

**Jesse Lowe Smith**

**Diary**

**1915**



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## Forward

**The Author:** Jesse Lowe Smith was born in Macon, Illinois, on 23 November 1869, to the Rev. Leonard Francis Smith (1838-1874) and Bridget Ann Lowe Smith (1842-1941). His father's diary for that date: "At 5:30 wife bore me another child, a boy weighing 10 lbs when dressed. Dr. Tobey was the physician..." Jesse's father, Leonard Francis Smith, son of Jesse Smith and his second wife, Sophia Lake Spencer, had married Bridget Ann Lowe, daughter of William Fletcher Lowe and Elsea Aquila, on 10 September 1863. They had six children, Elsie (1864), Kittie Grace (1865-1932), Clarence Bruner (1867-1943), Jesse Lowe, Edith (1873-195?), and Lennie Francis (1874-1976).

Jesse Lowe Smith attended grade school in Macon, Illinois. With a passion for books and nature study, Jesse saw his life as a teacher. He attended the Academy in Benton Harbor, Michigan from 1884-1887, living with his Great Aunt Margaret Crooks. In 1888 he returned to Macon where he taught for three years. Teaching and studying independently as he taught, Jesse, at age 21, qualified for entrance to Pauw University in September 1891. He completed his education at the University of Chicago from 1892 to 1894.<sup>1</sup> After one year at de Pauw, he returned for one term at Macon, and then, with his mother and sisters, went to Lexington, Illinois where he taught for four years from 1893-1897, followed by five years in Park Ridge, Illinois. In May 1902, Jesse came to Highland Park as principal of the Elm Place School. He was Superintendent of Schools for District 107 at the time of his death on 21 April 1934.<sup>2</sup>

His diaries reveal Jesse Lowe Smith to be a man of many interests and great influence. He was widely known and respected throughout Illinois as an innovative educator and avid naturalist and in Highland Park as an educational, cultural and civic leader. He inspired the Elm Place School teachers to higher ideals of education and the students to a deeper understanding and appreciation for the world around them. He left a lasting impression on all who knew him in life and continues to inspire many who make his acquaintance through his diaries and his legacy in Highland Park.

**Identifications:** In his diaries, Jesse frequently refers to members of his family. During his years in Highland Park, Jesse provided a home from his mother and sister, Kittie. They are often referred to in the diaries as M. and K. His brother Clarence Bruner is referred to as Clarence or Clarence B., and Clarence's two sons, Leonard and Clarence, Jr. (Bruner or Junior) are also mentioned. Jesse's sister Edith married Clarence Danforth (Danforth or Clarence D. in the diaries). His sister Lennie married Arthur Enders, and their children, Robert and Ruth Anne, are mentioned in the diaries.

**Transcriber's Notes:** Every attempt has been made to provide an accurate transcription of the diary entries with respect to spelling, grammar, and punctuation; therefore incorrect or inconsistent (Mr. Smith spelled the same word in different ways at different times) usage is retained without the use of (sic). When words were added above the line, they have been inserted into the text. When words were inadvertently repeated, the second occurrence of the word has been dropped. Margin notes are indicated as such and are placed following the text that they appeared adjacent to in the diary. When words were illegible, brackets have been supplied enclosing a blank space [ ]. Words that could not be deciphered with certainty have been placed in square brackets followed by a question mark [like this?]. Transcriber's notes are indicated by brackets [like this – ed.]. Clippings that were pasted into the diary are described in a transcriber's note, but are not always transcribed.

<sup>1</sup>*Catalogue of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity* (New York, 1910). Accessed online at <http://books.google.com> on December 16, 2010.

<sup>2</sup>*Diaries 1859-1874 of The Reverend Leonard Smith, Circuit Rider* by Blanche Beal Lowe.

### **Friday, January 1**

Sunny much of the day. Fine sleighing. Icy sidewalks.

At school house most of morning. Worked up much of arrears of correspondence.

This afternoon went down into Stipe's woods to take some winter scenes. Snow deep and walking heavy. Sunlight faded out almost as soon as I reached the woods. After long effort I got four pictures. Back home and then called on Mr Norcross and on the Millard's before supper

### **Saturday, January 2**

Another fine wintry day.

Errands at school then caught 9:19 for Chicago. To Anderson's to leave a suit to be cleaned. To Mr Metzel's to get some slides and to talk over supplies to be purchased; to Mr. Schantz on Audubon business; to the city statistician's office; to Art Institute to confer with Theodore F. Keane about mural work for our school; to The Hearth for lunch where I had a chat with Mr & Mrs J. Paul Goode. To Fields where I shopped for the school – baskets, mirrors, etc To Chic. Transparency Co. to return some slides. Orr & Lockett's for molding hooks. To Miss Ingersoll's to return some slides & leave some photos for slides; to Siegel Coopers for baskets; McClurg's for books; then visited several places to get this blank book – which I at last found at Field's. Home on 5:50 –

At school until ten cutting manila binders for magazine articles.

R.R. 52 + .15; lunch .35; book .60; Art & Travel .35 (Presb. Ch); Chic Transp Co. 1<sup>90</sup> (Presb.); Orr & Lockett .50 (Dist. 107); barber .15; (Ticket 6.60);

### **Sunday, January 3**

Trace – snow

A mild, grayish day. Some snow flakes late.

To S.S. with lantern slides. Did some errands there and heard opening exercises. Mrs. Underwood made a good talk. Did not stay to church.

Nap before dinner. Read from Rope's Apostolic Age Looked over negatives after dinner. Wrote several letters, etc.

Labeled magazine articles I have just enclosed in manila covers, etc.

### **Monday, January 4**

Mild. Gray. Thawed a little.

A busy day. Morning exercises. All teachers back from vacation. Van Everen, blackboard finisher, had me inspect his work, & presented his bill and left. - - - Mr Mann & I asked the contractor not to put up the rubber racks designed by the architect. - - - Linoleum men on the job. - - -

Had Miss Behrens write a number of letters for me.

Asked Mrs Millard to get up an article on feeding birds in winter – for H.P. Press.

Conferred with Mrs Bacon over the kindergarten problem. - - - With Miss Beasley about her German classes.

Began tabulating last year's bills (school).

Barber .75; box rent .60; tailor 2<sup>00</sup>

### **Tuesday, January 5**

Still mild and gray. Continued slow melting.

Hugill & I changed racks for rubbers this A.M. The linoleum men finished today.

Gave two science lessons. - - Checked over list of pupils not yet examined. – Dr. Ullman examined several girls - - - Have kept the stenographer busy these days - -

Conference with three 8A boys that have not quite carried their work - - - With Miss Parks over 4th yr. geog.

Went to Winnetka to meeting of North Shore Protect. League this evening. Lounsbury, Mrs Greeley, Mrs Whitman, Mrs Vose, Mr. Lackner, Mr Moore –  
Trolley .20; barber .15;

### **Wednesday, January 6**                      Prec. “.14

Thawing. Then misty & finally more or less heavy showers after 1:00 P.M. Clearing and colder with high winds after nightfall.

Miss Schermerhorn has tonsilitis and Mrs Geo. Taylor substituted today.

Man lettered doors of new b'ld'g. Other work goes apace.

Dr Sheldon at the bld'g from 11:00 to 12:00 & finished nearly all medical examination.

I went to city on 2:34. Met Mrs Shannon at Fields and we looked up clocks for new bldg. Went to New Haven Clock Co & to Ansonia Clock Co.

Then I went to Miss Enk's and left some negatives, etc. Then to Federal Bld'g to directors' meeting of Geog. Soc. Planned for Goethals banquet Jan. 23, etc.

Then Schantz & I went to City Club for supper – Mrs Sch, the son & Miss Mitchell all there. At 7:30 we assembled in Room 5C for Audubon meeting. Good attendance & considerable business transacted. Came home on 10:02 train with Mr. De Wolfe of Lake Forest.

R.R. .52 + .10; supper .70;

### **Thursday, January 7**

Colder but not severe. Icy walks, etc.

Sent out tuition notices today - - - Mrs Shannon and I inspected new bld'g together & “talked” clocks. - -

Agent of “Nature Library” visited me today

Excused some of the teachers to go to recital at the Ossoli today [The Ossoli Club was a Highland Park women's club founded in 1894. – ed.]

Helped two h.s. boys plan their “electrical” equipment.

This evening spent at Munro's talking over legislation, how to do it, etc.

Barber .15;

### **Friday, January 8**

Moderated cold. Thawed a very little.

Usual amount of work at new b'ld'g. Mr Holgate and I planned some minor repairs at the old b'ld'g.

Carson P, S. & Co's men began to put up the shades.

Mrs Shannon and I conferred about the kindergarten, etc.

Miss Murray absent all afternoon to have her arm examined by a specialist in the city I taught part of the time.

Took 5:50 for Chicago. To the City Club where the various committees of the Friends of Our N. L. met. Splendid evening. Had intended to leave after 8:00 & join Mrs & Mr Millard & Mrs & Miss Boynton at the Little Theatre to hear the Fuller girls sing, but could not leave. So missed out.

Met the Millards at the train & we came home together.

Loaned Mrs Johnson 5<sup>00</sup> yesterday. (Pd)

R.R. .52 + .05; barber .15; apples .35;

### **Saturday, January 9**

A heavy hoar frost which loaded every twig on tree and bush. A bite to the air. Crystals showered out of the air. Sun shone afternoon. Thawed slightly

At school house until 12:20. Had Miss Nora begin on my legisl. committee work. Checked off those I am to write to, etc. Prepared a letter which I gave to the printer.

Took 12:50 for Chic. To Mr. Dodson's for pictures of bird houses, etc. To Miss Ingersoll's to inquire about my slides. Carried away some negatives I had left there some time. To Fair for big envelopes. Charge Eastern Div. for them. To Lyon & H. for music. Home by 5:45.

Worked over grist of bills at office tonight.

Charge E. Division 90¢ for 100 manila envelopes.

R.R. 52 + .10; bread .06; barber .25; book .25;

### **Sunday, January 10**

Another hoar frost, but day much milder. Thawing.

To school house with Mr. Greenslade and Mr. Metzel. Then to S.S. and to church.

Nap after lunch. Then walked out to R.R. on West Park Ave. On way back rode part way on sleigh with Mr Kuist.

Then went up No. Green Bay Road to have a chat with Virgil Hart and see how he is progressing in his city job.

### **Monday, January 11**

Trace Snow

Mild. Thawed a little. – A little film of snow in night.

Very busy day. Set two extra scrub women at work. Miss Schermerhorn still unable to come, and Mrs Taylor took her place. Miss Murray has her arm in a sling with splints – inflammation of periosteum?

Sparks from & Row, Peterson & Co spent some time with me

Taught a group of 5B's for quite a while today. A group that is temporarily in disgrace

Board meeting this evening – in office of new building. First function.

Barber .15;

### **Tuesday, January 12**

Wrote for H.P. Press article describing new bld'g.

My secretary busy getting mailing list ready of my correspondents on legislative matters. I am to organize 11 counties. Preparing a card catalogue.

Had a teachers' meeting this afternoon – in the office of the new b'ld'g.

Clarence called in on us unexpectedly this afternoon but had to leave on the 6:53 P.M. Business call.

Signed 110 letters this evening. Other work

### **Wednesday, January 13**

Conference with Mr. Flinn this A.M. Set Mr. Rice to work fastening ceiling sash that were sagging down. Set Clarence Shetzley to staining Moulthrop desks, etc

Sent out the 110 or more letters to my colleagues today.

Another conference with Mrs Shannon over kindergarten problems.

Had dinner at Mrs Insull's to meet Mr. & Mrs Scott. Mr & Mrs Clements also guests.

Mr Scott lectured this evening on "Safety First" in the aud. Small crowd.

Mr & Mrs Bacon and I had long conference afterward on the kg problem.

Still thawing today, but sleighing fair yet.

Barber .10.

### **Thursday, January 14**

Still thawing slowly. A beautiful day.

Mother & K. in city. I ate by myself at noon. Made up two sandwiches for a "hobo."

Held "court" this A.M. on case of gang bullying that took place in ravine after school yesterday.

Got four culprits in my office. Spanked one and later his mother appeared. Threatened to punch my head if I did this again. A lovely time had by all concerned.

Hung some of the pictures in the new b'ld'g. Filled up the two vacant urns with small cedars and arbor vitae.

This evening at my desk at home. Rec'd three replies from 110 letters sent out day before yesterday to my colleagues.

### **Friday, January 15**

A little colder but still thawing.

Completed preliminaries, & the four primary groups took possession of their rooms in the primary annex this afternoon. They entertained all the other rooms for one hour, each visiting group spending 15 minutes in a room.

Lillian Moore of the River Forest schools, formerly here, spent the day with us.

We had a number of visitors.

A very busy day for me. Correspondence coming in.

Worked at my desk this evening. Mostly Audubon work

Postage 1<sup>35</sup>;

### **Saturday, January 16**

Prec. ".21

Rained at intervals during the day. Washed snow surface slick. Cleared at evening & high cold wind set in.

Stenog. & I worked at school until 10:00 this A.M. Then I took 10:38 to Chicago. To Cameron Amberg for blank cards, & rubber stamp. To N.P.R.R. to engage Yellowstone slides. City Club for lunch with J.H. Smith and to discuss with him possible western excursion for Chic. Geog. Soc. this summer.

To Miss Enk's to look over new slides being made & colored. Bro't away some flower slides for trial. To Field's to look at a couch for new office Home on 2:18. To school b'ldg to meet by appointment Mrs Shannon & Mrs Bacon & Miss Ione Moody who is applying for kg. position. Saw latter off on 4:58. Back to school to do sundry jobs. Nap after supper. Then the Clows called. Read up on vocational ed. until 11:30

Barber .15; R.R. 52 + .10; bread 05; stamp .30; cards .20; moistener .10.

### **Sunday, January 17**

Cooler. Gray. Very slippery.

