations towards finishing his house, and accordingly W. Mitchell this pm. began to fit in the front window sash.

I went this am. with W. Warren to look again at the lots, when he finally selected one near Mitchell's.

1839 Jan^y 25th Friday Simipsee. N.J.

Another most delightful day, but not quite so warm as yesterday. Porter got drunk and had a squabble with Mr. Nixon. Yesterday and today I have been a good part of the time occupied in writing and selecting matter for my contemplated Book on this Country.

Two travellers on horseback, staid at Squin Vineyard's tonight. Ground quite soft, during middle part of the day.

Jan^y 26th Saturday Simipsee.

Again, a most beautiful day, and not un-pleasantly cold. I measured some of Rockwell's wood this Morn^g, and gave him a Mem^o of it, to Piper & Co. Porter & Squin Vineyard went to LaRogue and back in a sleigh on twice. No snow on the ground. Rockwell went to LaRogue, to get his Horses shod. Vineyard told me this Ev^g. he intended having a Ball here on 30th Feb^y. The men who staid at his House last night, were Hunter (the Surveyor, and a man from Min. P.^t going to examine lands in Coward's.

1839 July 27th Sunday. Skimpes & Sub Engine
Charming Day. Rec^d a Mail from U.S.
Yesterday, but nothing in it for me.

I walked down there, this Am. and found
Papa recovering from an attack he had
last week of, what he supposes inflamma-
tion of the bowels. As is, thank God, today
much improved. This P.M. Richard & I
went over to Mouth of the Hollow at
"Black Hawk Cluff" to see whether the
ice along the Edge of the River there, would
admit of hauling his Wood over. We
found it sufficiently strong. This Eng.
for the first time, during a considerable
period, we got the Sub Engine Mail accord.
and distributed on the proper evg. party,
perhaps, in consequence of a comⁿ in the
Soma News of Yesterday, on the sub-
ject. I heard this Eng. of Langherty's
having just had "a Cave" of Mineral
discovered in his "Diggings." No letters
for me of tonight's Mail. Rich^d came
down from his farm on Friday last.

1839 Jan. 28th Monday Simpsco & Sub.

The weather has made a complete reverset since Yesterday. Today it has snowed & snowed constantly, making a regular winter by business of it. I came up this morn. with Mr Taylor, in his sleigh to Simpsco. This morn. I called at the Printing Office to "mark" my "Oregon R. Road" letter, in Saturday's News, in the "Exchanges" also to speak to Russell about publishing my "Sketches of Iowa and Wisconsin." He said he would do it, say in June, for 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ C^t. advanced on cost of materials, and labor.

I ordered him to print me 350 "proposals" for publishing said work, for which he said he would charge me \$10. 00

Judge Prentice brought up his wife from Salt Lake this P.M. in a sleigh.

I called this morn. on Dr. Sutton, & also on Mr. Fiskell. A general invitation was given by Ed. Longworth, at Richard's, for all the family to attend a party he gives this evng.

1839 Jan'y. 29th Tuesday. Simpec & Sherralls

Started this morning on foot, with my
Compass, Chain, and Pins, on foot, expect-
ing to meet Richard at Pages, and go up
with him to the farm. The snow
about a foot deep - the greatest depth
I have yet seen since I came to the
West. Richard did not make his appear-
ance, and I proceeded, got my dinner
near at Shopners, and walked on to
Sherralls, where I staid all night:
the walking being very bad, in conse-
quence of the snow being unbeaten.

Jan'y 30th Wednesday. "Kangle's"
after breakfast left Sherralls, and
proceeded to the farm, where I arri-
ved this pm after a most fatiguing
walk. Found Robt. Scott, John
Kephart, and two house keepers there.
The weather Yesterday was very stormy
and disagreeable; today it has been
clear and not unpleasantly cold etc.

1839 Carry. 31st Thursday "Hangle's"
Quite sharp day, but very bright. I
commenced running off the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of
Section N^o 23 in Town 40 N. of Range ^{one} W.
— having Cohn and Rob^t to carry chain:
and this day we completed the job.
Richard's House stands on N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 22
adjoining above quarter.

3rd of Oct Friday. "Hangle's" Dubuque.
Got breakfast this morning before
daylight, and just at dawn, started
on the mare, to return home.
Very cold, and I suffered before
reaching Shenandoah from the effects of
it. Called there to warm myself.
Saw, before I arrived there, the remains of
a deer which the wolves had destroyed.
Went from Sage's via Mr Knight's farm
to Sinipee, where I dined, and afterwards
proceeded to Dubuque. Found there that
Richard had not started this week for
his farm, owing to the bad weather,
all.

I learn that there has been another dancing party at his house this week. I got a Mail from the Sub-Duque office this Ev'g. and in it I find a letter from Genl. Cones in answer to my first, of this winter. It seems that Eugene Williams of Coma, was at Richards during the time of the party, and that he brought a Complimentary Mes. Sage for me from Gen. Sanderson.

I got my Prospectuses for "Sketches of Conrad Wisconsin" in from the Printing Office this Ev'g.

Friday 2nd Sub-Duque Saturday.

I remained all day at Sub-Duque, writing letters, to Genl. Cones, about my P. V. Comm. - forwarding Prospectuses &c. &c. as see Letter Book.

Gen. Paul came down to Richards this Am. and showed me a letter from his Solicitor at Aberdeen, stating Am't. of his share of his ^{late} father's Estate.

1839 Feb 3rd Sunday. Out Dugue & Simicee.

Richard rode the mare up, this morning to his farm. I called at the Printing Office, and looked over some of the "Exchange" before dinner. After which I walked up to Simicee, calling at Pauls on my way. Last Ev'g. I saw Chauncey Swan, who had just returned, along with most of the other members, from Burlington. Today has been very clear and pleasant.

Feb 4th Monday. Simicee

Very clear, but cold. On Saturday last, the thermometer stood at 32°. Today I wrote several letters respecting my office here. Sent one of them to Genl Jones, of Vaughan to be mailed. He brought me up a mail this Ev'g containing only newspapers. I saw Ross at Vaughan's house this morning, who it appears had a fight yesterday, with Will.

1829 Feb'y 5th Tuesday. ~~At~~ Simicee.

Cold and Clear. Wrote again to Genl. Jones, and forward it him (my J. Masters Com^o). Brought up my Journal (this) from today straight to date. Cut stone wood. Pulled a dead calf out of the hole in the ice where we get water, and where it has slipped in, unfortunately, and got frozen. Last night was the Report of U.S. Atty Genl. Wiscassin upon the Title to land upon which the Capitol stands.

Feb'y 6th Wednesday Simicee

Very fine day. Temperature moderating. Mr Marshall was up, from Sub. with a sled to take down some pine boards. Jas. Paul called this P.M. and I proposed to him to join in a Com^o. Business had, and put his funds into the concern, which he agreed to do. Yesterday and today, directed several of my Prospectuses, and dispatch^d them today. Thos. Harrison came down last ev'g. from Snake, Det^o today.

1839 Feby. 4th Thursday Simice N.Y.

Most charming day. Scarcely any recon-
sion for fire during the middle portion
of it. This P.M. I walked towards Paul's
and met him bringing up some letters
for me (and the usual) - one of the former
being from N. Anne, in which she
states that she has learned that the repre-
snto Mr. Northington, is only Miss Samette!
This Evg. Capt. Hollowell and Mr. Shustell
came from Hallsville to Squire Vineyard's,
for the purpose of looking at the Town.

Feby 5th Friday Simice N.Y.

Fine day. Capt. Seelhorst visited Sim-
ice, in his sled, on his way from Ga-
lma and Suberquad. This Am. I

showed Capt. Hollowell my plat of the
Town. He ret. home this pm.

Thawing rapidly in the sun. Capt. Se-
elhorst tells me that Capt. Steel
was disappointed in not getting any
of his goods hauled up from below.

1839 July 9th Saturday Simiper

This morning, I meas^r? sent more wood
of Buckwheat, and paid him a man up
it to Mr Duffell. He went to Cent Oregⁿ
today, and brought up the remains
of my files of Newspapers. Sent a
mail down by him, and got another
in return, cont^y letters from Gen. Jones,
N. S. Janier, and J. Bartlett of the "Albion".
Capt. Seelhorst ret^d this p.m.

Mr. Meacham called on me yesterday.
He wants me to run a line for him.
He hauled over a load of plank (an
sled) for Mr. Lane. Fine weather but cloudy.

Gay B. Morrison came up from
Sutcliffe this p.m. along with his
Father, Mother, and Mr. Smith, to call
on Mr & Mrs Prentice. Two sleighs full.

I looked over some of my files, and cut
out some matter for my new publica-
tion. I discovered this week by a notice in
"Milwaukee Advertiser", that a Mr. Sack-
son, was propos^d. to publish a work on Wis.

1839 Feb 10. Sunday. Simple & Sent 3.

Fine day. After writing a letter to
Judge Caty about P.O. at Camden
&c. I walked down to Sea Pique
to dinner. Called at Paul's, & talk'd
to him about getting out some S.
Boat Wood at his place. At Richard's
I found some of the members of the
Theatrical Corps now performing
at Sea Pique. Mrs. Worthington (S. C. di-
sant) started on Friday with Mr.
Cade to Whaling & stay.

Mamma showed me a letter from
Nannie Atchison stating that S.
was married &c. - also a letter from
Nannie Norris, containing a
message from Martha for me.

I got the Simple Mail tonight
from Sea P. O. containing letters from
J. C. Parsory & J. J. Petrick, and Judge
Catey - being the first letters I ever rec'd.
from the Ship. It answers mine about
our R. Road Meeting here.

July 11th Monday. Gentl. & Simpel.

This Am. I attended to setting up,
with Edward Nays, who arriv^d? last
night from Chicago, with a team.

Richard went up to his farm this
Am. with the new and train, has
last week hauled over all of Lou-
dow's wood that was lying on the
River's bank. This pm. I started
back for Simpel. rode a little way
on Mr. Pagers' sled. called at Paul's.
he talks of getting a yoke of oxen.

At Simpel this Evng. I learn that last
Evng. Squire Vineyard chastised Sam-
uel the plasterer for an outrage
upon one of the Squire's children.

Fine day. Saw Squire Fales and
Gentl. Lewis at Mr. Bissell's. The
latter desires our receiving from
Judge King our R.R. Memorial.

I spoke to John Atchison again, about
coming to Simpel. & he notified Mr. Bissell
that he should leave him on 1st April.

1834. July 12. Tuesday Simicee.

Very mild day, but overcast.
This AM wrote up my diary, &
arranged newspapers &c. a little, prepara-
tory to answering letters.

This pm. quite bright, and very warm.
Major Carpenter and the Capt. of Seminoe
called this pm. having come from Galena
in a sleigh. Jas. Paul called whilst
they were in the office. They returned
tonight to camp taking Mr. Prentice a-
long with them.

July 13th Wednesday. Simicee.

Made myself a kind of cupboard to put
papers in &c. Told Mr. Nison what
Mr. Madden wrote me about his lots.
So hot today, as to require my letting
out the fire and opening the door.
Put my newspapers, trunks and office
a little in order. This pm. resumed
my "sketches" again, which had been
interrupted for some days past.

1839 July 14th Thursday Simicee

Very fine day. Snow melting most rapidly. Edward Stays called this pm. on his return from Snake diggings, having failed to get any money from Mr. Taylor. I gave him a note to John Atchison to pay him whatever he could raise towards Col. A.D.

Sas Paul called this Evng. with a mail from San August. I endorsed a note drawn by him for \$90. for a yoke of oxen. Rev?