To S.S. late this A.M. Worked over slides a little and attended conference of S.S teachers. Did not stay to church. Fine nap this afternoon.

Mrs Shannon and Mrs Schumacher came over to consult me about the time for having a public reception in the new bl'd'g. They favored next Sunday afternoon. I wanted an evening affair. We went over to Greenslade's to see him about it. We decided on next Friday evening.

Went down to Millards' for dinner Met Rollin Woodyat and his mother & Miss Boynton. A fine time. Miss B. bro't me home in her machine.

Wrote a letter to the Clutes this evening who are at N. Cucamonga, California, care of Mrs Fred Pohl.

### **Monday, January 18**

Gray. Scarcely thawed. Very slippery.

Set stenog. to preparing mailing list of all families in H.P. Gave printer copy for cards of invitation for next Friday evening to be sent out.

Have Clarence Shetzley still working at new bld'g. The first four primary rooms settled down to work in the new quarters today.

Mrs Schumacher came to plan for reception to be given by the Board next Friday evening. Mr. Levin and I studied the subject of clocks.

Met the annex teachers for a short caucus this P.M.

At school a while this evening. Writing bird notes for the paper.

Barber .15;

### **Tuesday, January 19**

Trace – Snow

Dry flakes fell at intervals today, increasing the slipperiness. Moderated after nightfall.

Spent much time with Mr Metzler at the new b'ld'g this morning. Had Clarence Shetzley paint closets with enamel paint.

Gave three science lessons. - - Wrote article on winter birds for H.P. Press - -

Had teachers' meeting this P.M. Discussed results of survey spelling test given last week. Began planning for the Courtis tests.

At home this P.M. Archie Jones & Rob't Nichols called for a half hour or so. I had sent Archie to the city for Yellowstone slides but no set was available.

Sent \$3<sup>00</sup> to the Survey; Signed the diplomas of the class of Feb., 1915.

R.R. ticket (Dist 107) .52;

### **Wednesday, January 20**

Snow. "2.00. Prec. ".13

Soft flaky snow in the night and a little during the day.

Mailed out 818 invitations to reception at new bld'g for Friday evening.

Gave first two Courtis tests in 6th & 8B this A.M.

Found that snow shut off light (overhead) at new bld'g. Ralph had to go above & sweep off snow.

Photog. 8A's in the science room this afternoon. Also took one out-of-door picture.

Buck of Silver B & Co called. Also Miss \_\_\_\_, representing industrial film Co. Also agent for magazines. Also boy wanting signatures to pension petition. Conferred with nurse about defective child. With Mrs Shannon about needy persons, etc.

Gave printer part copy of commencement program. Also election notice. Ordered 500 ballots printed. Got safety depos. box for Dist 107 at H.P. Bank.

Worked at home this evening.

Barber .15;

Stamps 8<sup>18</sup> (Dist 107) Also to

Gas Co for " " \$.76.

### **Thursday, January 21**

Colder. But fine weather.

Released Miss Beasley (5B) for the day to visit Graeme Stewart school in city to see German classes. I taught her room much of time. She returned this evening to ask to be released to teach in Chicago schools. Seemed to have little sense of culpability in accepting a place here, then resigning after five months' service.

Robert Enders came in this evening. Had ridden with friends from B. H. to Evanston in an auto. Came here on trolley. He and I went up to school house to test some slides this evening.

Checked up promotion lists of 6th grade teachers. Gave Courtis tests 1 & 2 in 5th grades.

### **Friday, January 22**

Snow. "2.00 Prec. ".28

A snowy day Went to Evanston to confer with Mr Nichols about a cadet. Visited with him at Washington School (White, Devin), Oakton (Morf), & Central (Foster, Callen). Was introduced to two good appearing cadets. Got back to H.P. at 1:30. Ate lunch at Victoria restaurant. [130 East Central Avenue – ed.] Then to school. Mrs Shannon & Mrs Schumacher and other ladies there getting ready for reception this P.M. Teachers and I helped get things cleared up. Plants from Bahr's.

Snowy this evening, but a fine time had. Building much admired. Mr. Norcross made nice speech. Mother came. Kittie and Robert stayed at home. R. had been shopping in the city. Trolley .30; lunch .35 (Dist 107); paper .05; barber .15;

### **Saturday, January 23**

2° to 4° below this A.M. Bright cold day.

Phoned over & secured A.B. Hill & F.C. Noerenberg to act as judges of election; got Miss Beasley's warrant from Mr. Greenslade & met Mr. Norcross up town to secure his signature. - - - Took ballot box to school house - - - Got stationery blanks, etc. ready for election judges - - - Wrote formal note to Miss Beasley relieving her from duty & enclosing her salary to date. – Took 9:19 for Chicago. To Field's to return some clocks - - To Art Inst. to hear Supt Magill on pension bill. Conf. with various people. – To Miss Ingersoll's where I labeled no. of bird slides - - To N.P.R.R. to get Yellowstone slides - - Orr & Lockett's for a punch - - - Home on 4:00. To school house to vote. Then home & got into my dress suit. Kittie, Mrs Millard & I took 5:50 for Chic. to Geog. Soc. Banq. at Congress Hotel. Joined by Everett & Dr. Woodyat. Sat at table with Dr & Mrs R.A. White. Great function (Miss Guiney joined us). Got home on 11:30.

R.R. .52 + 1.30 + .30; lunch .25; Punch 2<sup>15</sup>; Dist 107) Clips .10; papers .10  
Banquet \$7<sup>50</sup>; barber .25;

### **Sunday, January 24**

Beautiful winter day

Mr H.D. Faxon, Supt of the Presb. S.S. in hospital with appendicitis. I took his place today.

Robert Enders left this A.M. for Evanston. From there he was to ride home with his friends, the Pitkins, in the latter's auto.

At home all afternoon save a short errand to H.S.

Called up Miss Ione Moodey at La Grange, our kg teacher to be, to arrange a conference tomorrow afternoon at Fields.

Called up the Schappers at Blue Island. Asked for their Cody Yellowstone slides. Mrs Schapper not well these days.

Learned thru Miss Noyes of Miss Ruby Rapp of 1114 Grant St., Ev., & called her up to interest her in vacant position. Arranged to meet her tomorrow.

Still reading Coit's The Soul of America. - - - Pasted some articles in war scrap book this evening.

### **Monday, January 25**

Beautiful day succeeded by most beautiful moonlit night. Moderated a little.

Very busy day. Had Mrs Taylor take 5B room.

Ruby Rapp of Evanston came up to interview me about 5B vacancy. Daughter of Prof. Rapp of Garrett Biblical Inst. - - Mrs Shannon and I conferred about situation - - - Burst water pipe in mn'l tr. room. A freeze in girls' toilet in annex. - - -

Took 2:34 for city. To City Club to inquire about compo board. To City Hall for information about old photog. Co. Sup't office for Cook Co. directory. - - Met Miss Moody, our kg. teacher to be at Fields. - - We went to Orr & L. for scissors To Thos Chas for Kg supplies. - - -

Came home. Called up Miss Dietrich's no. at Zion City; Mr Nichols at Ev. Met Mrs Shannon & Mr Norcross & Mr Greenslade at Mrs S's. Caucus on Kg. - - Spent an hour or more examining 117 bird slides from Guy A Bailey of Genesee, N.Y.

R.R. .52 + .20; barber .35; (ticket 6<sup>50</sup>);

## Tuesday, January 26

Fine day. Thawed very little.

Left on 10:38 for Chicago after having a conf. with Mrs Shannon Took to the city 90 lantern slides I had rec'd from Guy A Bailey and 16 from Conrad people. Left them with Miss Enk to color. Went to Acad of Sciences to see Mr. Woodruff about adding some slides to the Audubon collection.

Called on Mr Metzel at his office. Went down to Chic. Kg. College & had a conf with Miss Harrison, Miss Wetmore & our Miss Moody about cadet service. Got 4:45 for H.P.

This evening at school measuring up Kg floor for a painted circle; overhauling Yellowstone lantern slides, etc. Recd by express today the "Cody" slides from Mr Schapper.

Yest. a sharp-shinned hawk swooped down on a sparrow on the front entrance of Schaeffer's plumbing shop. It got the sparrow but struck against the bldg & broke its neck. [Fred Schaefer owned a plumbing business at 23 North Sheridan Road. -ed.]

Barber .15; R.R. (Dis 107) .52 + .20; lunch .35;

## Wednesday, January 27

Trace - snow

Much colder. Snow flurries. Cold north wind.

Conf. with Mr Metzel and Mrs Shannon over Kg room & teacher affairs. Set Witten's man to painting kg. rings on floor. Sent a boy each to Glencoe, Kenilworth & L. Forest to measure kg circles there, etc. Sent out class invitations.

Gave Yellowstone talk to 6th graders. Wrote kg. announcement for the Press. Miss De Muth representing the Prang Company called.

Conf. with all teachers after school. Then with individual teachers about promotions.

8B's prepared aud. for a party to 8A's. This came off this evening. Delightful affair. - - I phoned Ruby Rapp her election to 4B. Phoned Mr Pattee on Audubon affairs.

Sent J H McFarland Co. 19<sup>50</sup> for slides - mostly for Aud. Soc.

## Thursday, January 28

12 or 15 below early this A M, it seems. Moderated some during day. A beautiful day and a beautiful moonlit night.

Man painted second coat of kg. circle & stained four tables.

Did a lot of office work this A.M. Looked in on the party Miss Jones' pupils gave the [8?]A's. - -

Had honorable mention ceremony this afternoon and the 8A's read their class history & class prophecy. An excellent program.

This evening I gave a talk on the Yellowstone country at community house in Ravinia Small audience but a good time. I used some of our Cody trip slides; but largely N.P.R.R. slides.

Miss Hourigan's desire to leave to go to the city came before various members of the Board this P.M.

Trolley .05; barber .25;

### Friday, January 29

Beautiful winter day. 4° or 5° below at dawn.

Conf. with Mr. Norcross before the 8:09. All of my staff went to Waukegan to Co. institute on the 8:28. I followed later after arranging to have a boy take Y.S slides to the city; interviewed Miss Vaut[s?]meier of Elmhurst who came to visit school, and Mr Matheny of Thos Chas Co. At Wauk. in time to hear Prof Paul's morning address. Ate lunch with latter, Mr. Gilbert, Simpson, Bowden, Knoelk, & Butz. Afternoon address by Mr Gilbert, Bowden, & Paul.

Afterwards I had a conference with a number of teachers on pension bill.

Home by 6:00 At school by 7:10. Managed ushering. Program moved off well. Music best we have had. Afterwards people inspected the new b'ld'g.

Trolley .30; barber .15;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the graduation program for the class of February 1915. The graduates were:

Barrett A. Sleeman, President

Arthur R. Bletsch

John G. Bodner

Benjamin F. Botker

Russel S. Gilbert

Arthur Raymond Keech

Raymond J. Simmers

Sylvan M. Moses

Anna R. Bloomfield

Barrett A. Sleeman

Raymond F. Seiffert

Katherine B. Card

Edith B. Fyffe

Margaret L. Gieser

Sarah E. Titlebaum

The instructors were:

Miss Ellen M. Guiney, *Assistant Principal*

Miss Alice L. Davis, *Mathematics*

Miss Etta Grunewald, *History*

Miss Annis Jewett, *Music*

Mr. Jesse L. Smith, *Superintendent of Schools*

The Board of Education was:

John V. Norcross, *President*

Fred Greenslade, *Secretary*

Mrs. Harriet O. Schumacher

Mr. Thomas Morton

Mrs. Maude H. Shannon

Mr. E.B. Metzler

Mr. William D. Mann – ed.]

### Saturday, January 30

Snow 3" Prec. ".24

Moderated. Then a northeaster set in after noon. Blowing & drifting deep by evening.

At school all day. Conference with Miss Rapp and Miss Parks over 4th grade work and Miss Murray over 5th, first of all. Then worked with Miss Lone Moody, our new kg. teacher, who bro't her mother, & Miss Fray of La Grange, & Lily Bell along. They (the two latter) were here until 4:50, getting materials ready. Bro't bird along.

Mrs Bacon's piano rented for a month.

Conf. with Misses White, Behrens, Boswell, Guiney, & Cramer this afternoon, and with Mrs Taylor – who has agreed to fill Miss Hourigan's place.

Clocks came. Ralph and I got kg. tables ready.

At home this P.M.

**Sunday, January 31** Rain. “.68

Began to rain during the morning and kept it up much of the day. Snow melted somewhat. Everything slippery. Began to get colder after 10:00 P.M.

To S.S. Taught class of boys that had no teacher. Helped Mr. Green get lantern ready for a lesson to small children.

Did not stay to church. Had a nap.

This afternoon copied portraits of Adams, Jefferson, et. al., from book with photogravures.

Developed 10 plates.

This evening Mother, K, & I went to hear Catharine Booth-Clibborne [Catherine Booth-Clibborn – ed.] at the Presbyterian Church – on the present war. A great address.

Church .50.

**Monday, February 1** Prec. “.82

Not much colder in night. Continued rain. Sidewalks afloat. Deep pools at crossing. By night heavy ice coating on trees, wires, etc

Despite the rain 21 entered kg & nearly that many 1st grade.

Ruby Rapp began work in 4th grade.

Had various conferences with teachers today.

Worked at office all evening.

Began paying monthly bills. Sent 2<sup>00</sup> for School Arts Magazine – Charge to Dist 107. Pd Russel Gilbert for 15 hours work \$3<sup>75</sup>. Also Dist 107.

Miss Moody was assisted today by Miss Brown and Miss Bell.

Barber .15; ice cream .10

**Tuesday, February 2** Snow .7 Prec. “.07

Light snow during day. Ice on every twig & branch. Not so slippery because surface is roughened Kg & primary classes both decidedly increased. I was very busy working for our new teachers.

Heard three or four classes.

At my desk at school this evening

Bananas .10; barber .15;

**Wednesday, February 3**

Gray. Mild.

A plague of agents today! Booker for S.F. & Co; Baldwin for L.B Co; Norton for B.S. & Co; Sanford for Caxton; Shirley for Scribners. R M. Oliver came from Art Inst. to talk mural paintings. Gave him an hour or more. I taught an hour or more in 4B & 4A. Very, very busy.

This P.M. at desk in office until 10:20. Worked on program. Overhauled some of the bills. Paid several.

**Thursday, February 4** Prec. “.34

Gray. Mild. Thawed ice from trees – then began to rain in afternoon. Washed bare all slippery places.

Taught much of day. Spent a little while with Mrs Shannon & Mr Metzel at the school. Then entertained rep. of the Century Co.

Am teaching much fourth grade work to help Miss Rapp start right.

The seventh graders had prepared for a sleigh ride and a "spread." Because of the rain they had the spread in the science room.

This evening the Ravinia people found themselves without a man to run the lantern, and as I could get no one for them, I went myself. Tudor Jenks talked about B[urmah?] Good slides. Talk fair Trolley .10;

### **Friday, February 5**

Flurry of snow & sleet made slippery places better walking during the day. Colder as night came on.

One agent today – disinfecting material.

Rec'd 100 – 2 slides for the Audubon Soc this day, from Prof. Arthur ~~Bailey~~ Allen of Ithaca. Tried them out at school this evening.

Taught several classes today.

Visited kg a while today.

Conference with fourth grade teachers today.

Barber .15;

### **Saturday, February 6**

A little colder. A beautiful day with a fine sunset.

To city on 8:49. To Miss Ingersoll's to leave material for more slides & to inspect slides already made. Pd by check \$12<sup>10</sup> on flower slides. Charge Dist 107 for some of the cathedral slides.

To Newberry Library to look up colonial material - - - Musical instruments in colonial days, etc. - - To Fields for pajamas. Home on the 2:34. Worked at school house until after 5:00. Then out W. Park Ave. to Skokie R.R. & back – to enjoy sunset, etc.

Worked until 11:00 P.M. at desk at office. Got all the bills in shape, including my own, etc R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .37; dental floss .15;

### **Sunday, February 7**

Cold this A M, but moderated. A fine day.

I rested at home all day. Read from Coit and also read Henry V & part of King John. Also Bryan's lecture, "The Prince of Peace". Wrote a letter to Stirling Overley and one to Tot Mahan.

### **Monday, February 8**

Beautiful day. Thawed a very little.

Taught quite a little in Miss Rapp's room.

Conferences with various teachers.

Board meeting this evening. Everything O.K. except a racket over employing Mrs Geo Taylor to fill out Miss Hourigan's term. Two members very much opposed to employing married women.

Sent 1<sup>20</sup> to Wm Rau of Philadelphia for lantern slides. Charge to Dist. 107

Barber .15;

### **Tuesday, February 9**

Milder but still not much thawing. Fine sleighing.

Had Miss Rapp visit School of Ed this day to observe conversation classes in German. I taught her room until recess, this A.M. Then Prof. Thomson came to show his series of relief maps & Mr Wright of the Lincoln Ave school came up to see them. After lunch I showed Laurence Collins about my school for a half hour or so. Then I heard a civics class & a 7B science lesson.

Various conferences after school.

Miss Young visiting nurse – sent out 69 notices of physical defects of children.

This evening I called on Mrs Frank Laing, treasurer of the P.T.A. to go over the accounts. The special funds owe me more than \$22<sup>00</sup>  
Stamps \$2<sup>00</sup> Charge to Dist 107.

### **Wednesday, February 10**

Thawed most of the day.

I taught two science classes, one geog, two history classes.

Visitors from Dist 108 – Miss Stone, Gilbert, & Peters. From Winnetka – Miss Nyhaus

Recd 4 lantern slides from Wm H. Rau. Charge 1.70 to Dist 107.

Planning for peace celebration, Feb. 19, 1915 – 100th anniversary.

At school part of the evening. Read up on Cartier & Champlain.

Barber .15;

### **Thursday, February 11**

Mild. Thawing steadily. Like April.

Busy day

Miss White's children gave a play this afternoon – Billie Bobtail – to a crowded house. Receipts 22<sup>42</sup>.

Reporters for the Tribune & Herald were there and took a number of pictures.

Little Emmaline Moore had her finger lacerated in a door at the annex this afternoon and I had to take her to Dr Bergen to have it dressed. The nail came off. Her mother got to the office when it was all over. The little girl came back to school to see the "show."

Conference with Mrs Bacon this evening about kindergarten matters.

Overhauled my Lincoln slides to use tomorrow.

### **Friday, February 12**

A little milder, cooler but still thawing. Ice leaving sidewalks Threatening rain. A few drops after six P.M.

Gave Lincoln talks with slides to all the pupils today in three groups.

Visited a little while with Everett M. at the kindergarten. Spent some time with Hugill and McConnell over heating & humidifying in the annex.

Miss Grunewald and I conferred over the play her pupils are preparing. Various other conferences.

Sent two dollars each to Volunteers and to Legislative Voters' League.

Barber .75;

### **Saturday, February 13**

Prec. ".15

Light rain at times this A.M. Balmy. Spring like. Ice nearly gone.

To city on 8:09. Visited with A.J. Metzler enroute. Walked over town with Mr. Geer. To Schantz' office to leave bird slides for him to use next week & to arrange seats at same table for Mr. Geer & the Millards & me. To Fields where I bot 2 books; Miss Ingersoll's – two trips; got some (22) Canada slides there. To Chicago Transp. Co to leave some slides to be colored & to rent some Canada slides; to Board of Ed rooms to consult Mr Bright about a speaker; to McClurg's for a book on Canada To La Salle hotel

where the Geog. Soc. had a luncheon and Sir Douglas Mawson gave a great lecture on his Antarctic experiences. One of the finest things I ever heard. Wonderful pictures. Mr & Mrs Mitchell, Dr Davis, Miss Davis, Mrs Young were at our table. Fine company.

Went up to Newberry library until 8:00 P.M. Home on the 8:55.  
R R .52 + .30; tickets 3<sup>00</sup>; books 1<sup>00</sup>; supper 70; candy .10; boots .15

### **Sunday, February 14**                      Prec. T.

Slight showers. High wind. Cooler.

To church this A.M. Heard sermon on "Sin."

Counted pews to calculate capacity of church for holding all our pupils.

Walked with Mr & Mrs Millard down beach this afternoon, to Gad's Hill Ravine. They followed ravine up nearly to the Sheridan Road bridge. Showed them my colony of sassafras in the woods there. Had a fine walk.

This morning I saw a small flock of kinglets near the Presb. Church.

Read much from a book on Canada.

### **Monday, February 15**

Threatening and a little cooler. – like a March day.

Dr Hamilton and I saw a Lapland longspur flying overhead at noon today.

Miss Jones unable to teach. Got Mrs Pertz to sub. for her, Miss Schermerhorn trading rooms to make sub. work easier.

At assembly this A.M. Miss Jewett drilled on our music for the centen. anniv. Mrs Seymour played. Mr. Wright of Lincoln Ave. school present.

After school Miss Jewett and I went over to Presb. Church to look over seating arrangements.

At school a while this P.M.

Barber .25;

### **Tuesday, February 16**

Fine day Thawing.

Had a delightful tramp to the Skokie at 5:15-6:15. Frozen pools, brown, purple stubble; the call of the horned larks; the gleam of awaking willow catkins, etc.

A busy day. 5 recitations. Mr. Rhodes called for a while this A.M to see the new b'ld'g, then sent two women members of his board here this afternoon.

Mrs Pertz substituted again for Miss Jones.

### **Wednesday, February 17**

Another fine wintry day.

Miss Taylor ill and I helped out her room part of the day.

Miss Cramer's pupils gave a dramatization of the King of the Golden River this afternoon in the aud. Fair.

Mr. Jones of Rockford and two of his board of ed. spent an hour with me this afternoon looking over my new bld'g, etc

Went over on the lake front from 5 to 6 this evening. Beautiful color effects on ice patches. - - A duck, black all over, came in and flew into some bushes – presumably to roost.

Pub. Service Co's men used our aud. this evening for a Safety First lecture. Speakers – Reed & Gilkinson. Good. I stayed late working on a map.

Barber .15;

### **Thursday, February 18**

Beautiful day. Spring like.

Assembly of grades 3 – 8 to rehearse music for tomorrow. Mrs Seymour played.

Rec'd photo of cast of bambino the pottery people are making for us.

Much telephoning here and there today to secure a speaker for tomorrow. Mrs Shannon and Mr Dobson helped. At last I secured Mr. C.T. Heydecker of Waukegan.

This A M. I showed slides on Canada to grades 3 & 4.

After school Miss Jewett & Mr. Wright & I met at Presb. church & planned seating arrangements. Then Mr. W & I called on Col. Davidson to ask the "loan" of his band. The latter, it seems, is not yet prepared to play in public. So our trip was unsuccessful.

At my desk at school until late this P.M.

Barber .15;

### **Friday, February 19**

A fine mild day.

At noon I saw, and heard, three bluebirds flying overhead!

Spent quite a little time this A.M. perfecting plans for the peace celebration this afternoon.

At 1:40 our fifteen rooms left the building, the British & American flags abreast, & marched down "front street" to Laurel where the Ravinia & Lincoln Ave pupils met them and all marched on opposite sides of the street to the Presb. Church. Allen Bogan presided at the organ. Our choruses sang well. Mr Christian T. Heydecker of Waukegan gave a patriotic address. We sent a telegram of congratulation to Prince Alexander of Teck, Gov. Gen'l of Canada. Fine and inspiring program

Wrote up data for Waukegan paper this evening.

Telegram 1<sup>57</sup>

[The peace celebration was held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of Ghent, which ended the War of 1812. The Treaty was ratified by the U.S. Senate on February 16, 1815. – ed.]

### **Saturday, February 20**

Beautiful day. Hazy.

The news I had been fearing arrived today – of the death of Walter Marshall Clute at N. Cucamonga, Calif – on the 13th. He was one of the very best men I have ever known.

To the city on 8:49. To Miss Ingersoll's to leave some more slides. To Douglas' office to talk pictures. Went to lunch with him and Heil at the Illinois cafe. To Field's where I bo't a book – Quick's Inland Rivers, some camera plates, & a pair of shoes. To Chic. Transp Co. to get some slides left for coloring, etc. Pd by check \$4<sup>50</sup>. Charge \$4<sup>00</sup> to Dist 107.

Home by 4:30. Went out for a tramp. Met Miss Edith Boynton & we went down into Skokie, etc. Flushed up a marsh hawk.

This evening neighbor Decker and I went to the high school to hear talks on vocational education; then saw a wrestling match in the new "gym" and swimming races in the pool.

R.R .52 + .10; barber .25; paper .05;

[Theodore H. Decker lived at 145 S. Second St. Mr. Smith was renting a house from Henry Clow at 141 S. Second St. –ed.]

### **Sunday, February 21**

Prec. ".04

At home all morning Had a fine sleep.

Finished Steiner's "From Alien to Citizen."

Began Mahan's "From Sail to Steam" Read from Carpenter's Six Months at the White House.  
Everett & I went for a tramp this afternoon and were rained on. Went to Sweeney's woods.  
Found two skunk cabbage blossoms just peeping out. Found chickadees, & a downy. Bro't home a boquet  
of fruiting stalks of the sensitive fern  
Trolley .10

**Monday, February 22** Trace

No school. Threatened rain. Finally light drizzle began after night.  
Miss Moody had kg. for the fathers to visit. I spent some time there. Then I visited with Miss  
Behrens' friend Miss Nixon of Hammond, Ind.  
Worked most of the afternoon with Miss Grunewald & her pupils who are preparing for a play.  
Then wrote some copy on the teachers' pension bill. Continued this after supper.  
Barber .15;

**Tuesday, February 23** Prec. ".78

Threatening. Rain in the night. Then a drizzle late in the day. Sort of a March day.  
Assembly of grades 5 - 8 & showed pictures of Quebec & the Canadien Rockies.  
Taught 2 science lessons, one history, one civics; etc.  
Took 2:34 for Chicag. To Chic. Transp Co. to return some lantern slides. To Dennison's for  
envelopes; to Miss Ingersoll's to see some bird slides.  
Attended Board meeting of Geog Soc. Good time. Nothing very important done.  
Home by 6:30. Went to H.P. Club to hear Mr Heller of M. Field & Co explain moving picture  
films of cotton industry, etc. Valuable lecture.  
Charge E. D of N.I.T.A. \$1<sup>10</sup> for envelopes; Dist 107 - \$1<sup>25</sup> for slide rental.  
Barber .15; R.R. .52 + .10;

**Wednesday, February 24** Trace of snow.

Gray day. Trace of sleet, especially after night fall.  
Very busy. Taught 7B history while Miss Grunewald drilled pupils in her play. Science with 8B's  
& 7B's. History with 4A's. Conference with Mrs Clements over P.T.A. affairs.  
Got some material ready for printer on pension legislation. Also news item for H.P. Press.  
Paid Presb. Church dues to April.  
Worked at school until after 10:00 P.M.  
Garters .25;

**Thursday, February 25**

Fine day. Cool.  
Miss Grunewald's dramatization of debate over resolutions of Rich Henry Lee and Decl. of Ind. came off  
today. Matinee this afternoon & an evening performance. Receipts 27<sup>00</sup>+. Beautiful performance. Almost  
endless am't of time preparing costumes.  
Barber .25;

**Friday, February 26**

Most beautiful day. Thawed after last night's freeze.  
Taught as usual.  
Conference after school with Miss Giffin, Mr Kensler & some of the other teachers on our mural  
scheme & the hanging of pictures, etc

To Geog. Soc. this evening. Prof. Homer L. Schantz on plant life of desert region. Conferred with Mr. Schantz & Miss Mitchell on Audubon work.  
R.R. .52 + .05; mag. 25; b[um?]s 1<sup>00</sup>

### **Saturday, February 27**

Beautiful. Cool. Sunny.