Mr. Stewart preached here this evng. Brown all exchanged his mind this morn for a pair of black ponies. Preparing my "Sketches".

July 15th Friday Simicee

Thanking fast. Quite warm day. Some of the Citizens joined in cutting down part of the timber in front of the town, to afford a better view of the River. Several Platterville Slights called at Aquid Vineyards, on their way home from San August. I am proceeding with my "Sketches". Vaughan & Penticet ret? last night from Galena, to haul the former has gone, to raise some money.

1839 July 16th Saturday. Simipsee

Snowing now or less, during greater part of the day. Black brought up the mail this Evg. from Saut Sague, and I got a letter in it from Prof. Papin, Esq., about his college. Gallagher and his son called this Evg. Going on with my "Sketches."

July 17th Sunday. Simipsee Saut Sague.

A very fine day. Actually uncomfortablely warm in walking to Saut Sague, where I went, after writing to Miss M. Morris, and having an interview with Mr James Morrison and Mr Legate, who arrived here last Evg. with their wives, from Galena. First time I had seen these Gent. to know them. They agree with me as to the policy to be pursued by our Co. They proceeded to Mineral Point, in the night, this Am. I called at Pauls, on my way down, but found he had

good to see some open in the "Cooley."

On arriving at Richards, I found that he had come down last Evg. from his farm, where he says they are going on well in hauling sail-cuts. This Evg. Mr. Ellis, (the surveyor Genl.) and Mr. Plowman of Mineral Point, arriv^d at Richards.

Mr. Aays still there, and talking of stay^{ing} till Navigation opens. I got the Simicee Mail tonight - containing a letter from Cousin Annie.

July 18th Monday, Simicee. (V. Sub B.)

This M^g went (at Sub B.) to Starcham & Scott by Chicago, in ans^r to things about Paul's Money. Afterwards called at Mr. Riggs's Store, and heard a story about Mr. W. Coriell's having been bet ashore last season from a Steam Boat along with "Gov" Vance's daughter." &c. &c.

I called then at Hale's Tavern; and next, at the U. S. where Mr. Genl. D. Morrison informed me that "Judge" Milo A. Puntier

did not wish my son to take his papers up to
Simps, for him. Next went to the Print^g
Office, where I saw Mr. Perins prospect^g
ing of the "Iowa Statesman", to be pub^l
lished at Burlington. Saw there yes-
terday, Mr. Greggs prospecting for the
"Iowa Farmer", on getting back
again to Richard's, I found that Mr.
Ellis had a letter of introduction to
me from Hon. Mr. Billings.

I accordingly paid him some ci-
vilities, and remained to dinner
with him. After which returned
to Simps, calling at Paul's on
my way, to inform him of what
I had done, in answer to Stacker
& Scott's letter. Richard is intimate
with Edw. Hays about getting his own,
and having been called out this morn^g
to give of Ball tomorrow Ev^g. he is
presently going today to his farm,
as he had otherwise intended.

1839 Feb 19th Tuesday. Simple.

Yesterday was most charming. Quite hot. and today the same.

This Am. I measured for Mr. Bissell, 53 Coon Rockwell's Wood. This P.M. it became overcast, and after dark, a few drops of rain fell. This Ev'g. I went up to Capt. Vanghans, with a Letter for him from Mr. Cannon, which informed him that his Application for a ferry Charter here, has failed of success. Thawing rapidly. Exceedingly muddy here. Mr. Rockwell went to Plattsville this M. with his team, to remain awhile. A job is shingling his roof. Mr. Nixon is getting his new building weatherboarded; and ⁱⁿ short, all kinds of out-door work can now be done to good advantage. I wrote several letters today. Some to Pittsburgh, enquiring about the prospect of exchanging White Lead for the pig. - also why sheet lead is not manufactured there, as also lead pipe. Read part of Bliss's Speech about Swartout this Ev'g.

1839 July 20 Wednesday Simipsee.

Very fine day. Thawing rapidly. Ice along the edges of the river rotting considerably. Davis (the water-hauler) and his Brother, came up from Sub Inguo, in a sledge, on the ice, this morn. to look at Simipsee.

Writing a little at my "Sketches".

Work going on, almost like in Spring.

July 21st Thursday Simipsee.

Heavy fog this morn. I asked David Ross whether the warehouse here, built by Desulhurst, was considered by the Capt. as being in his own charge, or that of the Co. He said, in that of the Capt. Col. J. Jones of Mineral Point arrived here about noon, on his way from Sub Inguo homewards. He had been at Prairie du Chien. Squire Vinyard went to Sub Inguo, and brought up the mail for us this P.M. He reports the ice getting quite rotten. Scarcely any frost at night at present. Col. J. Jones after dining here, proceeded to Mineral Point.

1839 July 22nd Friday Simpel

Foggy Thawing weather. H. P. Jones called on me this morn. to recommend him to Mr. Hall, to frame a stable for him, which I did accordingly. There was to have been a meeting here today of the Socy. but not a soul of them came near us. Car. Paul called this p.m. & told me he had only hauled a few stones for his well, before the ice became, as he thought, unsafe for a team. I have been looking over my files of Newspapers, for materials for my "Sketches."

July 23rd Saturday Simpel

Weather continues as on yesterday.

Squire Vinayard and I agreed this P.M. that it w^d be well for me to write to Mineral Point on the subject of calling a regular meeting of our Co. and accordingly I did so, to Col. D. M. Jones, enclosing a notice for insertion in the Free Press.

I took the letter down to Sent Eugene to
be mailed, having got W. B. Cell first
to sign the call for said Meeting.

The ice (upon which I walked
from here to Eagle Point) was fast
thawing, and no longer safe for
Horses, altho' this p.m. two
skiffs did pass down to the Point
from above. Found that Rich.
was up at his farm. This Evg.

I had a talk with W. Congue man
about our Rail Road and then
I went to the Printing office &
conversed with the hands there
on the subject of the cost of printing
my "Sketches"; and learned that J. W.
James & Co. Cincinnati were exten-
sive publishers. Tonight I call
on W. Ellis, at his Room at
Richard's, and had some chat
with him. ~~At~~ I got a
mail this Evg. but no letters.

1839 Feb 24th Sunday. Sub Bugie
Charming thawing day. I called
at the Printing office this Am. to
look over the papers. Saw that a
Memorial had been presented from
some of the American Citizens
in Oregon, praying Congress to
extend the care of the Govt over
them. This Ev. no mail arriv?
and I concluded to wait the result
of tomorrow. I attended preaching
tonight along with Mr. Ellis, and
heard Mr. Harris, the Carpenter,
preach - and also Mr. Goodrich,
who in his prayer alluded to Capt.
Allen, who is hourly expected to
die. The players left Sub Bugie
last week. The snow has
all disappeared and the ground
is thawed sufficiently to ad-
mit of being ploughed. Mr. Ellis,
& I had a talk about the Eng. language ^{to}

1839 July 25th Monday. Subarctic.
Most delightful day. Quite hot.
No mail arriving this AM. I went
up to Eagle Point, intending to cross,
but found the water has risen
so much that I could not get
upon the ice, which itself has
become very rotten along the edges.
I accordingly returned, and found
Richard had arrived only a few min-
utes before me, from his farm.
I was invited to a party at Mr. Hales
this eve. but did not go. Heard
this eve that James Sargworthy
had struck a lead a day or two since.

July 26th Tuesday. Subarctic & Spec.
Again a charming warm day.
I managed to cross the River at
Karnick's this PM with the mail car-
riers, and walked up to Simicee
where I found the ice had par-
tially started, and moved some of
the Rafts.

1839 July 27th Wednesday, Simicee.

Much colder. Froze pretty hard last night. This Am. I rode in company with Mr. Nixon to Janes-
town and got a mail. Mr. Nixon
went on to Galena and I ret?

I called at Vaughan's last night,
and learned that Milo H. had been
talking largely about the impropri-
ety of my carrying the mail myself &c.
The river has risen three feet or
upwards since thaw began.

July 28th Thursday, Simicee.

Froze pretty hard last night, and
today fine and clear, but frosty.

I brought up my diary to date.
Mr. Smead called to enquire for paper, &c.
Mr. Nixon ret? this p.m. from Galena;
and says he heard there that the River
was open, up to Rock Island. A large
space is now open here. The preacher
failed to arrive here today, accordg to his
intention.

1839. March 1st Simicee. Friday.

A second edition of winter has made its appearance, today having produced a few flakes of snow, and this evening becoming quite cold. I copied some matter for my "Sketches" from "Journal of a trip ^{to} the Falls of St. Anthony."

March 2nd Simicee Saturday.

Went this Am. to Camestown for the mail, but got no letters. Very cold riding. Waited there for the Stage to arrive from Starbuck's. This P.M. Jas Paul called at my office. There is beginning to fall a little. Last night it froze very heavily. I yesterday handed to Mr. Nixon the note which he gave to Mr. Madden against Chamberlain, but he refuses to take it back. I spoke to Paul about his taking the mail contract for supplying this office. He told me he had got his well dug. The cold now interrupts outdoor carpenter's work.

1839 March 3rd Sunday. Spee, & Sabague
Quite cold. I walked to Sabague
this Am. The ice ~~was~~ being now
very good again. Called at Pauls, &
looked at the well he has been dig-
ging. Saw Pot^t. Scott there, who
came down last Ev. from Richard's
farm. Rich^d? and Mr. Smith
went up last Sat. to look out a
claim for the latter. Richard
still up there. Found a letter from
M. Anne to Mama, proposing to
her and Papa to come and
live at Plymouth. Heard also
that Warner Lewis had last week
got a letter from Washington
informing of Mr. Worthington's af-
fair, which Mr. Lewis forthwith
made public, and consequently
Mr. W. is said to be off. Mr. Black
walked down with me this Am.
from Pauls, and then dined at Rich^d.

1839 March 4th Monday Sub. to Spec.

Cold, and very high wind, so much so that I could with difficulty get across on the smooth ice to Paul's. I got a letter of the mail this M^g. from Strachan & Scott, in consequence of which, Paul intends going at once to Chicago for his money.

I brought up the mail from Sub. Bugard to Spec. this P.M. Capt. Allen of the 1st Regt. died there last week.

March 5th Tuesday Simple.

Charming warm day. All work out of doors going on again finely.

I wrote ans^{rs} to Capt. N. Stever and to Maj. Phipps. On this day Serjeant Shiff. Cummings served a writ upon me at the suit of Alony Vickerson.

Mr. Lothrop called this P.M. with a parcel from Mr. M. Rand Esq. containing a lot of copies of articles of Association of L. & Co. Ice thaw. a good deal today.

1839 March 6. Wednesday Simpel

Most delightful day. Mr. Cole called this pm. and I sent a mail back by him to Ammestown. Mr. Nixon called at the office this evg. and I read him a part of Hon W. Clark's maiden speech in Congress. I arranged some of my newspapers & files in better order. Thawing very fast.

March 7th Thursday Simpel Ws.

Very fine and warm this morning: this pm. it rained a little, and became rather cool. I arranged some of my papers ready for taking Eastward; some to be bound, and some to be published.

Mr. Cole tele. me yesterday he was going to start for Erie, (to bring his wife here.)
March 8th Friday, Simpel.

Still thawing. Ice disappearing fast. This Am. I wrote Ed. "Madisonian" on subject of noticing the interests of the Territories, in his paper, and enclosing him

one of my published Rail Road Com^{ms}

This p.m. drafted a Memorial to Congress praying them to appropriate Lands for the Construction of a Rail Road from Lake Michigan to Western boundary of Iowa, to be considered as the first step in making a Rail Road to Oregon through the Public Domain.

March 9th Saturday, Sioux Falls.

Ice thawing now, see a good deal gone, and breaking up, opposite here, but still not open all the way across.

Revising Rail Road Memorial to Congress. Mr. Nixon rode up to Stough's Mill along with Vaughan.

Commenced writing that portion of my "Sketches" descriptive of Wisconsin.

Vaughan and others, are engaged in preparing to build about the "Wheat fields."

No mail taken to Subaque today, in consequence of difficulty in crossing the River.

1839 March 10th Sunday Simiper

This morning it began to snow, & enough fell to whiten the Ground.

Writing and reading nearly all day. This Evng. I walked down to Paul's to see what prospect there might be there for crossing the River. Found the ice all gone along shore, but not open in the middle of the stream. Saw Robt. Scott, who told me that Paul was to start from New England for Chicago, on Wednesday last.

March 11th Monday. Simiper

Quite blustering day. Some snow and hail, and this pm. I heard some distant thunders. Arranging extracts for the "Wisconsin" portion of my Sketches. Mr. Nixon & Vaughan ret. C. last evng. fromough's will be. Mr. Lane left Aquine Vineyard, and commenced boarding himself this morn. Heard that Mrs. G. is talking of going to live at Osceola. The thaw has been much checked yesterday & today.

1839 March 12th Tuesday Simpel.

Last night a heavy shower of rain fell - and it continued to come down during a part of this Am. - when it was raw and freezing.

This p.m. I walked down to Burns' Cabin to borrow a Roia paper, containing an account of the pine land in Wisconsin. The weather became quite warm this p.m. and consequences loosening the ice on the river.

Tonight there was quite a severe thunder storm, accomp^d by heavy rain. Ducks & Geese making their appearance. Squire Vineyard went this Am. to Platteville.

March 13th Wednesday. Simpel

This morning I observe that a large piece of ice opposite Vaughan's has broken loose, and lodged diagonally across the river, and about noon, the wind being high, it became librated, and floated down, and shortly afterwards the ferry here

was entirely free from any ice whatever,
for first time since last Nov.

Last evg. some of the men were
amusing themselves with rolling rocks
down from top of the bluff, when
one of them taking a wrong direction
struck Norton's house, & was well
nigh demolishing it. I am engaged
still with preparing my Wiscasset
"Sketches." Squire Vineyard returned
from Plattsville this evg. bringing a friend
along with him, ^{Mr Kendall} he reports that Mr Early
will not be here again to preach.

March 11th Thursday Simple & Dub.
Very fine day. This morning I
went to St. Regis along with Squire
Vineyard, Mr Kendall, Mitchell and
Jones via Pauls. We there got a canoe,
and crossed the river, being first time
this Spring that any one has crossed
there, by water. Arrived at St. Regis
I found that Mr Ellis had set out

from Bay the same day I was last in Dubuque.
Richard informs me that the Indians had
fire the Prairies and that one of his stacks
of Hay had caught in consequence, and burn
up. The Vermilion came up to O'Connell's
farmace yesterday from Fox River &
today is taking in lead there. She had
been just 24 months from the day she left
Dubuque last Novr, until she set
again, having been the last Boat up,
last season and got caught at the
mouth of Fox River, where she
wintered. I found a letter from
Hon. Mr. Doty at Dubuque, informing
me of his having got an appropriation
of Ten thousand dollars, through
the House for a Road from Racine
to Jimice. We set off to Jimice this
P.M. and met Nicholas Carroll & Vaughan
going to see Scott about Pauls claim.
I sent Williams down to see what they
would do. He reports they were very civil.

This Evng. Rev. Mr Stewart preached for
us, at Squire Vineyards. Mrs Jordan
and a party arriv'd today to visit Aydes.
Saw a letter from Mr Montgomery to Papa,
asking \$2000.00 for "M. & C. Lane," which
I declined, by a letter in reply.

No ice to be seen, excepting what is lay'd
on the Bay, or Islands.

March 15th Friday Simped Mrs.

Squire Vineyard went down to Sub.
again today, along with Capt. Holloway
and Rev. Mr. Stewart. I "cleaned up"
my office a little, preparatory to arrival
of our Co. Every variety of weather
almost, by turns, today, but on the whole,
not cold. It occurred to me today, to add
a "sprinkling" of Oregon to my "Sketches" - and
I accordingly wrote tonight to Hon. Mr.
Forsyth, Secy. of State, requesting Copies of some
of the public documents relating to that region.
Vaughan came this Evng. and got a pamphlet
from Capt. Varty, and one for "Judge" Peatrice.

1839 March 16th Saturday Simicee.

Very fine day. This Am. several of the Stockholders arrived from Mineral Point &c. and after dinner we met at Vaughan's. I was appointed Agt. of the Co. with power to sell certain stock. I was introduced to Messrs Barretts, Pilling, Rodolph, & Welch for first time. Captains Kane & Hill informed me about Messrs Fox of Corn. will probably engage at Mineral P. & March 17th Sunday Simicee & Sub.

This Am. the Stockholders all returned, after which Mr. Bigsell & I walked down to Centuque. We called at Paul's and found that he had ret. from Chicago on Friday night last, having arrang^d his business with Strachan & Scott.

Mr Bigsell & I called at Lawyer Davis's on our way down. This pm. the "Pavilion" arrived in Centuque, being first boat

from St. Louis this Spring. Soon after
here, came the "Ariel". Richard and I
went on board both of them (at Mr. Gay's
and I told the Captain I thought twice
would not prevent their getting up the
River. First arrival last Spring, was
27th of March.

March 18th Monday Simiped Reeds.

This Am. executed a deed to Enock
Brown for two lots, in Sangworthy sur-
vey for rather acknowledges the previous
execution, before Esquire Rupert.

James Paul came down this Am. &
he, Richard, and myself, talked over the
conditions on which the proposed Comm.
House should be opened at Simiped.

No mail from East of Galena. I got
from Paul, & ret. © to Mr. Kiggell the \$30.-
I got from the latter for 20. Days.

This pm. Paul, Clark, & I ret. © together
to Paul's, bringing over the "Iowa" Canal
from Mr. Davis's. At Simiped I found Capt
Ariel had ut. © again, from Paris.

1839 Mar. 19th Tuesday. Simiper
Sole Squire Vineyard a lot - \$25.-
Gave M. H. Prentice a Bond for his
2 lots, now built upon, after which
I went down with Vaughan to look
at the River at Burns Cabin. We
found the ice jammed a little above
there, so as to prevent Steamboats
from passing. This pm. having
a bad Headache, I took a nap
to cure it. Squire Vineyard told me
that Paul's Suit brought by Carroll
would be tried on Monday next.
Weather for several days past has
been quite seasonable, though occa-
sionally chilly. Mr Nixon went to
Mineral Pt. this morning about seeing
his Lawyer to bring Suit for title to his lots
here. Capt. A Hill started with
him, but returned soon, saying he
would wait here until a Boat arrived.
Spiaw Hyde sold his lot to Mr. Gray.

1839 March 20. Wednesday. Simpslee.

Ran unpleasant day. Wrote copy for certificates of lots, to be printed, also wrote article of Copartnership for Paul & Richard.

This P.M. assisted in "raising" Norton's frame, having just before advised with Paul, who came up to see me, about his trial for possible entry and detainer. Mr. Sublette arriv^d this evg. to see Capt. McGill, who is still here, waiting for his goods to arrive.

March 21st Thursday. Simpslee, Wis.

Very fine day. Square Vineyard went down to Subaque and back. Jas. Paul also went down, and brought up the Mail, first time under lock. It contained a letter from ~~James~~ Strachan & Co. for him, enclos^d a Certificate of deposit in Chicago Branch Bank for \$2,500. which he left with me to get cashed. Capt. Holloway came in to town this evg. and call^d at the office. I told him we had got a lot for him.

I rec^d. a letter of today's mail from Mr. Thos. Gregg
in ans^r. to mine^s about establishing a press
here. Also a letter from Stangle, dated
at Franklin, in which he states that Jas.
Kinnear is going to live in Ashland Co.,
Ohio. Mr. Nixon ret^d this evg. from
Mineral Point, where he says he has been
to consult his lawyer about his lots &c.
I commenced this evg. a letter to Anderson
and Thomson, ordering goods for Simicee,
March 22nd Friday. Simicee.

Yesterday I numbered the lots upon the plat
of Simicee, so far as they are now for sale.
Mess^{rs}. Goga and others, called yesterday pm.
to talk about getting lots.

This pm. I thence Squire Vineyard when
to commenced digging foundation upon
his lot opposite W. J. J. house: I also se-
lected several lots for Paul.

Most charming day. Saw the first Spring
flowers of this season. Squire Vineyard
"baiting" bees. Capt. Hill still here!

1839 March 23rd Saturday. Spec. & Dub.

Most delightful day. Jas. Paul came up this morning to see Squire Vineyard about Smead's not being able to attend as a witness on Monday next. I propos'd to Paul to let John Atherton come in, as a partner in the propos'd. Court buy-ings here, and to allow him $\frac{1}{3}$ of the profits for his attending to the concern, which Paul assented to. I went down to Lockwood this morning along with Mitchell and Evans, crossing in the "Hyde" Canoe at Smead's ferry. I attend'd to the arbitration between Lockwood and Cline about Presb. Church. also to some law matters with W. Berry. I commen-
ce a settlement with Alfred M. Daniel, but did not complete it. The "Hero" pass'd Simicee last night, on her way to Snake, and at 9 this morn. being just past Simicee, this season. At Lockwood, I saw the "Rio" and went on board. Richard came down from

his farm this P.M. and this Evg. he and I called
at Mr Bissell's to ask him about best mode of
getting Paul's Certificate of Deposit cash.
He said Rich^d? a letter to Capt. Gear
of Galena, and Richard will go by first boat
to see what can be done with the
Bank there, about it.

Mess^{rs} Gregory, Burke, and Cap, came
up by "his" and stopped at Richards.

I got a mail at Dubuque, and sent up the
letters & papers to Spee of Mr. Mitchell.

I got a letter from Mr. Frezignery, talking
of coming to live in Wis. also one from
Capt. Matthias acknowledging rec^t of my
Prospectus. also one from Gregg & Elliott
in ans^r to my inquiries about publishing
my "Sketches," & one from Belcher & Bayard
Dunning. I saw E. Hays this Evg at
Richards, having ret^d this week from Rock
River. Mr Bissell in fine spirits
about his Lead of Mineral. Mr. Gregory
informed me that Menefee had killed S. J. Sum-
ner of Ohio.

1839 March 24th Sunday. Sent. D. S. Kee,

This Mr. McDaniel called at Richards and gave me his notes for amt. of a acct. him. This P.M. I walked up to Simipsee. Waited some time at the ferry to make Paul hear me, & bring over the Canoe. Just as I got up to Simipsee, the "Rio" landed at Vaughan, on her way down, to let Mr. Leavenclay of Snake Diggings, get off.

Having learnt that Mr. Clay had been secretly engaged by Carroll to plead his suit against Paul, I started, & went to Paul's to advise him to get a Lawyer from Sent. D. I found Paul & Scott gone to bed. James agreed it would be best for him to go very early tomorrow to Sent. D. and try to bring up Hempstead.

Most delightful, mild, and moonlight night. I got back to the office, perhaps about 11 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Givins moved his family down to Simipsee today.

1839. March 25th Monday, Simicee.

Very fine day. Last night the Brazil arrived here, and landed O'Skill & Co's goods at Vaughan's landing, being first goods ever brought to Simicee from St. Louis. I was asleep when the Brazil was here, and knew nothing of it until this Morn^g after she had returned.