To school bld'g for a while then to city on 9:19. To Art Inst. to try to find whereabouts of certain former students who painted murals for our school – Grant, Scott, Miss Spaller.

To Mueller's where I ordered 48 small frames for information cards; to Mr. Schantz to get bird slides. He and I went to lunch at P[rice?] Food Cafe. Then to Miss Enk to look over slides & bring some bird slides away. Carson & Pirie's for Saxony yarn. Home by 4:21. At my desk awhile. Then a nap. After supper, at school until 9:00. Then at my home desk.

Planned talk on nature study for Monday afternoon. Worked on some material to be sent out for legislative committee.

Pd Miss Ingersoll \$3<sup>20</sup> on slide rental, etc. Charge to Dist 107.

R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .35; barber .15; mag. .05;

### **Sunday, February 28**

Bright. Cool. Sharp N.E. wind.

To church this A.M. After dinner to Everett M's. From there we went down to the County Line by trolley. Walked over to Skokie, up across Clavey's nursery grounds, back to Green Bay Road and home.

Chilly walk but rich in color. Faint blue wash in sky, fine cloud masses like distant mt. masses; brown & purples in marsh; lavender of gray dogwood; deep glow of red osier; gleam of water, brimming ditches and pools.

Crows only, & one sparrow – probably song sparrow.

Grackles, meadowlarks, bluebirds & robins & song sparrows at Riverside, so Miss Mitchell reports.

Mrs Munroe saw a flock of bluebirds here Monday.

Church .10; trolley .10.

### **Monday, March 1**

Beautiful, sunny day. Cool, sharp, after night.

Another busy day. Mr. Flinn bro't Supt Hudson & Dr. \_\_\_\_ of Souix Falls to see our new b'ld'g.

I went down to Lincolnwood School this afternoon to talk to the parents' club on nature study.

Got along fairly well. Myrtle English, Ethel Goddard, & others there

This evening at school. Had Miss Nora Behrens. Dictated a number of letters to her

Trolley .15; barber .15;

### **Tuesday, March 2**

Beautiful day. Cool N.E. wind.

Began today to prepare a display of our Bournique collection of 100 small pictures, etc. Mr K., Miss Giffin & I spent some time there at.

Conference with annex teachers after school. Then with Mrs Taylor & Miss Rapp about German. Sent copy to printer for a letter to be sent out to my correspondents re legislative matters.

Took 8A's to city hall for civics lesson. Leper in the jail. We did not visit the jail

Chas Keller, a neighbor down street, died in hospital today.

We wired Rev. J.R. Reasoner at Urbana congratulations on 74th birthday.

At school house until late. Worked on map of great lakes.

Sundries .10; Telegram .75

### **Wednesday, March 3**

Trace – snow.

Cold winds today. Gray, most of the time. Sprinkling of snow flakes.

Mr. Egan sent us some snowdrops.

Mr Simpson visited us awhile this afternoon

Mrs Pertz substituted today for Miss Miller who is ill. I taught one class for her

My secretary got into the mail 125 or more letters for legislative work today.

Bought 200 stamps (2¢) for E.N. Div & 100 for Dist 107.

Went down to Audubon meeting at City Club this evening. Ate supper with Everett M. & his friend at Club. We had good meeting. E. & I caught 8:55 back

R.R. .52 + .05; supper .75; barber .15;

### **Thursday, March 4**

Still cool wind all day increasing in strength after night.

Miss Young & I conferred this A.M. about the contagious colds among the kg. children. All these children carefully inspected.

Worked some of a map of the Great Lakes.

Had conference with some of the teachers and rehung some pictures after school.

Called up gymnastics teacher at Glencoe and arranged for a basket ball game between our boys on Mar. 20.

A touch of cold on my lungs.

At home this evening. Read up on “discovery of old-northwest.”

### **Friday, March 5**

Snow. “2.00 ; Prec “.37

Snowing vigorously at daybreaking & continued thus until after 9:00 A.M.

My threatened cold seemed receding.

Third day Mrs Pertz substituted for Miss Miller.

Very busy at school. Mrs Lindgren & Mrs Webster from Evanston came to talk over school curricula with me. Mrs L. built an open air room for a school in which some of the Ev. school children are being experimented upon. Had a long conference with them.

Conferred with Bahr this A.M. over cuttings and garden seeds.

At home this evening. Looked over bird slides.

### **Saturday, March 6**

Snow “1.00 ; Prec. today & next “.22

Snowed a little in the night. A little after dark this evening.

To the city. To Bradner Smith to select mounting board; to Douglas’ to leave a picture to frame & to order a copy of the Victory of Samothrace To Miss Ingersoll’s to see what slides were ready. To Barret’s in Majestic B’ld’g where the Round Table met. Prof. Guy Montrose Whipple talked on the “Gifted Child”. A number of us had lunch together – at my table, Miller, Harper, & Dr Lukens.

(Conference with Hatfield)

To Fair where I bo’t 15 pairs of brackets – Charge #107 - 70¢. To Miss Ingersoll’s to get more bird slides, etc.

Home on 4:37.

At school a short time this evening, etc

Popcorn .10; razor blades .75; R.R. .52 + .10; lunch .75;

### **Sunday, March 7**

A little more snow in the night & a slight fall this A.M.

Shoveled off walks this A.M. To S.S. for a while. Then home until noon.

Went to Glencoe on the 12:25 to take dinner with Geo & Mrs Buck. Found two Miss Congdons there, Mr B's cousins. One stayed all afternoon. Talked bird & flower pictures with the Bucks. Walked home in a cold wind after 5:00.

The Clows and Mr Dyke spent the evening with us.

Trolley .05

### **Monday, March 8**

Sun came out. Snow began to melt in a hurry.

Three teachers from Chicago Heights visited us today.

Mrs Pertz substituted for Miss Murray who was at Hammond where her brother-in-law, Dr. Jewell, is very ill.

The usual busy day.

Board meeting this evening. Mr Greenslade in Calif. Bills passed. Talked about the bambinoes, etc. Barber .15;

### **Tuesday, March 9**

Beautiful day. Snow fast disappearing.

Miss Ruby White had an inflamed eye, & Mrs Pertz substituted for her.

Voted in the primary, commission form of government, today.

Miss Behrens and I worked after supper this evening, getting out a great quantity of printed matter bearing on educ'l legislation. Mailed to 130 or more persons.

5A's made cuttings today of the red willow.

### **Wednesday, March 10**

Another sunny day. Wind a little cool. Brooks flowing.

Mrs Shannon & I went to Terra Cotta to inspect the models of the bambinoes for the exterior of our new b'ld'g.

7:31 for Chic where Neil Gates met us. Took 8:30 for Crystal Lake. There machine took us to the factory at Terra Cotta. Met Major Gates & Carl Schneider, sculptor. Delighted with the models. Passed upon the color to be used. Were shown all about the plant & given each a teco ware vase. Lunch with the Gates Bro. Caught 12:44 for Chic. & the 2:00 for H.P. - - -

Part of this evening at my desk at school.

Charge Dist. 107 \$2<sup>88</sup> for expenses.

### **Thursday, March 11**

Beautiful day.

Took 36 eighth grade pupils to Waukegan. Visited with Miss Bower in Co Clerk's office, then attended session of Circuit Court, Judge Claire Edwards presiding. A German tried on charge of robbery, etc Heard prisoner's evidence offered as an alibi, the state's atty's charge, & much of the reply of the prisoner's atty. Got home at 12:20.

Miss Boswell still ill, & Mrs Pertz in her place. Paid latter \$29<sup>75</sup> for 8 ½ days this afternoon.

Charge to Dist 107. Charge #107 fifty cents for Wauk. expenses

Several of us had walk to Skokie this evening. Saw 2 bluebirds & 25 or more song sparrows. Heard some robins.

### **Friday, March 12**

And another!

Busy day. – Two science lessons, one history, one civics. Worked on a map for 4B's. Spent an hour with Mrs Taylor on geog. involved in teaching the colonial period.

Gave printer more copy for a "printer's proof" on vocational education.

Mr Bahr gave us a flat of 500 John Baer tomato plants; also seed of two other kinds.

To Fullerton Hall this evening to hear Dr Goode on the geog & economic significance of this war. A great lecture. Conferred with Mr Schantz about Audubon matters & Mr Hatfield about legislative matters

R.R. .52 + .10; barber .25; mag. .05;

### **Saturday, March 13**

More beautiful still!

Chicago. To Mueller's to leave Lincoln material for mounting; Art Inst. to get addresses of Mr. Grant & Miss Spaller; to Douglas' for information; Art Inst. & Chic. Pub. Library for information about the Grail pictures; lunch at The Hearth; Art & Travel for more bird slides; left moth book there to guide colorist in her work; to Stebbins Hardware Co for wire & trowels. To Studebaker to see Salisbury's splendid moving pictures of animal life. Home at 5:21.

At desk at school preparing letter to my colleagues.

To McIntosh Stereopt Co. for advice about lenses of stereopticon. [Mr. Smith drew a line from this entry to the list of Chicago errands. – ed.]

Charge Dist 107 - .95 for wire & trowels; Audubon Soc. 1<sup>00</sup> for slide boxes

R.R. .52 + .15; lunch .40; candy .19; theatre .25;

### **Sunday, March 14**

Gray & threatening.

Heard robins scolding as I lay abed this A.M. Numbers of them came yesterday

To S.S. to confer with Mrs Kimball et al. about Easter program.

Dr. Luken came at 10:30 with his machine accompanied by Messrs Sloan & O'Connor. We spent the rest of the day photographing houses – in H.P., L.F. & Waukegan. Ate our lunch near bridge over 6th Ravine

Millard's lodge & house; Mrs Putnam's; Clement's; Bournique's; Ft Sher. water tower; cottage on Onwentsia; old house on Sheridan Road, Wauk; Judge Tipton's; also old house near it; Crab Tree Dairy. - - Here we were entertained for a while by Mr & Mrs Slaymaker, et. al., at the Lodge.

Visited Harold McCormick's place & got permission to wander all about. Saw flock of cedar waxwings there. Saw kill-deers today.

### **Monday, March 15**

All blustry March day. Rain in the night and light snow melting as it fell. Spitting snow during the day and increasing in boisterousness after nightfall.

Busy as usual. In aud. exerc., children sang "Lovely appear" and began the pilgrim's chorus.

Began getting plant house ready for planting tomato seeds.

Miss Guiney and I went to Lucille Van Law Schneider's for dinner, after which they took us through much of the new h.s. plant. An interesting trip.

### **Tuesday, March 16**

Clear. Sunny. Cool wind blowing. Crust of snow on sidewalk at daybreak, but nearly all melted during the day.

A "rush" day. Some plant house work started. Helped Miss Jones & Miss Schermerhorn plan their planting exercises.

Mrs Clements called for a conference about P.T.A. program. Mrs Shannon about visiting nurse work. This afternoon I sent Miss Young up to call on old Mrs Schaeffer on the Gavitt place – a neglected old woman.

Let a lot of our pupils accompany our basket ball team to contest with Glencoe grammar school this afternoon. Filled special car. Kensler & Misses Grunewald & Davis went along. (I had to go to the dentist – Dr Hamilton) Our pupils lost – 9 to 35.

This evening I went to the Kimballs to confer with Mrs K over Easter program. Had a pleasant visit. Enjoyed their fine paintings.

### **Wednesday, March 17**

Clear day. Cool but delightful.

Everything to do at the outset, but I worried through.

One history lesson and two science lessons.

Helped 5th grades plant tomato seeds. 5A's had 9 flats of Dwarf Champion; 5B's 12 of Dwarf Stone.

Parents & Teachers' meeting this afternoon. About 20 parents! Fine program given by the pupils. At home this evening. Overhauled slides for lecture to be given at Edison Park tomorrow evening. Last evening sent out 125 or so letters containing two vocat. educ'n printer's proofs.

### **Thursday, March 18**

Fine day.

Set up Miss Jones' and Miss Shermerhorn's "truck garden" in their rooms.

Got lumber for trestles for supporting sand trays.

Put peas & beans to soak for 4th graders.

Took 5:50 for Chic. & got to Edison Park on the 7:17. Gave flower talk in M.E. Church. Mr. Blood at the lantern. Met old acquaintances, Mrs Ball, Mrs Burley and Marguerite, Marian Crum, Harry Willis.

Had a good time. Got home at 11:30 Expenses paid.  
Magaz. .05;

### **Friday, March 19**

Trace – Snow

Very fine day, tho gray, but towards evening flurries of snow – great flakes falling thickly for ten minutes at a time, etc

Germinating boxes set up in Misses Parks' and Rapp's rooms.

Workman repaired roof of plant house.

A strolling lecturer was permitted to display in the aud. oil paintings, reproducing great works of art. This was after school. Fairly worth while

Mr Orpheus M. Schantz came out to talk on birds at Ravinia Was our guest. Before supper I showed him our school. Mrs Millard sent their auto for us to take us to Ravinia. Good audience. Mr. S. had to leave early and I finished out his talk.  
Barber .25;

### **Saturday, March 20**

Gray. Pleasant.

Worked at plant house at first. Then took 9:56 for Chic. To Cent. Scientific Co. to buy apparatus. To Mueller's to leave some Lincoln material. McClurg's where I bo't some boys' books for Dist. 107. Lunch at Hearth where I had a fine chat with Prin J.R. Skiles of DeKalb.

To Pub. Library to look up flag La Salle carried. To Miss Ingersoll's where I got more bird slides.  
Home on 4:00-4:37

At school this evening, part of the time at the Y.W.C.A. entertainment given in the aud.  
R R. .52 + .20; lunch .35; barber .25;

### **Sunday, March 21**

Gray. Cool.

To S.S. where I conferred with Mrs Kimball & others on Easter program.

To church.

A nap after dinner. Then was picked up in Millard's auto & taken to Winnetka to Mr Rutter's where Everett & Mrs M. were at lunch We came away together, then sent Mrs M & the machine back & walked along Skokie slopes to County Line. A fine walk. Flocks of grackles & a fine flock of tree sparrows.