Sas Paul brought Mr. Crawford up, from Out Ingers to defend his suit against Carroll and others, which was tried this P.M. and decided in Paul's favor. Mr. Crawford came & sat, sometimes, in my office this Ev^g.
March 26th Tuesday. Simicee

Very delightful day. I propos^d to Mr. Prentice to leave our P. O. affair to the decision of the Citizens, and abide by their election on Monday next, to which he assented. Capt. O'Skill left here this morning to return home. I Yesterday saw Squire Carver for first time.

1839 Mar. 27th Wednesday Vinipel.

Not day. Sat with fire out, door open, and Coat off. Paul came up this morn and showed me another summons he had got from Carroll. The "Smelter" passed up about noon, to Parsons' ferry, and soon ret'd again. Did not call here.

This P.M. I gave Vineyard to let me that Judge Prentice had backed out from his agreement with me, to try our relative popularity for office of P.M. I accordingly called upon him, and he declined the test, saying that the population had changed since he was recommended!

Wesulhorst & Crabtree what home this P.M. This Ev'g. had a thunder gust. I wrote P.M. Grub. about the P.O. Paid Crabtree \$5. (Miners' Bank of Dub. payable at Cincinnati) in lieu of the note ret'd me by Wesulhorst last winter, being the same lot from H. Messersmith.

1839 March 28th Thursday. Simple
Dark Am. - Raining hard this Evng.

I commenced obtaining signatures to
my Post Masters Recommendation.

Called at Varghans and spoke to Mr
Black about it. Varghan absent
at Saneasters Court. Aydes Boys went
down this Evng. to perform at a dance
at Mr. O'Ferpals, about 8 o'clk.

March 29. Friday. Simple

Weather has become suddenly cold.
Very windy. I got some more signs
to my Recommendation.

Paul brought up the Mail Bag this
PM. but no mail in it.

I went down with him to Burns
Cabin, to get signs, & then to
his own house, & got some.

Returning, I called at a Winneba-
go wigwam, just above Burns'.

This Evng. called at Varghans, to talk
to him about my P. Masters affair.

1839 March 30. Saturday. Simple. D. D. B.

This P.M. I went to Seneads, and got some signers. Stopped to talk to Warren & Harris, who yesterday began to raise their first haul in the "wheat field"; also spoke to Ross & Lethrop, who are raising their frames on Senead Street (Min. Pt. St.). This P.M. I crossed at

Vaughan's and went to Sages Mill, and saw Mr. Lane about my P.D. affair, and afterwards went down to Senead Point, where I found (at Richards) two Phrenologists, & Mr. W. A. Brown of Charleston S. C.

I called this Evg. at Mr. Bissell's store, & saw there Dr. Jindley & Mr. Gregory. Fine hot day.
March 31st Sunday. Simple. D. D. B.

Very fine day. This P.M. Richard & I walked up to opposite Paul's - where not being able to get ferried across, we went on to McKnight's Furnace, where we parted: Richd. returning home, and I going to Vaughan's ferry, where I crossed.

1839 March 31st Sunday (Contin.) Simicee.

Mr. Culver arriv^d. This Evg. from Turkey
River with a raft. Mr. Mitchell act^d this Evg.
from Lancaster Court.

April 1st Monday Simicee

Very fine day. I walked with Mr.
Culver to look at the "Saw Ridge." He
has concluded to remain here until
he "draws" part of his Rafts. This AM.
I call^d at Vaughan's and got him
to request endowse Morfison's stock
in his favor, for use of Mr. Bissell.
This P.M. I call^d "Judge" Puntice
to account for a note he wrote me
about his reason for withdrawing
from our article of agreement
to submit our P.O. affair to the
decision of the people. Afterward,
he & Mr. Nixon had a quarrel
growing out of the same subject.
Dr. Campbell came in to town this Evg.
with Pray's family, thought a lot.

1839 April 2nd Tuesday. Simicee Wis.

Very fine day. Heard the frogs for first time on Sunday Evng last. Fires have not been wanted this week. This M^g I shew'd "Indy" Pruitce my adv^t to prove that I had used the style of "Simicee Co" long before he had, and, therefore, that I had every right to consider a letter so addressed, as intended for my personal.

April 3rd Wednesday. Simicee Wis.
Very delightful day. John Atchison came up last P.M. - and James Paul soon afterwards, with the mail, from Subaquas. Capt. Salloway came to Canal last Evng. with a load of Potatoes. John Atchison ret.^d to Subaquas this P.M. (along with M. Hewitt) who came up here on board the "Canaan", which land'd freight here this pm. for Paris, & then went on

for praise du chien. First time the Camden
has been in the Upper trade. Mr Roberts of the
Illinois Bank came up on her, and went
hence to Paris, along with his goods, in a
Mackinaw Boat which Eubius Langworthy
happened to arrive ^{with} whilst the Camden was
discharging. This Am. Vaughan sued
Gallagher, and I became his security / on
Vineyard's docket / for \$41. & odd cents.

This pm. Gallagher, Paul, & I went to
look at 80 acres of Land in Section 9, which
the first named person wishes to sell
for \$200,000 Cash.

Squire Adams from Point Point arriv^d
had this pm. with a pauper whom he
wishes to get a passage for, down the
River. I observed the trees this week
very perceptibly changing color, the result
of the unfolding of their buds.

Grass has been springing for ten
days past, or more. St. Charles passed
up this evg. on board the Camden.

1839 April 4th Thursday Simicee.

Most charming day. A slight shower about noon. This Evng. the Camden came down from Prairie du Chien, and took in some Lead at Vaughan's.

First Boat that has been above Snake this Spring. I wrote several Letters, as see Letter Book. Mr Nixon went to Fort Snodgrass and back. I was summoned to attend Paul's trial tomorrow. April 5th Friday Simicee.

Fine hot day. This Am. Paul came up from home, bringing a mail. This P.M. his trial with Carroll came on, but before going for with it, the Juff. confessed Capt.

Dr. Crawford attended for Paul, and set^o again to Fort Snodgrass this P.M. Paul, having seen those who have not signed my Recommendation for P.O. - made affidavit of their saying they did not wish me removed. This Evng. I called at Vaughan's, and saw Squard Noyes, who has been to Curango.

189 April 5th Friday (Continued)
Mr. Pray saw some sound garden seeds
today in front of my office.
A Stone-Mason, named Johnson, was
here today, from Galena, intending to
remain here. He says the Galenians
are becoming alarmed lest their navi-
gation should become spoiled, by
the constant accumulation of
deposits in the River.

April 6th Saturday Simple

Very warm day. Vineyard Esq. criticized
my recommendation about P.O. and
mailed it and a letter to Mr. Seal.

This pm went to Vaughan's, and had a talk with
Rich^d Carroll about his own Paul's Suit. He propo-
ses to let the matter be left to arbitrators.

I then went to Paul's, and told him, & he
concluded to go up to see Carroll, & I
crossed the River with Scott. Found Mr
Ellis at Richards who had cut off from Green
Bay this week. Found also a Mr Starnet

and two daughters there. This Evng. I call^d our
mail to Mr. P. M. Morrison, contg a letter
to some News, to advertise letter on hand at
me of last quarter. This Evng. the Lipy
and Flora arriv^d at Urbana - The
sermons having come in before.

Genl. Schen came home from Wash-
ington on board Flora, accomp^d by
Mr. & M^{rs}. Leonard, who went to Richards.

I heard this Evng. from Cal. Engle at Phil-
ada - and also from J. J. Petrick, returned
a prospectus with several names.

Called this Evng. at Printg office & Mr. Bam-
ister proposed to come and start a pa-
per at Simpel, after having showed
me a notice respecting Mr. Geo. S. Berrins.

Ascert^d that Genl. Jones has just home
today from Washington.

The trees are becoming quite green, and
flowers are abundant. The River is ri-
sing fast. Went this Evng. to show William
son my house adjoining the "Cottage".

1839 April 7th Sunday Sub & Simicee.
Very fine day. This Am. I went
to Quarterly Meeting, and heard Elder
Weed preach. Spoke to Capt. Gehon
about Cos. Turner's application to be
appointed deputy Marshal for Scott
and Clinton Co's.

This P.M. out with Paul's, to Simicee.
I found Capt. O'Neil there. The Lipsey had
been up today with his freight, and had
gone on to Prairie du Chien.
As told me that W. Maddam was bring-
ing a stack of dry goods to Simicee.

April 8th Monday. Simicee.
Raining most of the day. This P.M.
I went down to Paul's to attend to the
arbitration of Carroll, Buehly & Bourne's in-
terest in his claim, which was decided
by Givens, Hyde & Prentice, that Paul
should pay \$125.— for all their interest.
Capt. O'Neil out this Morn. to Min. Point.
Several strangers at Vinland's today.

1839 April 9th Tuesday Simpel Wis.

This Am. I drew up a deed for conveyance of Carroll, Brophy & Bourne's interest in "Cameron" to St. Paul, and the deed was executed and acknowledged. This P.M. I went with old Mr. Hyde and Spyan, to show them my 40 acres - upon which they had thought of mining, as well as gardening. Whilst on the top of the Bluff there we discovered a Steam Boat, coming up, which proved to be the Pavilion, with freight for Mr. Charley of Paris, which was consigned to Simpel. I see^d it, and had it stored in Co's Warehouse. The Pavilion proceeded to Prairie du Chien.

About 8 O'Clock this Evg. the Lipsy came down, and I shipped 50 pigs head by her to Charley's Store for Russell & Co. Mr. Marshall (Carpenter), came up on Pavilion and told me that Mr. Maddin had set^o on her from the East, and had got a stock of goods coming on for Simpel. Raining, in hard showers, this P.M. but warm.

1839 April 10th Wednesday, Simice
Shower. This (M^o) I went down to Pauls
to tell him that Carroll wanted to sell his
claim below Pauls for \$200.00

This P.M. J^r. Campbell called, and paid
me Balance due upon his lot, and I gave
him a certificate for it, dated 1st inst.
Afterwards, Rayst I went over to Eagles
to see about getting some lumber.

I found that Mr. Rago had gone to
Oscola. We rode to Peru, on our return,
in Mr. Merchants Wagon: he is moving
there. We had some difficulty in
crossing the river back again, in
consequence of the winds.

I found on my return that Gen. Long
had been to pay us his first visit
since his return from Washington.
He left a letter for me from Jas.
Barr, who says there is some prospect
of Gen. Longs and his coming to do bus-
iness at Simice.

1839 April 11th Thursday Simple
Dark day. I finished a letter to Hon. Mr.
Coty enclosing a detailed statement of
my P.O. affair with Mr. Burtles.

Rivers continuing rising fast. I quitted
Vineyard commenced this morn. plastering
his house. Paul brought the mail up this
Evng. from Dubuque. Some Plastermen from
the Wisconsin called this Evng. to offer to sell
me some fine lumber. Expectg Pavilion
down all day - but did not arrive. Her ^{keel}
is now loaded with lead, waiting for her.

April 12th Friday. Simple
Cleared up, quite fine. Water rising fast
up to Mr. Bissell's Cord Wood. Recd a letter
from Capt. Bear, stating that the Bank
at Salina will let us have money in a week.
Capt. Vaughan putting up a fence round his
lot adjoining Co's. Warehouse.

The Sonnetter passed up this PM
to Snake hollow. I have been expectg
all day to see the Pavilion down.

1839 April 13th Saturday Gimpee.

Very fine day. Pavilion landed here this morning about breakfast time, & took off her ^{small} ~~small~~ ^{boat} ~~boat~~ of lead with her. She also ~~sent~~ ^{brought} down the remainder of the Goods for E. Charles which were not deliv^d as she went up. I went down to Leut Bogue on board of her. Mr. Ellis went down from Leut Bogue to Burlington on her.

The Smelter came down this P.M. and laid all night at Leut Bogue. The Nere came up to Leut Bogue this Ev^g from below. Mr. Seamed & I went on board of her. Mr. Taylor of Ind^a arriv^d today at Richards, and talks of consigning us some Flour &c. to sell. Rich^d came down from his farm this P.M. I talked to George King this P.M. about his seeing Mr. Morgan of Burlington on the subject of estab^lishing a press at Gimpee.

April 14th the Sunday. St. Auguste de. de.
Charming day. After breakfast I
started for Elk Cou, via Emeads and
Siniper, to see Mr. Maddin. When I
arriv^d at his house, I was told that he
had started this morning for Siniper.
I then put up, for the night, at Mr.
Messersmiths - first time I have been
there since he kept the house. Saw, I
believe, all his family there. He told
me that he did not think Mr. Maddin
had gone to Siniper today.

The Sters left St. Auguste this morn.
on his way up the River - I ret^d tonight.
April 15th Monday Siniper.

Very fine day. After breakfast, left
Messersmiths and went to Mr. Maddin's;
found him at home, and had a
long talk about Siniper &c.

He agreed to let me have the "Cas
Mans House", and requested me to
have his own fitted up, to receive his

dry goods. I left him before noon, and rode
to Paris to collect Frt. from E. Charles, on
his goods from St. Louis. At Paris saw
Mr. Taylor of Ind. again, along with
a Mr. Bell. Leaving Paris I return. via
Brooks' to Siniper, after dark.

Found the River still rising. The Ariel
- I am told, passed up this morning.
This Ev. Will ask me for Prentice's
letter, for first time. Squared Vineyard
went to Platteville this morning.

April 16th Tuesday Siniper & Sub. S.
Very fine day. Mrs. Prentice called for
and got her husband's letters this
morning, and Mr. Prentice soon an-
nounced that he was appointed P.M.
in my stead. I soon afterwards
rode down to Bentons, having prom-
ised Mr. Allan of St. Louis that I would
see him, and assist, if necessary, in
getting him a stand to do business in
at Bentons. I this P.M. introdu-

ed him to several of the Citizens.

I saw Genl Jones this Morn and showed him the letter which Purdie had sent me this Morning by his hands, for me to deliver to him whatever there might be for him in the office.

I afterwards called on Mr. Swelle for first time. He showed me his Maps &c. and then we went to look at some of my lots. Saw Hewitt (in Sub.) and he talked to me about Richards buying his yoke of oxen, which he afterwards did.

April 17th Wednesday Sub. & Free.
Most delightful day. I walked up to opposite Pauls, and he crossed me in a Canoe. Saw Rot^h who is sick - and then went on in the Canoe beyond Jones' Cabin - the Water being now so high as to prevent traveling on foot along the bottom.
Mr. Calver came with me to Eagle P^t.

Just as we got to Mr. Davis' Barn, the
hay near it accidentally got on fire from
a match which Mr. Marshall had lighted
his Cigar with. With some exertion,
we fortunately extinguished the flames,
before they had done much damage.

This Ev. Mr. Milo St. Prentiss calls,
along with Squire Vineyard, to show
me his appointment as J.P.

I told him he should have every
thing belong. to the office tomorrow.

I got a lot of pine lumber this P.M.
from Capt. Halloway for Mr. Maddin's
store. River continues to rise.

April 18th Thursday. Viripsee.

A delightful day. Culver left here
this M.g. for home, taking with
him a bill of lumber to be saw.
for our beam house.

The Jayette arriv. after dark this Ev. in
15 days from Pittsburgh, bringing from
thence Mr. Maddin's dry goods.

I made out my Post Office Returns to date, & gave them to Prentiss to be mailed. I also gave up to him all articles belonging to the office; my duties as Th. ending with yesterday.

River still rising. Mr Nixon raised a small frame this P.M. adjoining the one he put up during the winter.

The Fayette went on to Cassville tonight. April 19 Friday. Simple W. is.

Very fine day, but rather colder than it has been lately. The Glauens passed up this morning, soon after sunrise, being her first appearance above the lower Rapids.

James Paul came up this morning. He says that Robt. Scott is a little better. I spoke to him about his coming up here to assist in attending to the business of the contemplated store, suggesting that John Stewart perhaps might undertake, at present, to conduct Mr. Mackin's new store. The Fayette set off from Cassville this P.M. unexpectedly to me, as I had not looked for her until tomorrow. I

went down on board of her to Sinking -
where I got supper, and then proceeded
with her to O'Ferrall's furnace, where we
remained all night, taking in lead.

The Brazil was at Sinking when we
got there, and she returned during the
night. Mr. Allan went down on
board of her, to St. Louis.

April 20th Saturday. Galena Ill:
Left O'Ferrall's Furnace (on the
Fayette) after breakfast, and went to
Galena, where I called on Maj^r. Legate
with Mr. Maddin's acct. which the Maj^r.
could not pay. He went with me
to the Bank, and I got Paul's Certifi-
cate of deposit cashed, out of which
I paid Mr. Maddin's freight. I after-
wards called on Mr. Carpenter, about
his timber; and then went with Mr.
Taylor (of Ind.) down to his store,
where he sold me a Bbl. of his super-
ior flour, for \$8.50. In Fever river

This morning, we met the Camden and the Delmore, both of which passed up the River, about Sinipec. At Galena, we found the Brazil, the Glaucus, and the Pizarro, the Glaucus having come down last night (as well as the Brazil.)

The Pizarro is now on her way up, for the first time. I slept, at Galena, on board the last named, - intending to go to Suburgu on her tomorrow.

April 21st Sunday. Galena & Sub.

Left Galena, after Breakfast, on the Pizarro, and arrived at Suburgu, after we had eaten dinner. A good many Galenians came over on her, on a "pleasure trip." She is a very fine boat, belonging to the Parries.

Yesterday and today have been most delightful. I became acquainted, yesterday, with W. McKee of College Prairie, Mo. - on board the Fayette - a very intelligent & agreeable man.

The Grill came down this P.M. from St. Peter's. Reports the water falling.

Tonight I saw some Indians near O' Ferrall's warehouse, & got into conversation with the Chief, who began by asking me "How much?" - pointing to one of his Squaws. Mr. Ellis started for Green Bay this Evg. via Galena.

Rich^d came down this Evg. from his farm. Kangle & his son arriv^d. at LeuRogue of Fayette, on 18th Aurt. from Pittsburgh.

April 22nd Monday LeuRogue.

Very fine day. A fine thunder shower this Evg. I remained in LeuRogue all day, chiefly to bargain with Galalahah about the purchase of his 80 acres of land. This P.M. I visited the Catholic Church, where the Court is now in session. Saw Judge Wilson presiding - first time I have seen him on the bench. Saw Major Shaw at Mr. Bissell's Store: he has just arriv^d.

bed with his family, from St. Louis.

April 23rd Tuesday. Out to Simps.

Very fine day, but very windy. I this
Am. got Gallahan to sign a deed
to Paul, for his 80 acres of land, and
got his acknowledgment before J.
Mason who had just qualified be-
fore Judge Wilson. This P.M. I

came up to Simps via Sweads.

Boals & Burderson came across
with me. At Simps I found Mr.
Hawthorn arriv^d. to attend to Mr Maddins
store. also Crabtree assisting the
other Carpenters in getting the shelves
&c. ready. River has been falling
since Friday night.

April 24th Wednesday. Simps

Richard came up about noon, from San
Bueno, and I went with him to show
him the 80 acres purchased for Paul
from Gallahan. He returned again
this Evng. Delightful day. River falling.

Paul called to see me this morn. I told him I
had got his money from the Galena Bank,
and that I had bought the land from Calla-
han. I told Paul the price of him to pay
out on E. Charles' goods. Punties went
down to Cut Bay this morning.
April 25th Thursday Pimlico.

Very fine day. The Lipy arrived this
morning about breakfast time,
bringing a second lot of Mr Maddin's
goods. The Boat went on to St. Peter's.
Mr Maddin arrived here himself this
pm. from the ground. He talks of
removing his, and we went to look at
some ground near the spring at Vaughan's
old Cabin, where he thinks of building.
Squire Vineyard's porch was raised this
pm. Mr Johnson from Belmont came
in today to make some purchase of
goods, and accordingly Mr. Hawthorn
opened some of the boxes and supplied
him. I took some dinner at Vaughan's
to keep Mr. Maddin company.

1839 April 26 Friday Simps.

Charming Weather. Yesterday Mr. Phillips
from near Belmont, came in, to get
some pine lumber. This morning
the Carpenters began to secure Mr. Maddin's
Store & Stair from spreading, by means
of Iron "Gripes." Last night, after Mr.
Maddin left the office, I counted over
Paul's Money, & ascertained it to be correct.
This AM Mr. Maddin got me to ride to
Simeon's Mound to borrow some mo-
ney for him from Genl. Jones. I found
the Genl. at home. First time I had ever
been at his house. He introduced me to
his sister, Miss Jones, whom I discovered, to my
surprise, to be from Beeknock, South Wales,
and well acquainted with Mr. Williams
of Syffrin. Whilst at the Genl's the R. Rev.
Bishop Loras & Rev. Mr. Mazzuchelli called, &
took dinner. The Genl. informed me that
he wished me to accept the appointment
of A/c to the Major General, which latter ^{5th}

uation he now occupies. I told him I felt
honored by his presence, and that if he
thought me not too incompetent, I should
be glad to send him, provided he should
not hereafter be able to obtain some one
more suitable. In which event, I begged
him not to consider me in the way at
all. As he rode back with me part of
the way, where he went to Gregoire's farm,
and I returned to Simple the Genl
had a daughter born this morning -
which, I believe, is his first female child.
The matter is now becoming actually hot.
L'Intendant still absent, at La Baye.

M^r Spadine sat in my office a while
tonight, and gave a humorous account
of a dinner party he attended at a
M^r Pratt's in Chiladⁿ.

He also acknowledges, that his trip to the
East, has changed his views as to the expedi-
ency of encouraging the project of a
Road from the Lake to the Mississippi.

1839. April 27th Saturday Simplified It is
a most lovely summer day. I yesterday spoke
to Mr. Madrain to find me a board for the
lot we proposed to build a ware house
upon, but he said he could not do it
until A. Hill & Co. should make a divi-
sion of the property. Carpenters still
busy fitting up Mr. Maddens store.

He returned to Elk Grove this P.M.

Fine Showers this P.M. - Vegetation advan-
cing very rapidly. The Pavilion ar-

rived this P.M. with our first consignment
from Anderson & Thomson. I request-
ed Capt. Griffith to defer the delivery un-
til his return tomorrow, as it was rain-
ing, and the Landing out of order. The
Boat accordingly went up to Snake
Hollow. Anderson & Thomson's letter
(of 20th Curt.) states that Mr. Anderson
and his wife has just arriv'd from
the East. Mr. Spread, of Calumet, came
up in the Pavilion, and went to his Car-
riage, to stay all night.

1839 April 28th Sunday. Simps
Most charming day. Mr. Imead arriv^d.
early this morning from his Cousins,
to return to Galena & Swition, which
arrived soon after dinner, and deliver^d
our first goods from Anderson & Co. at
this place. I sent my trunk down by
her to Cent. Burgin, to be ready for me to
start thence to St. Louis. I remained at
Simpson all day - put the goods into the
Company's Warehouse. Paul came up
this P.M. about dusk, Capt. O'Neil
and the two spejs^m Perdreawille arriv^d at
Vineyard's Hotel, from Galena.