When I got home I gathered up all the Audubon slides & went down to the Pattees at No. Evanston. Had supper. Spent evening discussing Audubon affairs.

Some snow after nightfall. Trace.

Trolley .10; R.R. 26 + .16;

### **Monday, March 22**

Trace

Gray. Cool. A few flakes.

Miss Cassidy, princ. of one of the Rockford schools visited us today.

5A's re-set the John Baer tomatoes today.

I visited several rooms this A.M.

After school I showed some of my flower slides to Miss Cassidy & others.

This evening Miss Nora and I worked at my office. I dictated a number of letters. Talked with Mr. Hatfield over phone on legislative matters.

Mr. Dixon bro't us manure for a hot bed today.

### **Tuesday, March 23**

Sunny yet cool.

Got my bike from Purdy's after paying for new tires & a saddle.

Mn'l tr. boys stained the mill work for overshoe racks in cloak rooms.

Taught a great deal today. Entertained Mr. Thomas, formerly of Woodstock, now of Row, Peterson & Co.

Took 7:20 for Evanston. Spent evening with the Pattees going over Audubon slides.

Barber .15; Bicycle 10<sup>50</sup>; Country Gentleman sub. 1<sup>00</sup>;

### **Wednesday, March 24**

Warmer. Gray & sunny alternately.

Sent out several letters on legislative matters - - - one to Shurtleff, for instance

Miss Clara Dietrich of Zion City (U. of C. student), formerly of Lake Bluff, called to talk over possible position here.

This afternoon Mrs Millard came in the Boynton auto and took Miss White, Miss Giffin and me to Evanston to look over the pictures and casts in some of the schools. We met Mrs Lord at the Central St. School & she piloted us about. - Central, Lincolnwood, Orrington, Haven, Miller, & West Side(?) schools. At the Haven we chatted for a few minutes with Mrs Kingsley, Mrs Goss, the women principals & other members of the Art League. Home at 6:00.

At school this evening to work over some apparatus  
Barber .15;

**Thursday, March 25** Trace - Snow  
Cool. Gray. Few flakes in the air in late afternoon.

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Busy. Miss Ruby White went home ill this A.M. I helped out in her room this afternoon.

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Conference with teachers of first three grades, this afternoon.

Inspected west-side school site at 5:30. Asked Koller to haul manure there.

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Ordered bolts & yokes from Norr to use in making electromagnets.

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At desk until nearly 9:00 P.M. Then to Presb. Church to see what Choral Society is doing with the Easter music.

**Friday, March 26**

A little snow on the ground at daybreak. Sunny but cool day & snow still lingers in shady places.

Today had each of my staff take the name of three legislators to whom to write to urge support of the pension bill. Wrote some myself.

Misses Guiney, Boswell, Grunewald, and Giffin and I went down to Geog. Soc. meeting this evening to hear Baldwin on surveying the Alaskan frontier.

Clarence came this afternoon - on a business trip to Chicago.  
R.R. .52 + .50; (Ticket 6<sup>60</sup>);

**Saturday, March 27**

Sunny most of the day. Clarence and I went to the city and were together until 11:30 when he went over to the La Salle Hotel to meet a friend who entertained him the remainder of the day.

To Schantz' office to confer on Audubon matters; to Field's for slippers; McClurg's to order some books; Remington's for a typewriter ribbon; lunch at the Hearth; for insulating wire; Miss Ingersoll's where I got more bird slides and some slides for the Presb. Church.

Home on the 1:55-2:28. Had a sleep.

Took 6:53 for Wilmette. Met Sup't John Harper and we went to call on Rep. Louis J. Pierson, chairman of the House committee on Education to talk pension bill, vocational ed'n, etc. Well received & had a good time

Dist 107 – Ink .15; ribbon (type) .75

Ins. wire .50;

R.R. 1.<sup>04</sup> + .20; lunch .37; barber .25;

### **Sunday, March 28**

Trace.

A March day! Sunny and inviting at first. About 11:00 A.M. heavily overcast & later snow flurry, etc.

Clarence & I had a walk down to the lake this A.M. Then he left us at 10:30 for home.

I went to S.S. (the latter end of it) to confer with Mrs Kimball, then to church. Communion

Sunday & large class, mostly S.S. pupils admitted to the church.

At home all the rest of the day. Good nap. Read the latter half of The Antiquary. Much refreshed.

Sad accident at Elm St. crossing today. Train struck Leuer' Bros' auto, killing Louis (16 yrs old) and severely injuring Frank.

Church .10;

### **Monday, March 29**

Cool – almost icy. Sun shone at times.

Busy!

Got proof and finished copies of a letter to send out to my colleagues of the East-Northern Div.

Signed them this evening.

Began a series of literature lessons with the 7A's today.

Dictated a number of letters on legislative business.

Worked at desk this evening.

Sent \$4<sup>56</sup> to R L. Baird, dues for Royal League – Mar & April

Spent 5<sup>00</sup> for stamps. Charge to the East-Northern Division.

### **Tuesday, March 30**

Still cool. Clear. Invigorating.

Helped Miss Boswell's and Miss Behrens' rooms plant vegetables in flats.

Two science lessons, one Eng., one civics lesson.

Turned out grist of letters.

Phoned Hatfield about the legislative situation.

Conference with Misses Cramer and Murray over fifth grade work.

Spent part of the evening at the Kimballs helping prepare S.S. program for Easter.

Barber .15; candy .10;

### **Wednesday, March 31**

Clear. Beautiful. A little warmer.

Three gram & lit. lessons, science lessons, etc Had 8B's begin construction of buzzer, electric bells, etc.

Went to Ravinia school a while this afternoon to hear Mrs John Lindner give a Holy Grail program with piano & lantern slides. The latter unusually fine - - - from Curtis Cameron & Co.

Ethel Goddard called & I gave her some time.

Spent an hour or so with Everett Millard this evening, planning a tree planting campaign.

### **Thursday, April 1**

Milder still. Beautiful sunny day.

Very busy with class work, etc. Also arranging slides for a talk I gave the Ossoli Club in the afternoon. This went off rather well.

Miss Howe of Evanston and Miss Rosenstern (?) of Benton Harbor visited us awhile this afternoon. I worked at my office this evening, "mulling" over price lists of trees.

### **Friday, April 2**

Cooler. A short flurry of snowflakes. Then a little milder.

Busy as usual.

Mother went to B.H. & St Joe this A.M.

Mrs Shannon visited us awhile.

Mrs Van Riper called to consult me about the vocational topic.

Long conference with Mrs Taylor about the 6B's who are troublesome.

Prepared a price list of trees & shrubs & had mimeographed and distributed among the various rooms today.

Consulted Mr Clampit before school today as to suitable apple trees to plant. Looked over garden patch on Sheahan site.

Worked over Audubon slides this evening.

### **Saturday, April 3**

Fine day also. Still rather cool.

Watered plants at school, then took 8:49 for Chicago. To McIntosh's for carbons; Fields for collars, shirts, & to return gloves; The Fair for pitchers; Miss Ingersoll's for Easter slides, etc. Home on 12:35-1:20. Everett M. & I had a conference on planting at lake front park, then at school. Then I met Mrs Van Riper by appointment with reference to her report on vocational legislation. Home & had a nap.

To the Presb. Church after supper & spent the evening helping Mrs Kimball plan the illustrated program for tomorrow.

Dist 107 - \$2<sup>20</sup> for 4 pitchers

Presb. Church .72 for carbons.

R.R. 52 + .10; lunch .37; stamp book .97;

### **Sunday, April 4**

Trace

Easter!

A mild, Spring-like day, threatening rain but with few rain drops

To S.S. where I helped Mrs Kimball run off the illustrated program. Sang in the Choral Club at Church services.

Kittie and I took the 2:55 to Waukegan and attended S.S. Easter services in Mr Chidester's church. Mr. Baggett, chorus director. Good music. A fine service.

Mr. Booth had insisted that I sing with the Choral Club in a special program this evening altho I had not practiced with the Club. However I bolted at the last moment this evening, and went down to Everett Millard's awhile.

Trolley .60; Church .25 + .10 + .25.

### **Monday, April 5**

Warm and spring like Really the first day of spring.

A busy day, also.

Went to the Miller school in Evanston for the afternoon and gave a flower talk with a few bird slides interspersed. Grades 1 – 4 first & then 5 – 8. About twenty mothers present. A fine time.

Visited with Rev. Mr. Schultz on trolley on way back.

At my desk awhile this evening. Then worked on Audub. lecture at home.

At Monday morning exercises children have been learning Pilgrim's Chorus.

Trolley & train .22 + .15; mag. 15;

## **Tuesday, April 6**

A light shower in the night and the world fresh and vocal this morning. Went down to Millard's early and heard juncoes, the cardinals, chewinks, et. al. & saw a hermit thrush.

Cool wind came up during day.

Did some desk work today. Esterbrook man called.

Spent afternoon at the Woman's Club meeting. Had five minutes to talk about vocational ed. & the pension bill.

Heard Celia Parker Wooley talk on the work of the Frederick Douglas Center.

Caucused this P.M., first with Mr. Greenslade, then at school with Mrs Shannon & Mr. Metzler over candidates for the Board.

Spent some time with Mr. Bahr today planning tree order.

Barber .15;

## **Wednesday, April 7**

[no entry on this day – ed.]

## **Thursday, April 8**

Another fine day. Gray much of the time, growing warmer towards evening.

Mr Metzler called this A.M. to confer about a board member and we inspected the grounds. I was authorized to secure bids for side walks and to have Bahr continue the landscaping.

I had Bahr come over this afternoon and we planned the work. Delhaye and Ugolini promised to bid on the walks.

I had one Garrity spade Sheahan site garden yesterday and today he dug & cleared away around the new bld'g. I advanced him \$5<sup>00</sup> on this work for Dist 107.

A number of the teachers and I with Mrs Wrenn, Norcross, Alexander, Hines, & Munro went up to the skunk cabbage patch west of Highwood this P.M after school. Saw great flocks of juncoes, fox sparrows, red wings, et. al.

Mother back from St. Joe today.

Trolley .10; barber .15;

## **Friday, April 9**

Trace

Sultry. Strong south wind Light shower in the night.

Workmen on school grounds removing clay preparatory to surfacing with crushed stone.

Mr Metzler called again & discussed situation.

Ugolini came to make cement walk estimate. Delhaye also.

This afternoon I used the Audubon set before all my pupils. Grades 1 – 3 came first, all others next.

Gave Miss Miller leave of absence for next three weeks and had Mrs Pertz plan to substitute for her.

This evening held court over Edward Genest & Edward Kuhn at office. Parents present. These boys "beat up" Carl Moras in hallway after school yesterday, after I left bldg

Then I called on H. C Walther to try to persuade him to run for Board member. Nichts. Then down to Millards to plan tree list.

### **Saturday, April 10**

Prec. ".33

Shower in the night ending in sprinkle until about 9:00 A.M. A mild day, sunny after noon. Grass showing green almost over night.

Watered plants at greenhouse. Then made out tree order & sent it to Amer. Forestry Co. One to two other firms & turned it over to Bahr to send.

Took 10:38 for Chicago. To Mr Schantz to deliver set of Audubon slides, etc. To Devoe's for india ink; Vaughan's where I left order for specimen packets of seeds; took 1:30 for home

Wrote some on the Audub. lecture; voted at H.S. election; spent half hour with Mr Sandwick; on school grounds awhile.

After supper a short errand up town. Then worked over my notes for a lecture at Aurora Tuesday P.M. Had long phone talk with Mr Hatfield over legislative situation which seems to be bad so far as our bills are concerned.

R R .52 + ; lunch .25; barber .80; India ink 1<sup>60</sup> (Dist 107); seeds at Vaughn's 1<sup>20</sup> (Dist 107);

### **Sunday, April 11**

Prec. ".32

Rained again in the night and again from 9 to 1:00.

Went down to Millard's for breakfast. Later we went down to ~~Stipes~~ Copp' Lane by machine. Then on foot and in the rain through the woods, across the Skokie to Clavey's nursery, then through a fringe of woods to the County Line road. Here we went east to Green Bay Road where machine picked us up. I was wet through in places.

A nap this afternoon. Then I wrote on the Audubon lecture. Ditto this evening. About 70 slides finished.

### **Monday, April 12**

A little rain in the night. A snow fall before 5:00 A M left roofs white for a short time. Clear & much cooler after noon. Very chill this evening

At morning ex. had two boys apologize to school for "beating up" another boy on Thursday.

Pupils planted zinnias, asters, marigold, & salvias in flats.

Civics class working on fly nuisance, milk problem, etc.

Board meeting this evening. Had to work very hard to prepare for it.

Mother bad cold today.

Barber .15;

### **Tuesday, April 13**

Aurora

A very busy day.

Left on the 3:34 for Aurora via Auror-Elgin Electric. Got there at 6:30. Ate at a restaurant.

Gave a wild flower talk at the H.S. Mr. Bardwell presented me.

Lantern went out several times; pictures out of focus; & the talk a sort of a torture to me. Met Miss Garms, - Mrs Young, et. al.

Caught 9:30 trolley for Joliet & got on the 12:15 C & A. for Springfield.

R.R. .52 + .55 + .50 + 2.50 + 1.50.

Meals .25 + .15.

**Wednesday, April 14**

At Springfield.

Woke up in the "yards". Went over to St Nick to washup & to breakfast. Mr. Dodge of Chicago and I were together. Then we with Mr. Gayler of Canton went over to Supt Magill's office where we met Hatfield, Potts, Jones, et. al.

Spent much of the morning in a conference in State Sup't Blair's office. Mrs Young, Mr Bogen, Owen, Moore, with us. Planned our afternoon program. Saw a portion of the morning session of the Senate.

Educ. com. of both House and Senate had a hearing on the vocational bills this afternoon 2:30-6:00, and continued the hearing 7:30-10:00 P.M. For our side ("Unit system") spoke – Walker (Labor), Romans (Syracuse Cornell), Mrs Young, Bogan, Mrs Bass (Woman's Clubs), Mrs Hefferan (Mothers' Clubs), Olander (Labor), Pearse (Milwaukee Normal), Moore.

Cooley, Hicks (Wisconsin), and various representatives of Chic. Assoc'n of Com., C. Com. Club, spoke. A full day.

Spent much time with Jones of Rockford.

Got on the sleeper at 11:00.

Hotel .75 + .35. + .50; porter .15 + .50; R.R. 2.90 + 1.60;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping that reports on the legislative hearings. The source is not identified. The text is:

The present session of the legislature is notable for the extended hearings which have been given to the educational bills presented to it. The teachers' pension and retirement fund occupied an entire afternoon before a full meeting of the house committee. In the senate it was given a half day hearing before a committee of the whole. Every one present was impressed with the desire of the members of these two committees to get at the facts concerning the case. The teachers were very fortunate in having speakers who were frank and direct in presenting their case and in answering the questions which arose.

The most remarkable hearing, however, was that given to the vocational bills before a joint meeting of the education committees of the senate and house. The joint meeting was held in the Representative hall. It began at two o'clock in the afternoon and lasted until 5:45, reconvened at 8 o'clock and lasted until 11:00 o'clock. No one concerned with any phase of the vocational questions can complain of not having had an ample opportunity to present his views. It is doubtful whether two committees of the General Assembly ever heard a more extended and thorough-going discussion of the purpose, aims, plans and accomplishments of public education than was presented at this time. Representatives from New York and Wisconsin were there; teachers, superintendents, labor union leaders, representatives of mothers' clubs and parents' organizations and representatives of business men's clubs took part in the discussion. Of course, a debate is always more or less unsatisfactory. One fears that the various debaters, in their desire to win a point, will confuse the minds of the hearers as to the actual truth in the matter. This discussion was not entirely free from this fault. But, in the main, there was the utmost candor and freedom throughout the prolonged discussion.

A stenographic report was taken of it and it is hoped that this report can be published in full. — ed.]

### Thursday, April 15

Reached Chicago about 7:00 A.M. Had breakfast and a shave at the C & N W. station, & took the 8:00-8:40 home. Visited with Mr Knoelk of the Waukegan Tp H.S. on the way.

Found “lots” to do awaiting me.

Got pupils to resetting the J.B. tomato plants in paper pots.

Directed workmen on the school grounds. Met with Mr. Metzel & contractor Delhaye on sidewalk plan.

Visitors from Glencoe school today.

Went to Hamilton, dentist, at 5:15 — working on some “bridge work.”

This evening met with H.S. Board, Millard, and others to help plan landscaping of the H.S. grounds.

Planted sweet peas this evening.

Breakfast .55; barber 30; porter .50) R.R. .52; paper .01;

### Friday, April 16

(Trace) “.08

Fine day. Still cool. Scarlet maples coming nicely into bloom. Rain in the night.

Miss Guiney ill this afternoon and I taught in her place.

Yesterday & today the pupils bro’t in dead hermit thrushes.

Previously — fox sparrow, robin, meadowlark, brown creeper.

Today a little green heron roosted in a tree in the ravine near the school house and all our 3rd graders & others saw him.

Conferences after school with several of my teachers.

Barber .15; drug store .25;

### Saturday, April 17

Beautiful day.

Hepatica’s at full. Elms in blossom. Scarlet maples do. Bloodroot also.

Set Garrity to work framing in small planting plots on Green Bay grounds.

Got ballot box, etc., ready for election. Conferred with Bahr about nursery stock. Took 10:38 for Chicago. To Schantz to get Aud slides but he had them at home. To Fields to exchange some shirts. To Garrick theatre where I tried unsuccessfully to get two additional tickets for this evening’s performance of M of V. (Mantell) — for Miss G’s class. To Vaughan’s. To McClurg’s; Art & Travel; home on 12:45. To school house to help start election. Then at home (2:30) to get some lunch. Back to school for rest of afternoon. No contest. Mr. Metzel, Pres. Members Mrs Ev. Millard and S.A. St. Peter. — Unpacked some nursery stock & had it puddled. Then Mr. Davis & I held hose on newly planted shrubbery until nearly 7:00 P.M. Home for supper. Slept all evening.

R R .52 + .10; Pd Garrity 15<sup>00</sup> + (previously) 10<sup>00</sup> for Dist. 107.

### Sunday, April 18

Sultry —

Watered plants at school this A.M. Then home and to bed until 1:00. Read from “Pride & Prejudice.”

At 2:30 Mr. Geer came for me & we met Millard & Dr Wolcott [Rev. Peter Wolcott, rector at Trinity Church, was a member of the High School Board. — ed.] at H.S. grounds to confer on landscape

planting. Then the machine with Mrs M & two of the children took us up to near pump. station at Fort where Everett & I got out. We walked along beach to mouth of 6th Ravine, then followed latter out to Sheridan Road. Back on the trolley.

Wonderful display of hepaticas. Heard ruby-crown sing.

Saw purple martins Friday – 16th – but they had been seen two days earlier.

Trolley .10;

### **Monday, April 19**

Warm. Vegetation hurrying along. “Took ‘em off” today.

Had a Miss Yore of Evanston here to take my secretary’s place who left for home Saturday.

Book agent and a photographer bothered me today.

Gave nature lessons to 6th graders today.

Began distributing trees today. Cherries 22¢; pears, do; peaches 14¢; apples 14¢; high bush cranberries .08 etc.

Took some of the teachers in the school bus to 6th Ravine this P.M. Got home after 6:30 Fine time. Hepaticas & bloodroot in profusion.

At desk at school a while this evening.

Ice cream .10; barber .15; workman .50;

### **Tuesday, April 20**

Cool wind came up about 9:00 A.M & blew all day.

Watered plants before 8:00; voted; then spent 8:30-9:30 in dentist’s chair (Dr Hamilton) Long conference with Mr. Metzler.

Various duties.

Continued to distribute trees this afternoon.

Consignment from Thos Meehan & Son’s arrived – ceanothus, roses, bitter sweet, etc

Spent much time after school heeling shrubs in.

At desk at school this evening. Cleared away a number of business details.

Voted for Hastings for Mayor; Commissioners Willets, Hitchcock, Bahr, & Moses. Latter defeated, Huber getting in instead.

Ball .50 (Athletic fund) At Sweetland’s 15¢ (Dist 107).

Ice cream .10;

### **Wednesday, April 21**

Trace

Nearly as cool. Very slight shower this A.M. Then followed by cool winds.

Took 5A’s & 5B’s to Green Bay Nursery to plant willow & dogwood cuttings, etc.

Got 100 arbor vitae from Henry Lake & Son

A drudgery day.

Mr. Guyot came to school and made a coop & runway for the hen we set yesterday.

Miss Guiney’s pupils gave rival presentations of the M of V. this afternoon to audience of 6th & 7th graders.

Barber .15;

### **Thursday, April 22**

Trace

Warm. Trace of rain in the night.

Busy. - - -

This afternoon talked before “The Neighbors” at Kenilworth. A large body of women. Fine time.

Hurried back and at 4:30 had shipment of birches & pines, etc., from Amer. Forestry Co., unpacked, puddled, & heeled in.

Mrs Underwood came to call on us awhile. Had a fine visit with here.

Board meeting tonight. The "old Board" had a session & transacted "unfinished business" & adjourned, the new board then organizing. Greenslade, Mann, Morton, St Peter, Mrs Millard, Mrs Shannon, Pres. E.B. Metzel.

Trolley, etc. 34; shave .15; ice cream .20;

### **Friday, April 23**

Very warm for this time of the year. And dry!

Arbor day work filled up a very busy day.

Called grades 3 – 8 to the aud. at 9:00 and talked about tree planting. Then I showed slides of spring & early summer flowers.

During the day I managed to have every group except the 8A's do some planting. The 6's planted seeds over in the G.B. nursery.

After school there was a brisk trade in trees, shrubs, etc. Three of the teachers took packages with them.

Worked very hard all day.

Teachers went home for vacation

Ice cream .20. Barber .15

### **Saturday, April 24**

Hot. Reported to be the hottest April day in C. since 1873.

A workman & four or five boys and I set out in the G.B. nursery 100 white pine seedlings; 50 red cedars; 100 lindens; 100 red maples. This required a great deal of water carrying – of which I did the lion's share.

Then for the rest of the day I kept Mr. D & Ralph & the workman busy setting out shrubs, etc, at the Elm Place grounds. Distributed more trees, also.

Worked very hard. Almost exhausted.

Ice cream .20; O-cedar mop .75

### **Sunday, April 25**

Warm also but a little cooler later in the day.

Watered things at greenhouse, then at home all morning. Afternoon took my camera & a book down to Stipe's woods. Display so beautiful that later on I came back & got a rig and took Mother & K & Miss Mulkey there.

Wild plum in bloom & a trace of shad. Vast carpets of spring beauty, dog's tooth violet, rue anemone, - with here & there wood anemone, cardamomia, & dentaria. White trilliums beginning to bloom. Red tril. farther along.

Meadows heavy with grass. Hickories with the tips of their branches with a silver glow. Red maples have lost their color. Elm seeds already forming.

### **Monday, April 26**

Hot. Dry. Spring fairly rushing through her repertoire. The woods are blossom mad.

I worked very hard all day at the school grounds helping plant and water, etc.

Men began cement walks in front of annex.

This evening wrote letters to teachers and others.

At 5:00 I went with the Millards in their machine out to Clavey's nursery. We selected a big Carolina poplar to set out before the power plant on the H.S. grounds  
Barber .40; ice cream .10.

### **Tuesday, April 27**

Another hot day but not so warm as yesterday. A high wind but no rain in sight.

Worked nearly as hard as yesterday. Finished planting, the last being four wild gooseberries before the pillars of the terrace steps.

Had James Garrity work at our garden all afternoon, scattering manure, spading, etc. Watered the madonna lilies.

Wrote letters again this evening.

Charge Dist 107 - \$1<sup>25</sup> for Garrity's services this A.M.

Ice cream .30; Garrity 1.25

### **Wednesday, April 28**

Very sultry still.

Spent about two hours directing planting in Lake Front Park this A.M. Had 20 white pines and a large number of birches, red maples, bittersweet, etc., from my school stock set out there.

Unloaded the rest of my stock on Clavey to be used on the h-s. grounds. Spent some time there.

Worked hard to finish up things at Elm Place.

Took my slides & baggage & left on 3:34 for Galena. In Chic. stopped at Schantz's to leave Audub. material & confer on excursion data. Then took 5:30 I.C.R.R. west. A lovely ride to Galena. Blew up cooler. Got there at 10:00 P.M. Went to the De Soto House.

Vegetation much further along. Apple trees strongly in bloom.

Wrote special delivery letter to Everett M. about our planting details at h-s & lake front.

R.R. .26 + .10 + 3.28. Supper .40

### **Thursday, April 29**

Galena. Cuba City.

Beautiful day. Pleasant.

Visited with Supt. Menzimer in his office. Then observed the work of Miss Keating and of Miss Bertha Heid & others. From 11:00 to 12:15 – Went sight seeing. Rode in an (ramshackly) auto out to Grant Park and around. Enjoyed views very much.

Took 12:55 on C & N.W. for Cuba City. Went to school bld'g & introduced myself to Supt Ralph. Visited especially Miss Geasling's classroom. Also three or four other rooms. Then took a walk out into the country. Was sure I met a western (prairie) meadowlark or two.

Took 6:00 for Platteville. Met at station by Prof. Williams representing Pres. Sutherland who was in Madison. Went to Prof. W's house for supper where I met Mrs W. & Mrs Sutherland. Fine time. Then to the Columbia House.

Wired Everett Millard to leave tomorrow evening for Baraboo, I agreeing to board his train at Madison.

Hotel at G – 1<sup>50</sup>; bus 1<sup>10</sup>; papers .10; Porter .10; barber .25;

R.R. to Cuba City .38; To P. .24;

### **Friday, April 30**

Platteville. Madison

Lovely day.

At 8:00 I gave an informal talk to the senior class of the normal on "butting in" – setting forth value of asking for equipment; influencing the course of study, etc.

At 9:40 I showed some of my lantern slides at the general assembly. Wretched lantern but kept audience in a good humor.

Shown many favors by the faculty, - Mr Reilly, Miss Purcell, Mr Ulrich, et. al. Observed classroom work of Miss Florence Hill, Drake, Olson, et. al.

Was shown farm by Mr Ulrich. Mr Sutherland got back by noon & ate dinner with me at Columbia House. Spent pleasant hour with him at his house, then took 2:05 for Madison.

Great ride on divide in this non-glaciated region & I enjoyed every minute of it. Latter part of ride thru moraine country.

Had two hours of sight seeing at Madison. Admired greatly Capitol & Univ. grounds.

Saw vaudeville show. At 10:45 Everett's train came in & we went on the Baraboo, putting up at the Warren Hotel.

Hotel Columbia 2.50; barber .25; telegram 1<sup>21</sup>; hack .25; R.R. to Baraboo 2.50; supper, etc 1<sup>15</sup>; theatre .20; check room .20; bus .50; tin pail. 10.

### Saturday, May 1

#### Devil's Lake

Gray & chilly at first. Sunny later on. Just right for tramping.

At 9:00 went by auto to Devil's Lake. At old Cliff House sent auto back. Climbed leisurely along east bluff all morning. Got down to Terwilliger's grounds by noon. Bo't two qts of milk, made little fire & brewed tea & ate lunch on shore. After lunch made the climb up the west front & down. Auto met us at 3:30. Back to Baraboo, picked up our baggage & drove over to Kilbourn - 14 miles or more. Had two (fresh) hotel employees (women) in our machine.

Fine views. K. at 5:00. Visited power plant & portion of lower Dells. Went to "movies" after supper.