April 29 Monday. Simps
Fine warm showery Spring day. I walked
with Mr. Perdreawille to the "Sand ~~ridge~~ ridge"
with which, as well as the town generally, he
is much pleased. I drew up a petition
to the County Corns to establish an Election
Precinct at Simps, and got it very gener-
ally signed. I got Equid Vineyard to certify

the acknowledgment of Carroll, Beaply, and
Bourne to Paul's deed for his "Canadian"
Claim - They having made it in his pres-
ence. - See second time page.

Judge Sumner and Lady, and Mr. & Mrs.
Maddin and daughter, along with Capt. & Mrs.
Sethurst - all arriv'd about noon, from
Elk Crow.

This M. the S. a. Company
met in the large Warehouse here, and
Judge Sumner presided, whilst I was
appointed Secy. - Carl Jones was
present, and introduced a Resolution, provin-
ding for the reservation of 3 acre of land
at each of the two high Springs in the
Eastern part of the Town.

Mr Sawthorn got his store finished this
Evg. for putting up Mr Maddin's goods.

Mr. Penticost came up this Evg. from sub.
and brought several of the back mails -
and in them I rec'd sundry letters.

Mr. Strong and another Gentleman from Racine
stopped all night at Squid Vineyards.

1839 April 30th Tuesday. Simps^d Wis.

Very fine day. This Am. Paul came up, and after dinner went down to see what had become of John Arthurton. He found John, and R.P. at his house, and then they all came up together, and began to open the Goods at their Warehouse here.

Judge Gunn and Lady, and Capt^{ns} O'Neill & Desulhorst all out? this Am.

This M^o Aquid Vineyard, Desulhorst, and I, Examined the wheat field, as a Committee to determine whether another street should be opened through it, and we concluded to recommend one.

This Am. W. Maddin and Capt. O'Neill made a division of some of the lots near the Landing, including the one I proposed to build the Warehouse on for ourselves.

Richard returned home this Ev^g.

I went this Ev^g. to look at the new goods W. Hawthorn is opening in W. Maddin's Store.

May 1st Wednesday. Simps & Dub.

I this morning got Mr. Madden to sign me a certificate for the lot we are going to build the Warehouse upon. The Gipsy called this morning at Simps, on her way down. About noon I started for Dub. via Imeads, and this pm. I attended to making an arrangement with Mr. Berry about sundry law business for us. Slept at Hickards. Very fine day.

May 2nd Thursday Dub. Galena &c.

Left Dub. early this morning on board the ~~Madison~~ Madison - (which yesterday passed Simps on her way to Prairie du Chien) - and went to Galena, where we remain until afternoon, when we start for St. Louis. Mr. Sicy. Conway & Col. Ingle were all aboard with me. Fine weather. Got to the head of the Rapids tonight.

1839 May 3rd Friday. Parkhurst &c. &c.
This Morning our Boat left Parkhurst
and crossed the upper rapids.

We landed for a short time at
the foot of the Rapids, and then pro-
ceeded. Lightened the Boat at the
head of Lower Rapids, and laid all
night at Peabuck. We walked
down a short distance to look at
some Indians encamp^{ed} there.

This morn. & last nig. rather cold.
This pm becoming pleasant again.

May 4th Saturday. Warsaw &c. &c.
Left the lower rapids early &
landed at Warsaw; afterwards
at Quincy, where we went on
shore. Col. Ingraham went to
look at the "Quincy Hotel," a no-
ble building. We waited at
the Quincy Mill for some time,
taking in Corn. Very fine day,
but quite windy.

1839 May 5. Sunday. St. Louis.

Charming day. Arriv^d at
Alton about ten Am. where we
stopped for a short time, & got
to St. Louis, about noon.

I looked about me to get lodging,
but remained all night on
board. This P.M. went with Mr.
J. B. Russell to see the Corner
Stone of a Catholic church
laid — and afterwards took a
walk in Vanhall Garden.

This Ev^g. I went to the Presby-
terian Church.

May 6th Monday St. Louis.

After breakfast on board the
boat, I called at Anderson's
& found only Mr. Farnam; but
soon afterwards, was introduced to
Mr. Thomson by Mr. Anderson.

This Ev^g. Mr. Farnam & I went to
see Forrest perform Virginia.

1839 May 7th Tuesday St. Louis.

Laid off a lot of groceries &c. at A. & S's. and selected some of Books for Mr. Maddin. Commenced boarding at Nourse's yesterday at dinner, & slept last night at Mr. Farnam's room, which he has kindly offered me the use of during my stay in St. Louis.

This Evg. he & I went to enjoy ourselves at Vauxhall.

May 8th Wednesday. St. Louis.

Bought some Butter - some soap, at Charles & Plaw's - a Bill of tin, Ward &c. &c. and got them all ship^d. This P.M. on board the Pizarro, which left this Evg. Met Hy Bagg in the street this P.M.

This Evg. Mr. Farnam & I went by invitation to play a game of Whist at Mr. Anderson's, where we saw Mr. R. & Miss Maitland.

1839 May 9th Thursday. St. Louis.

The weather, ever since I arriv^d.
here has, been very hot & clear,
until today, when it has been, still,
hot, but overcast rather.

This Am. I made some pur-
chases at Auction, also some
Quercus at Watson's - and got
them ship^d on board the Glances.

I have met with a good many
S. W. citizens here this week.

This PM. I rec^d. from Richard my
bundle of Keys which I had inad-
vertently left behind, when I start-
ed from S. W.

This Morn. Mr. Farnham went out
to do some writing, and I remained
at his room to bring up Lee way
in my diary since end of April.

Madame Casadon Allan is now
in St. Louis, giving concerts, and
attracting much applause.

1839 May 10th Friday. St. Louis

Called at Stetinius & Samuays to enquire about price of pork, and afterwards went on board the Hero to ascertain the state of the Rapids &c. This Evg.

I attended the Theatre to see Johnson perform Metamora. Went home to Mr. Anderson's, in company with him and his wife & Sister-in-law. Rather showery day.

May 11th Saturday. St. Louis.

Fine day, but showery. This pm, I went on board Glauco, to take leave of Frazit & Dixon, who are returning to Dubuque on board of her.

I dined at Mr. Thorneon's, expecting to meet Mr. Sads, but the weather prevented his being there.

I got a letter from Bissell & Co. this Evg. requesting me to make some purchases for them. Mr. Anderson this Evg. gave me some References, to put on our Card.

1839 May 12. Sunday St. Louis
Rainy Day. I was this Morn. intro-
duced to Mr. Stevens, a friend of Samy
M. Sanderson. I went with Mr.
Farnam to the Catholic Church,
from whom I accomp. Mrs. An-
derson & her sister to their home.

This Morn. I went to the Methodist
Church and heard a Sole preach.
He is going to give Lectures about
Napoleon & his times. Say Col.
Schmarnovsky.

May 13 Monday St. Louis.

Looking over my Mss: "Sketches"
25 of Iowa. This Morn. Mr.
Farnam and I sat at his
room; did not go out anywhere.

May 14th Tuesday St. Louis.

I called on Mr. Knapp and
on Mr. Meach on the subject of pub-
lishing my "Sketches." Made Mr.
Knapp a proposition which he

said he would consult his partners
about, and let me know.

I this Ev. went with Mr. ^{W. C.} Armstrong
to see Forrest perform
Spartacus in the Gladiator.

Wrote the "Joan of a lover".
Had a headache. Sent a copy
with Mr. Knapp to print some
Cards from foot. P. P. & A.

May 15. Wednesday St. Louis.

Quite sick. In bed
all Am. at dinner met
Genl. W. R. Smith - and this pm
took a walk with him to the
upper end of the City. He pre-
sented me a copy of his work on
Wisconsin. I felt worse

this Ev. and eat no supper.

Maybe Thursday. St. Louis

Eat no breakfast - but felt a good deal
better than yesterday. Went with Genl.
Smith on board the Brazil, which

arriv^d. This Am. from Cincinnati.

This P.M. went on board her
again, and saw Mr & M^{rs} Stea-
tor and Miss Krouse.

This Am. called on Mr. Knapp
who agrees to do my printing
(of "Sketches"), and this pm. I gave
him some Copy. Got 20
Cards from him for P.P. & A.
and put some of them up in
different Steam Boats &c.
Weather has been cool for some
days, for the Season & Situation.

May 17th Friday, St. Louis

This Evg. Genl. Smith, Mr. Sumner,
and myself went, by invitation, to a card-
party at Mr. Anderson's.

This P.M. I met in the Street, Mr.
Peters, formerly of Philadelphia.

Genl. Smith is detained here, in conse-
quence of the Boats going up the M^o.
River, and taking his Baggage off.

1839 May 18th Saturday. St. Louis.

Called at the Printing to see how my
work progresses. I wrote the Preface
and title page for it this morning,
and took it in. Yesterday I called
with Genl. Smith at the National, &
was introduced by him to Mr. Morell,
who has just been appointed Chief
Eng^r. for Me. Genl. Smith sat
with us at Mr. Sarnan's room
this Evg. and, at about bedtime,
~~I walked down to the wharf with~~
~~him to see whether the "Vermont"~~
~~had returned. Found she had not.~~
May 19th Sunday St. Louis

I felt quite unwell this Morn.
did not eat any Breakfast. Went
to the Episcopal Church. Genl. Smith
sat with us again this Evg. & about
bedtime I walked down with him
to enquire if "Vermont" had ret^d but
found it had not.

1839 May 20. Monday. St. Louis

I called this morning to obtain
the agency of Gappington's Pills - and
also to get that of Brandenb's - which
I expect I shall do. Got this morn-
ing my first proof sheets from the
Republican office. This PM. I
called with Genl Smith on Mr.
McGwire - who attends to the sale of Iron
&c. for Sligo Works - & he agreed to let
me have an assortment for General
Training here this Evng. The American
came down this PM. from St. Vienna
Ohio, but brought me no letters. I attend-
ed an Auction of Clothing this Morn-
ing in market St. and bought some
Vests & Pants. Heard this Evng. that
Mr. Gypsum had come down to my
farm near R. Genl Smith en-
gaged his Passage today on board
Gipsy for Galena. Rives (rising)
Celeste appears tonight at the theatre.

1839 May 21st Tuesday St. Louis

Genl. Smith started today for Ga.
Cora & Eisey. I dined on board
the "Pavilion" by which, I am, this day,
shipping some goods. I called this
P.M. on Mr. McGwire and made
out a list of Iron &c. which he will
send up to us to sell for him. He in-
troduced me to Mrs. McGwire.

This Ev. Mr. Farram & I went to
visit the "Broadway Cottage" & got
some Ice Cream, & Strawberries.

May 22nd Wednesday St. Louis

Raining a good deal today.
I wrote a draught of a letter for
Anderson & the rest to Mr. Sar-
tes of Cincinnati, about obtaining
a loan from his Bank. This Ev.
I bought a lot of goods at Auction
(at Scotts.) Attending a good part
of every day to my "Sketches" now in the
course of publication.

1829 May 23 Thursday. St. Louis

Very warm day. I agreed with Mr. Essey to bind a lot of my "Sketches". Called this morning at Scott's Auction Store, & settled my bill there, & got my goods put in a box.

Very warm. Mr. Farnsworth & I took each a bath this Ev'g. Got this morning the Agency for Brandreth's Pills & Sac^o. a supply of the article.

May 24th Friday St. Louis

I got Sunday letters from Rich^d. of "Hero" & "Gov. Clark" last Ev'g.

This Morn'g I met with Mr. George P. Phelps, who told me that Russell had slandered him falsely in the News.

Called on Charles & Blaw, who agreed to let me have a Bill of exchange on 24 Mo's. Got some more flour today at Atkinson's. Raining hard this Morn'g.

Took tea at Mr. M^r. Gwires. Got his Bill of Iron & nails &c, which he has this day shipped for us of "Pizarro."

1839 May 25th Saturday St Louis.

Raining this Morn. Mr. Atkinson introduced me to Washburn & Co. from whom I got a lot of shoes & Boots. I shipped these, and a lot of goods from Atkinson's, & a Box my goods, this P.M. on board "Pizarro". This P.M. I went to look at a new patent plough just arriv^d. here.

Rec^d. this P.M. of Cicola a letter from Maria & a package of newspapers.

May 26 Sunday St. Louis

Went to the Catholic Cathedral this Am. after having first gone on board "Pizarro" and "Brazil" - the latter being just going to start for Cincinnati. This P.M. Mr. Farnam & I walked out to the "Camp Spring Retreat" - and soon after we ret^d. a violent storm came on.

1839 May 27 Monday, St. Louis.

This am! I got a few articles from Anderson & Thomerson, put on board "Pizarro", & she soon afterwards started for St. Louis. Cold & showery weather.

This Evg. I went to see Celeste Bene-
fit, & I was soon joined by Mr. Farnam.
Called on Stimpson and Sichter, and
handcd P.P. Cas. Cas. They said they
did not consider any jobs in their line.
May 28, Tuesday, St. Louis.

This Am. went on board the "Mon-
soon" to send up a letter & Dr. Brandt's
Certificate of Agency. Called on
Wood Stacker & Ed. Van Lear Esq. to
leave cards. Both said they did not con-
sign. This Am. called on Supre
to inquire about cost of lithographing a
map of Iowa. This Evg. went with
Mr. Anderson on board the "Maid of
Orleans" a few minutes after her land-
ing here for first time. Went this P.M.
to see a patent Shingle Machine exhibited.

1839 May 29th Wednesday St. Louis.

Called this morn again on Mr. Culp, & agreed with him to lithograph a map of Iowa for me, at \$35.- for the stone, and \$4.00 @ 100 for the printing & paper. Got some maps at Meek's to assist Mr. Culp in executing mine.

Called at Col. Seaman's office to deliver my letter of introduction, but did not find him in. Left one of P.P. & A's. cards at the agency for Beckwith's Pills, & another at Beeforest's stone store.

This morn. Mr. Elayis called to see Mr. Farnham, & I had a long talk with him about Huntington, of which place he is a native.

Still busy with my "Sketches" (in press.) This morning examined the new steamer, "Maids of Orleans", which is a very fine boat. Miss America Vespucci is now in St. Louis.

1839 May 30 Thursday St. Louis.

Rec^d. This M^g of "Espy" a packet
of letters from home. Rich^d states
that the water of the River has
been up to the door of my office at
Girardeau. This P.M. quite busy with
attending to the printer, and during
good part of the P.M. also.

This M^g deliv^d my letter of introduction
to Col. Learned, who received me
very politely. Afterwards called on
Mr. DeForest, who agreed to send
up some stones on consignment
The ag^t of Beckwith's Pills also agreed
today to supply P.P.A. with that article.

This ev^g. Called on ag^t. for sale
of Morrison's pills &c. who also agreed
to let them have a supply of his article.

Called this P.M. on Mr. Dutro
who is getting on fast with my
Map of Iowa. Made out a list at
A. & Thomson's this P.M. of more articles
in their line for P.P.A.

1839 May 31st Friday, St. Louis

Very fine day. Weather warm again
This morning, I made a Bill of dry
goods at Mr. Rogers' - and another of dry
at Charles & W. Blom's: got also an in-
voice from Mr. de Groust of a lot of
stones which he has shipped to P.P.O.
today, on board Lipay. I called today
again at Mr. Dupre's to see how my
Snap gets on, and add a few names
of places to it. This evg. Mr. Gannet
called to see Mr. Jarman.

I read more proof today, at the Printg
office. Shipped some goods out
board Lipay this P.M. but she has
concluded not to start till tomorrow.
This evening, Mess^{rs} Anderson & Thomson
were to have been at Mr. Jarman's room
to play whist, but they did not
appear. Pct. O'Maha is here buy-
ing goods: also Mr. Russell from Sen
St. Louis.

1839 June 1st Saturday St. Louis

This morning I attended to getting
remains of the drugs put on board
Gipsy - also got a lot of stone-ware
from Watson, and having got all
on board, she left this p.m.

This p.m. I got a proof of my
map from Mr. Cupie - also read
more proof of my "Sketches."

Fine warm day. Saw Mr. Mallet
this morning, who has just arriv^d.
from Antwerp, and he told me
Mr. Mochizer had come down with
him, in pursuit of his husband.

June 2nd Sunday St. Louis.

Raining this morn. I went to Pres-
byterian Church, and heard Rev. Mr.
Aurphy of Amherst College Mass.

This p.m. Mr. Tamam & I walked
to Vanshell, and saw a fine display
of cherries on the trees. This ev. I
went to Pres. Church again, and
heard a sermⁿ believed to be from Louisville.

1839 June 3rd St. Louis. Monday.

Sat. Ev. took tea on board Mon:
soon, and today sent a sheet
of my "Sketches" to Mr S. Burke Fisher
by her, at Pittsburg. Attending to my
map at Mr. Leupre's, correcting the
errors in the copy. also attending to
my "Sketches." This Ev. went to
Market to look after some Cased, but
found the prospect dull of getting any.
Played Chess this Ev. with Mr.
Farrar.

June 4th Tuesday St. Louis

Wrote a few pages additional mat:
ter for my "Sketches" this Am. &
this Ev. the whole of the work is "set
up." Called to see Mr. Essey about
binding some of my maps in pocket
form, and spoke to Mr. Leupre to color
some of them for that purpose.

Took tea on board "Pizarro". Saw
Mr. Lyon, (W^m) at Mr. McSwires, this PM.

1839 June 5 Wednesday 5th Louis
Very fine day. This morning read last
"form" of my work. Rec^d a package
of letters from home of "Deceola", and
ans^r. one from Richard of Pavilion.
This pm. I got a Box of Bechwith's
pills, containing 100 small Boxes,
from Mr. Key the ap^t in Cass.
Called on Mr. Dupre again, and he
agreed to wait a while for part of
his money for the maps. Sent some of
P.P. & A's. Cards of Capt. Harris to
Cincinnati, where he promis^d to try
to obtain some furniture for them
to sell. This Ev^g. I saw the
Brazil arrive from Cincinnati.
Gave Mr. Chambers some
matter from my "Sketches" to pub-
lish in tomorrow's paper.
Saw Jonas, and he told me about
his daughter's having left her hus-
band, and gone to her friends, to live.

1839 June 6th Thursday St. Louis Mo.
Called this morning on Wals, Nelson
& Co. and talked about getting some
articles on consignment from them.
Met with Dr. Burton this morning,
and after breakfast, called to see him
on board "Brazil" - being on his way
from Louisville to St. Louis.

This eve I went to the Theatre with
Mr. Farrar to see Love the Polypho-
nist, and Marble, the Yankee perform-
er.

Sunday the 7th Friday St. Louis.

Rained very hard this morning. I
called this morn. at Wals, Nelson
& Co's - and this pm. made a small
Bill with them, in addition to some
articles on consignment.

I went this eve to the Theatre, for
the purpose of seeing Mad'ella Ves-
pucci, who attended it by invitation
of the managers. Called this pm. at Mr.
McGuire's store, and saw Mrs. Lyon again.

1839 June 8 Saturday St. Louis

Raining, in showers. Called this AM. at A. Child & Co. to ask whether they w^d. sell me a small bill at 4 Mos. but they declined. Spoke to Mr. Leupre to get up a sheet map of my farm, which he agreed to do. Called this PM. at Sims, Price & Co. and some other Book stores, to have copies of my pocket map for sale. Got send. of "Carpenter's extracts of Garcapasil's Co. from Mr. Crose to sell on Comm.

June 9th Sunday. St. Louis.
Went with Mr. Farnam this AM. to hear Rev. Mr. Wallace preach at the Court House. River rose very fast last night. This PM. Mr. Farnam & I went to Vauxhall, where we met with Mr. Crose. Saw Mr. & Mrs. Lisle & Booth in the street this AM. Mr. Farnam & I spent the Ev. alone at his room. Saw them pulling over on board "Selma" this morning, for St. Orleans Market.

1839 June 10th Monday St. Louis

Very hot day. This Morn. went the rounds, to Mr. Surpe's, Esq's, and the Repub. Office. Got Mr. Surpe to obtain some paper for my Sheet Map, and to mark the parallels of latitude & longitude upon the stone lithograph. Distributed some more of my pocket maps for sale. Saw Mr. Cunningham (the Eng^r) at Simmie's this morning and had a chat with him about Blatky, &c. This pm. got a letter from Rich^d of "Glabrous" mals. 7 pps. and a letter from Judge Coote in ans^r to my representations to him about Shentice. Called this evg. at Meyer & Marythall's, and bot. some Corro. Bells: propos^d to make a small bill of Hardware with them. This evg. Mr. Farnam & I patronized the "Acad^e Baths, being quite a hot evg.

1839 June 11 Tuesday. St. Louis.

Hot day. Called this morning at Atkin-
son's to order a large oil can, then
read the papers at A. & J.'s. saw an ac-
count of the news ac^t of "Western" from
Europe, that a change & a re-change
has just taken place in the British
Ministry - and that a serious outbreak
had occurred in Paris. This P.M. I
called at Mayer & Northall's and became
acquainted with them. Mr. North-
all proposed to sell me a Bill of
goods on time, which I accordingly
lay off. This P.M. I called on
Lynch & Co and got them to agree
to make up a consignment of
Saddles for P.P.A. This P.M. I
got from the Binder's my two first
sheet maps of Iowa, being put upon
pasteboard. Saw Mrs. Loring on board
"Clarence", being on her way, according
to Philip Morrison, to Texas.

1839 June 12 Wednesday St. Louis

Went round to obtain subscribers for my sheet map of Iowa. Tried to get the "Gipsy" to take my freight @ $37\frac{1}{2}$ cts. but she refused it. This pm. call at Mr. McGwires, and he agreed to let me have a consignment of hollow ware. Agreed with Mr. Carter for some mess pork @ \$19.75 Bl.

June 13th Thursday St. Louis

The "Gipsy" left here early this morn and I did not send anything by her. This pm. the "Glaucon" went up, and Mr. McGwires on board of her. I sent some of my pocket maps by him to Stephenson & Co. for sale. Very hot day, and I felt a good deal indisposed, and in the evg. retired to lie down in my room. Saw some of my books this pm. at Meek's, all ready for sale, excepting putting in the maps. Selected the kind of leather for binding one presentation copy with for £.

1839 June 14 Friday St. Louis

Got some of the first finished copies of my "Sketches" and distributed them at the different Editors' and Booksellers'. Got a Box this Am. at Sinnie's, and this pm. packed 1000 copies of my Book, in sheets, at the printing office, to go to Philadelphia.

Saw Col. Engle this Am. whilst I was standing at A. & J.'s door. Went on board the "Beagle" this Am. just after her arrival from Cuba, but found nothing by her for me. Saw Mr. Dutcher on his return from Alton, and went with him again to look at the Plough he sold to Mr. Mc. Gwire, and agreed to buy it myself.