Found corydalis sempervirens coming into bloom. Dicentra nearly gone; blood root, ditto. Puccoon along R R. track.

At K - Pinus strobus, P. Banksiana, P. resinosa.

Hotel Warren 2.00; auto 3.75; movies .20; tin pail .10; watch snap .25;

### Sunday, May 2

#### The Dells

Shower in early A.M. Gray much of day. Cool but not uncomfortable.

Left at 9:00 in a launch. Went through jaws of Dells, on up to Stand Rock. Walked around awhile (Trailing arbutus almost through blooming. Admired fine hemlocks, Primula farinosa.)

Then explored Witches Glen. Then into Cold Water Canyon. Sent launch back. Explored this glen. Found ice still in the glen.

Had lunch on shelving rock along river. Made coffee. Then explored Artist's Glen. Made our way out to country road & walked in to Kilborn

Left on 3:25, Milwaukee R R, for Milwaukee, Another beautiful ride. Caught fast train on N.W. at 7:10. At Waukegan transferred to slow train & home by 8:50.

Found Clows visiting the folks. Learned that main b'ld'g at Milit. Acad. burned yesterday.

Hotel Park at K. 2<sup>00</sup>; launch 1.50; R.R. to M. 2.22; to H.P. 1<sup>24</sup>; supper 1.10;

### Monday, May 3

Shower in night. Rained after 4:00 P.M. also, & kept it up into night.

Back to work again. Lots of desk work. Miss Behrens got me a real flail for the school in southern Indiana.

Apple trees in bloom here Trilliums at their height. Wood betony;

Various duties. One of Bahr's men finished ~~rolling~~ spreading stone on drives.

Short field trip for 4B's in geog.  
Barber .25;

**Tuesday, May 4**

Prec. “.95

Rain over in night. Cleared during the day.  
Busy day clearing up desk work, etc.  
A case of mumps.  
Mrs Shannon and I had a long conference on a case of bad home influences.  
Teachers' meeting after school this P.M.  
Warblers here abundantly.  
Went to Winnetka this evening to meeting of Juvenile Protective Ass'n  
J.P.A. dues 2<sup>00</sup>.  
Trolley .20; barber .25.

**Wednesday, May 5**

Cool. Clear much of time. Light shower after night.  
Mr. Nida & Miss Coe visited us this A.M.  
Mr Metzel spent an hour with me.  
Wrote a large number of letters today.  
Began distributing the John Baer tomatoes today  
Conferred with Mr. Egan about our plants.  
Planned for two days' trip to McNabb and DeKalb.  
Made two trips to lakefront to superintend setting out 100 white pines, the gift of Mr. Bahr.  
Barber .25;

**Thursday, May 6**

McNabb – La Salle

Left on the 5:20. Caught 7:00 Rock Island for DuPue, Ill. Fine ride down Illinois valley past Ottawa & La Salle. Walked about 1 ½ miles to “Howe”. Threatening. Some rain. At 12:09 took C & I.[S?] for McNabb. There I found a very small town. Did not wait for dinner. Hired a driver & buggy & went out to the John Swaney consolidated school, 2 ½ mi. in the country. Beautiful surroundings. Interesting school. Lawrence the Principal. 5 teachers 36 in H-S. Visited Miss Jennie Whitten at work. Offered her 6th grade before I came away. – which she accepted. Left at 2:45. Drove 16 or 17 miles to La Salle. At Harrison House. To bed early. Rained in the night  
R.R. .26 + 2.20 + .36 to McNabb. Breakfast .50; paper, etc .25.  
Carriage 4.00

**Friday, May 7**

“.28 La Salle – Spring Valley. DeKalb.

Up at 5:30 to catch 5:50 trolley to Spring Valley, but it never came. Met Supt. McManus & we chartered an auto. Rode into Peru and picked up Supt Hart – then to Spring Valley, arriving 4 minutes before Northwestern left for DeKalb. Long trip over. Once train backed on a side line to Ladd to pick up a passenger. Went through Earville, Rollo, & Shabbona.  
At DeKalb went to Glidden Hotel to leave bag. Breakfast at 9:30 at restaurant. To Normal School. Visited various members of faculty & others. Inquiring about teachers.  
Learned of some through Mr Ritzman. Also Parsons.  
Afternoon session of Supt & Principals' Ass'n. Papers by Richardson & Nida discussed. Fine summing up by Dr McMurry. Had to leave on 5:33. – with Supt Fisher, Russel, Fitzpatrick, et. al. Got in

at 7:25. Phoned Michigan City to secure promise of stopping limited on electric road tomorrow. Home at 8:33

Hotel at L. 1.00; taxi 1<sup>00</sup>; R.R. 1<sup>02</sup>; breakfast .25; barber .35; dues 1<sup>00</sup>; hotel .50; R R to Ch. 1<sup>21</sup>; phone .51; to H.P. .26;

### **Saturday, May 8**

The Dunes.

Left on 8:09 with party of teachers & others for the dunes Sunny at start but rain fell all time from Chic to Port Chester Interfered with us somewhat but after noon cleared. Great day. Mrs Millard, Miss Chandler, & Lois Green from here. The two Leaming girls. Mr & Mrs Wright, Miss Stone – two Riverside teachers – Miss Hourigan.

Took I.C.R.R. & the So Shore electric. Mr. Roper & a number of friends went to Mineral Springs. We got off at Port Chester. Ate dinner near Mt Tom. Ended up trip at tamarack swamp.

Cornus florida still in bloom; pyrus arbutifolia; prunus pumila;

I.C.R.R. to Pullman .14. To Port Chester .43

The awful news of the torpedoing of the Lusitania haunts one!

R.R. .52 + .10 + 1.21;

### **Sunday, May 9**

Pleasant. Cool.

Went with the Millards in the auto to their farm and the river woods this A.M.

Hawthornes, very many in blossom. Wild crab buds perfect. Warblers abundant in the thorn trees.

B & w., Blackburnian, black-throated green, palm, Nashville (?). A tanager in full scarlet.

Wood thrushes & Jenny wrens here a few days. Orioles came in about May 2. Rose-breasted g. ditto.

Miterwort in bloom; phlox, white trilliums & red; choke cherry; some nanny berry.

Nap this afternoon. Walked to school nursery & to school house

Photo of sprays of mitrewort Developed 8 neg. this evening

### **Monday, May 10**

Supt Holland of Louisville

Fine day. Cool.

A lively day. Supt Holland of Louisville, Ky., divided his day almost equally between our school & the h.s. After school Mr Sandwick bro't him over in his auto & so I went with them for an hour or more, among other things showing them Jensen's grounds.

Mr Georg. Thorne-Thomsen came to present case for his relief maps & was in and out of the school much of the day.

Dorothy Corey of DeKalb, a senior in Beloit, came to see about Eng. position in 7th – 8th. I secured her acceptance at 850<sup>00</sup>

Board meeting this P.M. Raised salaries only a little – and that of only a few. Amicable meeting.

Met the Pattees at trolley station for a few minutes this evening.

### **Tuesday, May 11**

Fine. Almost sultry.

Field trip with 4A's to Sheahen ponds. Much good material obtained Saw cuckoo for first time this year.

Conference with Delhaye over finishing drive way at school.

Gave three quarters of an hour of illustrated talk on Mount Vernon & other places – to 6B's – history class.

This afternoon Miss Schermerhorn's 3A's had field trip in bus to Arcady dairy. Miss S., Mrs Boyd & I and 28 pupils. Dairy had 168 cows. Visited Armour estate on way home.

Planted 6 John Baer tomato plants in my garden after supper.

Conference with Mrs Shannon at her house. Then worked at school house.

Barber .15; ice cream .30;

### **Wednesday, May 12**

Fine day. Warm.

Delhaye began work on drive way. Mr Metzel came to look things over and we had a long conference.

Pd Garrity 2<sup>50</sup> for spading up the Ristine garden for our school garden.

Went with Miss Jones and the 3B's on farm trip. To Deerfield, then south, & east on Co. line, up to Clavey's, then home. A fine time. Bobolinks, kingbirds, et. al.

Worked hard writing the letters of notification of the teachers this evening.

Ice cream .10;

### **Thursday, May 13**

Trace.

Slight rain from 5:00 A M to 8:00 or so. Cleared and turned quite cool.

Took 7:01 for Ch. & 8:10 electric for Elgin. Visited Miss Ruth Dalrymple et. al. in Franklin School. Recall 1st grade teacher, Miss Pearce, as excellent. Visited Supt White at his office. Caught 12:00 M. trolley for Chicago & 2:00 for H.P.

Our boys played Glenco base ball team on Sheahen diamond after school. Mr Pedler, coach, came with them. Score 5 to 3 for Glencoe.

Planted out our dahlias this evening.

Worked at school after supper.

R R. .52 + 1.30 (Dist 107) Barber .35; papers .07; ice cream .10; lunch .2[?];

### **Friday, May 14**

Prec. “.14

Gray. Chilly. Rain after 4:00. Brisk for awhile.

Considerable resetting of asters. 3B's set out cabbages; 3A's kohlrabi – in Ristine garden.

Various other things doing.

Swedish folks gave concert in aud this evening. I worked at my desk.

President W's fine message to Germany read with deep interest this day.

Took 6A's & 6B's to Green Bay garden last half hour this A.M. Weeded out some plots. Planted peanuts

Barber .25;

### **Saturday, May 15**

Prec. “1.85

Old fashioned thunder storm in night. Sun came out much of day; then late afternoon heavy continued deluge.

At school working on bills etc this A.M. Sent off drafts for trees & shrubs, etc

Spent an hour or more in Dr Hamilton's dentist chair getting ready for some “inlay work.”

Took 11:41 for Chic. To Herald office for back nos. for my war scrap book. Vaughn's for seeds for school. Miss Ingersoll's for lantern slides - - - none ready!

Fields for hats, etc.

Prepared clippings for my scrap book this evening.  
R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .40; mag. .35; Seeds 1.02 (Dist 107); barber .15; Ice cream .10;

**Sunday, May 16** Prec. “.26

Rain ceased before 9:00 last night. Today cloudy, windy, threatening. Light shower late in afternoon.

Went with the Millards and Mr & Mrs Ralph Fletcher Seymour out to the river woods. Ate lunch there & spent the afternoon.

Trilliums still linger. Earlier hawthornes gone. Later in bud. Bladder nut in bloom. Horse gentian also. Wild crab passing its prime

Saw black throated blue, chestnut sided, red start, oven bird, water thrush, et. al.

**Monday, May 17** Prec. “.07

Had two sittings with Dr Hamilton and got all my work finished. I now have two crowns inlaid.

Started for Decatur late this day. Took 7:33 for Chicago. Reserved berth on Wabash for D. Then got a cinder in my eye. My eye troubled me so that I feared pink eye, and at length I gave up my plans & came home

**Tuesday, May 18**

Very busy. Cool day.

Left on 4:58 for Chic. Caught 6:30 on Alton for Bloomington. Went to bed at Illinois Hotel. Shared room with Mr Neff of McMillan Co.

R.R. .26 + 2.54; supper .40

**Wednesday, May 19** Decatur

Got up in time to catch 5:30 trolley for Decatur. It rained on the way and in little dashes during the day at Decatur. Ate breakfast at Sherm Strouse's. Had a shave at Normans. Went to Clarence's house. He was away on his run. Ella & the boys there. Visited Oakland school until 11:00 & the M.W. French school until 12:00. Miss Riddle & Miss Wheeler at former want "a job" at H.P. Elizabeth Schudel Madden, acting Prin. at French school.

Met Daisy Daggett & a group of her kg. children on the street.

Dinner at Ella's. Went back a while to Oakton School. - - - Called on Creight Webb a while - - Got bouquet of roses & sent to Miss Dempsey who is ill with cancer. - - Took 4:00 on Wabash for Chic. Caught 9:50 for home.

Hotel at B. 1.25

R.R. .90 + 3.36 + .26 + .15; Breakf. .30; Barber .20; Flowers 1.50;

**Thursday, May 20**

Rained a little today. Slight fog this evening.

Took 7:01 for Chic & 8:00 C.B & Q for Downer's Grove. Mrs Millard & I. Our kindergarten teacher, Miss Moody, had preceded us there. Visited the Avery Coonley kindergarten there. Miss Morris in charge. Six teachers. One a Miss Griffin. Almost ideal plant and equipment. Fine teaching. Measured the aquarium with a view to having one in H.P.

Got home at 1:37.

Conference with upper grade teachers over 8th grade promotions, this evening.

Worked at desk at school after supper.

R.R. .52 + .84; lunch .40; barber .15.

**Friday, May 21**

Prec. "1.22

A heavy shower in the night. Warmer but strong wind blowing. Town alive with birds today, - warblers in profusion. Tanagers appeared in flocks of three or four. Indigo buntings in small flocks

Spent much time today on business acc'ts. At my desk this evening for that purpose.

Mrs Shannon and I had a long conference this afternoon on school affairs.

Caucus of primary teachers after school.

Stamp book .97; ice cream .10;

**Saturday, May 22**

Cleared during the afternoon.

To Chicago on the 9:19. Took framed etching – The Peace Ball – down to Douglas to have colored and reframed. To Bausch & Lomb's for pocket magnifier; Fields for pocket book & my watch; C. Pirie for two books; Re[e?]d Shoe Co. for Mother's shoes; a tailor for shirts; Pub. Library to try to hunt up poems on this war; etc.

Home on 2:55-etc.

To Lake Front Park to look over trees planted there; to Millards awhile, he just leaving for Texas; school house, then G.B. nursery. Home & mowed the lawn & picked up things

Worked at my desk in the office until ten.

Rec'd appointment on the "City Beautiful Commission" today.

R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .45; books .70; pocket book 1.50; brush .65; repairs on watch 1.50; barber .15; magnifier 3.15

**Sunday, May 23**

Trace.

Pleasant and sunny until noon. Gray later on. Sprinkle late in day.

To church. Heard a fine sermon by Dr McClure.