June 15 Saturday. St. Louis

Felt a good deal incase. The Sun very hot. Went on board "Beagle" this M. with some of my Books, to send to Cincinnati, and some to give to the Barkeeper to sell for me. Saw old Mr. Lincoln, and his son on board

of her, the former being on his way
home to N.Y. State. I introduced
the letter to A. J. Eat no dinner,
and kept in my room good part of
the day, feeling quite unwell. I
wrote a letter to Col. Anis, to accom-
pany a copy of my Book.

June 16 Sunday St. Louis.

Had an attack of Ague, and violent
diarrhea. Got some ague medicine;
took an emetic. Mr. Farnam very
kindly waiting upon me. Saw Mr.
Anderson & Dr. Switzer this Morn.
at the National hotel, where I went to
get some Port wine punch, which had
been recommended for me.

June 17th Monday St. Louis

Still very unwell. Confined to bed. Mr.
Farnam informed me this Morn. of the ar-
rival of the "Pizarro", on board of which
I got him to ship my goods for me.
Sent a line by her to Simicee, to P.P.H.

1839 June 18 Tuesday St. Louis

Still confined to bed. Kept off my
chill today with Quinine & Port wine.

June 19th Wednesday St. Louis

Got up this morn. and dressed & shaved,
feeling better. wrote up my diary to date.

I have not eaten a mouthful of anything
since supper on Saturday, having lost
all appetite, until dinner-time today, when
I took a basin of soup with Mr. Garn-
am at the selphi eating house.

This pm. I got my Box of Books
(in sheets) close and covered, and ship-
ped on board "Reliance" for Pittsburg, to be
sent thence to E. J. Otting Philada.
to be finished & sold. I purchased this

pm a few articles of stationery &c.
at Meekes. Very fine day. I am now
hourly expecting the Monsoon, on
which to go up to Subergue.

Took tea at Hauser's this ev. for
first time since Saturday last.

1839 June 20th Thursday St. Louis
Called at Meach's, and got some of
my "Sketches" to distribute for sale.
Called at W M Gwinn's store, & found he
had just got back from Galena.
This P.M. W Farnham & I went
down to Vauhall and bought some
Geeze for Richard. On our return
we called to look at the Manufactory
of lead pipe, first time I had ever seen
it made. This Evng. we attended a
Book Auction & bought a few Books.

June 21st Friday, St. Louis.

Raining a good deal today. I called
at Diggins' & bought a "Western Tourist".

This Evng. the "Glossoon" arriv from
Pittsburgh, full of passengers. I
went on board, and enjoyed a birth.

I have got over the effects of my late
attack of Ague &c. I am quite glad
of the prospect of my getting off, bring
tired of staying so long from Diggins &c.

1829 June 22 Saturday St. Louis.

This Morn. close my business at St. Louis, and cross the River there to buy a pair of Berkshire pigs, for which I gave \$50. - This P.M. we start'd on board "Monsoon", and got to Alton at dusk. I walked up into the town, and took a view of it. First time I have been into the place.

June 23 Sunday (on Board "Monsoon", Proceeding on our Trip. Showery day. Boat landed at Louisiana, Hannibal &c. Soon after passing Keokuk, the boat struck the bottom, (on the Rapids), and the Capt. then turned about, and came back to Warsaw, where he made an arrangement with the Malto to take his freight & passengers, and let him go back to St. Louis.

I wrote to "Monsoon" to Furnam, about pay for my washing. &c

1839 June 24 Monday. On Board "Malta"
Early this morning the "Monsoon"
returned to St. Louis (from Warsaw),
and the "Malta" having taken on
board the freight & passengers
of the former, we proceeded
on our way up the River. We
landed at Fort Madison, and
at Burlington, at both of which places,
I disposed of some of my
maps &c. Passed Bloomington
in the night (or perhaps after midnight).
June 25 Tuesday. On Board "Malta."
Landed this morning at Rock-
ingham, where I left by my
"Sketches" for sale at Sheller & Co's.
Very fine day. Lay several hours
discharging freight at Rockingham.
Saw old Mr. Turner yesterday at
Burlington & Mr. McCauley. Stopped
at Stephenson to leave freight, also called
at Parkhurst to leave a letter &c, and

Then landed at Port Byron for passen-
gers. Raining this Evg. After dark,
we passed Swanbush, (Mo.) Shipm.
I got into conversation with two of
our fellow Passengers, Messrs Thomas
(from Eng) and Ellicott from
Baltimore. In the night arrived
at Galena.

June 26 Wednesday. Out Oregue & Spec.
We left Galena just after Breakfast,
and proceeded to Out Oregue, where I
found all well. From there, Richard
accomp^d me to Simpea, where the
Malta took in a load of Seal and re-
mained all Night. Jan Col. Cass at
Galena, and Mr. W. S. Taylor who in-
tended coming up with me to Simpea
but the Boat left him. I found that
Simpea has been improv^d a good
deal during my absence. Messrs
Thomas & Ellicott went with me to
the top of the Cliff at Simpea and
were much delighted with the view.

1839 June 27th Thursday, Simps & Sub.
Richard and I went down to Sub. early
this Morn. to "Halter". I remained there
during most of the Morning, and
then walked back to Simps, taking
my Compass & Chain &c. up with me.

When I arrived at Simps I found
Judge Gentry and Messrs. Jas. Morrison
and Mr. Williams there, having ar-
rived this Morn. along with Capt. Geo.
F. A. Kiel from Elk Grove.

I had some conversation with
Judge Gentry about the Rail Road, &
the Racine Road, also a little a-
bout my Post Office affair.

This Evng. the Cameron arrived
here, from above, and stopped
a short time. I eat supper this
Evng. at Squire Vineyard's, being
first meal there since my re-
turn from St. Louis.

1839 June 28th Friday. Simps

Very warm day. This Am. Judge City
and his friends left here for Plattville
(on his electioneering tour). Mr. Bissell
came up late last evg. and returned to
Sub. this P.M. So on afternoon, the
"Burlington" came up for a lot of lead.
Mr. R. S. Taylor came on board of her
and left us 20 Bbls. flour for sale.
The "Excelsior" passed up at the same
time. Mr. Taylor has a settlement
with P.P. & Co. and was paid in full
to date.

June 29th Saturday. Simps

Mr. Madam came to town last evg.
being first time I have seen
him since I ret. C. from St. Louis.
Gen. Jones came in today, first
time I have seen him too since
my return. They both left here
together this evg. They talked some
on subject of the coming election;

and Genl Jones suggested the possibility
of our getting the Mineral Point
paper removed to Simiper.

Memble Paul & Abertons new
frame for Store House was rais-
ed today. I assisting. Paul
was sick. Quite hot day.
Some Families - one named Rice -
came in from Plattville this P.M. to
settle here.

June 30th Sunday. Simiper & Genl B.
Very hot day. I made various calls
this Am. upon the Citizens of Sim-
iper. Capt. Sewellhurst arrived about
noon, and returned home again in
the Evg. Capt. Moore formerly of
Black River, came in this pm. to
make some purchases at the Store.
I went to Genl Bngue late this Evg. ta-
king Smead's Skiff across myself.
I got to Genl B. between 9 & 10 o'Clock,
and found Richard quite full of Company.

Mr. Cam^d. Walsh & Squire Emigley called
here yesterday, on their way from
Snake diggings. At Cent. I saw
Genl. Ellis, first time since my Return
from St. Louis. He talks of wishing
to buy some of the property near
the Crane Yard.

July 1st Monday: Cent. & Simice
Wrote a letter at Cent. this M^g to
Maj^r. Aliphant about his l^{ts}, be-
ing advertised under an execution.
Left Cent. before Breakfast, and
recrossed at Eagle Pt. in Sweat's ship
that day. Found W. Claren at Simi-
ce, having come from Min. Point
to work at his Manor. Also under-
stood that W. Lloyd (of the Point),
had arrived, to go down to St. Louis.
W. Maddin's foundation for his new
house is being dug out at present.
The "Brazil" arrived tonight, and loaded
some coal. I did not get up to see her.

1839 July 3. Tuesday. Simipec

I answered some of the letters rec^d.
during my visit to St. Louis.

Perntice is collecting a subscription
to pay for a flag for the 4th
July day. Not too hot.

July 3. Wednesday. Simipec.

Very fine day. Genl. Jones in
Simipec part of the day. He dined
with us at Simipec's. Last evg I
got from the P.O. an invitation to at-
tend the celebration of the Commence-
ment of Internal Improvements,
at Milwaukee, on tomorrow.

Mrs. B. the ticket, and expressed the hope
that on the 4th July 1840, we might cele-
brate Commencement of our Rail
Road. Perntice having sent to make
siggings for a flag &c. which they failed
to get, he set to work tonight, and
had a flag made, and displayed on the
top of his Warehouse. Mr. Nixon of this
Evng. from his Law Mill on the Wisconsin.

1839 July 5th Thursday. Simple, Wis.

Very fine day. Mr. Maddin came from home this Am. The Pizarro passed this p.m. with a pleasant party to Cassville. She landed here but did not get any passengers. This P.M. we celebrated the day by having a dinner and Ball at Vanhans. I attended, and we kept it up all night.

The "Pizarro" set off during the night, & met the "Arrow" going up, just opposite Vanhans. Peartree attempted to make what he called an oration, but he entirely failed, producing only, what one of his drunk em cronies said, "was enough to make a dog sick." Mr. Garvey came from Mineral Point, to get the road improved along the river here for hauling his Copper ore upon. It is the first time I have seen him. So Campbell in town - first time I have seen him since my return from St. Louis.

1839 July 5. Friday. Jimicee.

Very fine day. I slept during a good part of it, to make up for what I lost last night. Genl Jones here this pm. and all night. As says the "Pizarro" brought up his Horse-ferry-Boat yesterday to his Ferry. The "Malta" arrived here this morning at daylight, & landed Mr. Bass, with some stored goods, for Platterville. Mr. Maddin went up on board of her to Prairie du Chien, and ut.^c on her this Evg. She loaded a lot of Gov. Dodge's lead, and also took say 1000 lbs for P.P.A. being first shipment they have ever made. Richard came up this Evg. with a Mackinaw Boat, to bring some Bacon & Pork from Ven Bogue. He ut.^c again upon her. John A. Chertan went on board the Malta tonight, to go to Ven Bogue. I wrote to Anderson & J. of Malta, inclos. \$100.00

Monday 5. Sunday 6. Monday 7.
New Sunday. I slept during a good
part of it to make up for what I lost
last night. But never did they seem
me all right. He says that Lewis
brought up his three young dogs yesterday
to his farm. The Malta arrived
here this morning at daylight. I
found Mr. Bass with some other
ones for Chatterville. Mr. Madison
went up on board of her to Prairie and
Chick, and let her see this bag. She
had a lot of good sugar, and
also took my goods for S. P. A. as
my first shipment. They have a
fine air. Richard agreed up this trip
with a Buchanan boat to bring some
staves from down Bayou
He let me again upon her. So her
A. Chertam went on board the Malta
to get to down Bayou. I wrote to
Richard & J. of Malta in my answer.

July 26th 1837. - Section 891. Town 6. R. West

Sec. 15. T. 7. R. 1 East. - 80 acres, - near Monro,

D. E. Parish & Self - 80 acres.

Dr. Langworthy & D. S. Parish cut 80 acres

I made an entry in Sect. 36.

1837 Aug. 3. went along ^{the} Monroian to N. E.

Cor of my entry in Sec. 36

Nov. 13th 1837 - Acknowledg^d due to C. J. Osborn & Co