Slept much of afternoon. Spent lot of time later on pasting in my scrap book of lecture dates, etc.

**Monday, May 24**

Trace

Light shower in the night.

Fine day. Spiraeas in heavy bloom.

Miss Jewett unable to be here today. Miss Moody's kg. pupils performed at morning exercises.

Field trip with 4B's to study a ravine. With 4A's to set out cotton plants.

Distributed zinnias, marigolds, cabbage & 1 rutabaga this afternoon.

Our bambinos came and were unpacked. We are delighted with them.

Mr Faxon & I went down to the J.P.A. meeting at Winnetka this evening. He and I are skeptical about the real need for such a society.

Barber .15; trolley .10; ice cream .10

**Tuesday, May 25**

Prec. ".74

Threatening at first. Then thunder storm and rain about noon.

Took 9:19 for Chic. To Lyon & H., & The Fair; then to School of Ed. Interviews with Bureau of Recommendations, then with Miss Baber & Dr Caldwell.

Home on the 2:34.

Various conferences at school. Then got bills ready for Board meeting which came off this evening.

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R.R. .52 + .14 + .20; lunch .35; also – toilet paper .55

### **Wednesday, May 26**

Clear but cool. Wind decidedly chilly by nightfall.

Miss Jewett came today to make up for absence on Monday. We began the day by a long conference on kg. & one or two other places.

S.R. Lewis came out this afternoon and we spent the whole time going over the ventilating system.

Every day now we are distributing plants – zinnias, marigolds, etc.

This P.M. at my desk at home

Barber .25;

### **Thursday, May 27**

Trace

A little warmer but still wintry.

To Evanston this A.M. to confer with Mr Nichols about teachers. Ate lunch at Jones' restaurant on Davis St. Went on to Wilmette and got the pair of antler horns which my friends, the Wilsons, had left crated for me when they moved to Calif. Found Miss Anna W. still here and at one of the neighbors – Fieker – for awhile.

Got back at 2:30. Various duties for the rest of the day. Much phoning today to get a speaker for memorial exercises tomorrow.

Mr Wright called this evening to borrow some slides for use tomorrow A.M.

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Trolley .40; lunch .40;

### **Friday, May 28**

Prec. "1.25

Rain almost all day Everything adrip!

Memorial exercises this afternoon. A veteran from Waukegan – Mr Austin – had promised to come but was unable. So I used lantern slides & songs, & had pupils recite The Blue and the Gray, Gettysburg Address, etc, and I read the list of civil war veterans here.

Will Van Ever[a?] came and sang Burdett's Reveille & Tenting Tonight. Kittie accompanied.

This evening I went to the P.T.A. program at the H.S. A group of our pupils gave a minuet. I had a pleasant time visiting with various pupils.

Barber .15;

### **Saturday, May 29**

Prec. ".68

Rain! Rain!

Was to lead Geog. Soc. exc. to dunes and I did so!

Took 7:01 for Chic. Bo't ½ lb. of coffee. Carried utensils and 3 half pt. bottles of cream.

Five members showed up at Randolph St. station. Left at 9:15. Emily Westberg and Mabel Gilpatrick in the party. Rained on us at Mt Tom now and then. In afternoon only occasional drizzle

Great display of lupines! Of royal & cinnamon ferns! Found cypripedium acaule & c. candidum in blossom!

Got home at 10:55.

R.R. .52 + 1.10 + .10; magaz. 15;

### **Sunday, May 30**

Sunny! Pleasant.

Rested this A.M. Went up to Mr Bunting's this afternoon – Lake Bluff, and Mr & Mrs B. showed me over all of their trails in their beautiful ravine.

At home this evening.

Trolley .15 + .18

### **Monday, May 31**

A beautiful day. Ideal for Memorial Day!

Met Mr Flinn and Mr. Clow at school this A.M. and planned the putting in place of the bambinoes.

Arranged to have Bahr send up plants for filling the urns on the balustrade of the terrace. Then I filled the urns with soil and planted them – dracenas, geraniums, vincas, lobelia, alyssum, etc. Finished up in the afternoon. Then mowed yard at home, hoed all the garden, & Mother and I set up wire for sweet peas.

Worked over Lincoln material for swinging frames this evening.

Ice cream .10;

### **Tuesday, June 1**

Sunny part of the day. Then gray and threatening.

Miss Koenig visited our school to apply for German position

Miss \_\_\_\_\_, of the Nat'l Kg. Ass'n, representing Miss Harrison, visited our kg. this A.M. and then had a long conference with me about Miss Moody's work. She was frank and sympathetic – in perfect agreement with me.

Mr Clow and his men got one of the bambinoes in place. We are delighted with the result.

Miss Giffin, Mrs Millard and I had conference over mounting Lincoln material this afternoon.

Worked at school house this P.M. Planned picnic of tomorrow.

Barber .25;

### **Wednesday, June 2**

Gray & sunny alternately.

School picnic today. Mrs T.R Wyles headed the parents' committee & the program went off beautifully. Lester Levin sang humorous songs at our vaudeville entertainment & Henry Roethig of Chicago performed very interesting sleight-of-hand tricks.

Children played games. There were folk dances on the lawn. A great time.

Mr Clow got the bambinoes in place and the result is splendid.

Miss Anne Elizabeth Allen, of Chic. Kg. Inst. came to visit our kg. & had a long conf. with me. She was delighted with our buildings.

Tickets .25;

### **Thursday, June 3**

Gray most of day. A fog at six P.M.

Photog. graduating class on terrace before the annex. Also 3A's.

Pushed sale of movie tickets – The Williamson deep-sea pictures – for tonight and tomorrow night. The school gets one fifth.

Agents for Dixon pencils & for Paper Sales Co today.

Mr K. and I planned a color scheme for buff patches on annex front.

Developed negatives this evening

Barber 15;

### Friday, June 4

Fog so heavy in the night the walks were wet this A.M. I borrowed Mrs N's electric fan to dry my negatives which the dampness had prevented from drying.

Brand printed them for me – ~~two~~ three successful pictures.

Agent for Robertson Soap Co. called. Also a Miss Goodwin who wants a position on our staff.

Called up Capt. Bradley at Allendale & arranged to have our base ball team go there tomorrow.

Miss Shaw of Racine came to look over our school and consider a position here.

A "jury" consisting of Mr. Seymour, Mrs Millard, Mrs Shannon, Mr Kensler, et. al. experimented late this afternoon on color scheme for annex front. - - - I went to Ravinia school for an hour after supper.

Then back home & then Mother and I went to the deep-sea movies. A very valuable performance.

Trolley .10; barber .25; show .50.

### Saturday, June 5

A beautiful June day. A little sultry after night fall.

Worked at school for a time this A.M. Then took 10:33 for Chic. Visited with Mr. Cooper of Kenosha on way in. - - - To Chic Hist. Library to confer with Miss McIlvane about pictures of old state house - - - To City Club to a luncheon conference of comm. on education. Prof. Leavitt presided. - - Legler, Birchard, McMillan, Moore, Olp, De Butts, Becker, Schiller, et. al. - - - Then to Wilson (shirt tailor), Mandel Bro., - - Met Jas H. Smith & we went to City Club for a conference over the Geog. Soc. Exc. The I met by appointment at the City Club Miss Ducker & Miss Rassman of U. of C. interested in positions here. Home at 6:45. After supper to school house where I worked over the bills. Then met Miss Anna Carbary by appointment. Her friends, Miss Ennis & Mr. Scott, also came & I showed them around the b'ld'g.

R R. .52 + .20; lunch .40; mag. 15; ice cream .10;

### Sunday, June 6

Trace

Warm – June Day. Ended with bit of a thunder storm and a little rain.

To church. Slept at intervals this afternoon. Then looked over the Green Bay nursery & spent some time at the school house. Then over to beach to see how our planting has come on. Next to A.J Metzel's for dinner & spent evening there with some of the teachers.

### Monday, June 7

Prec. “.43

Thunder storm towards morning & rain at intervals until nearly noon.

Miss Jewett's mother spent the day with us.

Miss White's pupils staged "The Pied Piper" this afternoon – a fine performance. Net proceeds \$18.75 nearly.

I went to Evanston at 12:55 & got back at 3:15. Called on Mr Kingsley to inquire about teachers.

Had a long conference with Miss Moody over kindergarten work.

Board meeting this evening. Long meeting and some wrangling. Not much work done.

Charge #107 for Evanst trip - .25

Barber .15;

### Tuesday, June 8

Trace

Fine day. Light shower in afternoon

Mr Metzel spent some time at the building this A.M.

A Miss Nellie Normile of Bloomington came to apply for a position.

I had Miss Behrens take down a lot of notes Mrs Truax had collected on local history [Evva Egan Truax, local historian, would publish her research in 1920 as *Notes on History of Highland Park, Illinois*. – ed.]

Went to Winnetka this afternoon & gave short illustrated talk on behalf of Wild Flower Preservation Society of Chicago – request of Mrs Lyman Walton. Talked mostly to school children and in Community House. Rode back with Miss Hazlitt. This evening conferred with Rob't Greenslade about lighting upper halls. Had Misses Grunewald, Guiney, White, & Davis in conference over promotions. Long talk with Miss Guiney afterwards.  
Trolley .15; barber .75; ice cream .10;

### Wednesday, June 9

Cleared. Cool.  
Miss Behrens' sister of the Huntingburg, Ind., school is visiting us.  
Mrs Millard and I spent some time planning arrangement of pictures, & statuary.  
I went in to Chicago on the 3:34. To Dennison's for "hangers, etc". To Nat'l Art Supply Co. where I ordered three of della Robbia's Cantoria Frieze. Home by seven.  
Worked at school tonight until 10:30.  
Mother left for Omaha this evening.

(Art fund & Dist 107).  
R.R. .52 + .10; Mother 5<sup>00</sup>  
(Ticket 6<sup>60</sup>);

### Thursday, June 10

Prec. “.46

Rained off and on from early A.M until 12:30. M. Warm rain. Sultry afterwards.  
Very busy day. - - - Settled up with Mr. Pearl for the "movie tickets" & he gave us \$26<sup>00</sup> as our share of the proceeds. Turned this over to Mrs Laing, treasurer.  
Mrs Millard and I again worked over plans for decorating b'ld'g. Witten & Morton & I met at 7:45 to plan for kalsomining the rooms.  
Seventh grade girls gave themselves a picnic in the bld'g & on the grounds from 5:00 to 7:30.  
Miss Schermerhorn's pupils made butter & had a dairy "lunch."  
At bld'g late this evening.  
Ice cream .10; barber .15;

### Friday, June 11

Prec. "35

Rained in the night. Cleared during day.  
Sent out invitations to the three days' program of next week.  
Picnic of 8th graders this afternoon. We went up to Sweeney's orchard in the Skokie. A bus & a big hayrack. Sent rigs back and at 7:15 we started away. Some walked home. Others caught trolley at guard house  
Teachers' committee met at Mrs Shannon's at 9:00 P.M. Agreed to let me hire assistant & cadet. Disagreed on a teacher of German.  
Trolley .10;

### Saturday, June 12

Starved Rock. Trace

Left on [??]0 with Mr & Mrs Millard for Chic. Friends of Our Native Landscape had a special train on the Rock Island. Left at 9:20. At Ottawa took launches for Illinois Canyon. Here we had lunch and after exploring awhile listened to an original masque, "The Builder of Walls" by Miss Cooley – Mr Benson,

principal character, read mss to us afterwards. Strong wind prevented our hearing the lines as the characters themselves recited them.

We then took the boats to the landing opposite Starved Rock – caught interurban to Ottawa & home to Chic. When we got to H.P. great downpour was on.

I was the guest of Mrs Anna Loeb today. - - We had a fine time. It was sultry in the Canyon – One incident: Mrs Austrian fell in a deep hole & was pulled out with difficulty.

R.R. .52 + .05; incidentals .80;

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping (source not identified) about the excursion to Starved Rock. It is transcribed as follows:

### **Fauns in Frolic in Lofty Canyon**

Sing and Dance in Mosque,  
Voicing Joy of the  
Out-of-Doors.  
Chicagoans View Play  
Friends of Our Native Landscape See  
Revel at Starved Rock.

Nature is a wonderful thing!

Love of it carried 200 Chicagoans on a pilgrimage yesterday which began early in the morning and ended late at night.

Summer's heat meant nothing to the pilgrims. It was warm at their journey's end as it was warm in Chicago. The sun beat down with an insistency more pitiless than the sun of the city. The distances to be covered on foot were long and arduous.

But all these meant nothing to the pilgrims. For them it was a day away from the city – away from work and cares and noise and dirt. It was all they asked. For they were the friends of our native landscape.

### **Visit Canyon by Ferry.**

The trip was made by special train via the Rock Island to Ottawa, Ill., and thence to the Illinois – one of the most magnificent of the Starved Rock canyons – by ferry down the Illinois River.

Three hours were spent traveling through the canyons. Then the members and their guests seated themselves in a natural amphitheater set down in the very heart of the canyon.

Somewhere a violin, 'cello and flute were playing – a plaintive, appealing air that seemed to the listeners to belong somehow to the beautiful scenery. It lingered for a moment and then ceased.

### **Fauns in Frolic.**

When it began again, out from the trees sprang hordes of nymphs and fauns, rushing toward the stage of the amphitheater and shouting as they ran. The brown bodies and leopard skin coverings of the fauns contrasted with the nymphs' flowing diaphanous robes of green and blue.

Then with songs and dances, joyful, graceful, yet wild in their abandon, with gesture and with spoken lyric they enacted a masque expressive of the cramped narrowness of cities and the open freedom of the world outside.

The setting was perfect. The stage was an open glade, the sides of

which were formed by the long reaches of the canyon. The background was its east wall, with its sheer height of stone surmounted with dense, towering trees.

The accompanying music, soft and distant, reached the canyon walls and was tossed back in echoes. Settings, costumes and actors carried to their ultimate the spirit and the motif of the play.

As the masque unfolded the audience, scattered on the grass in the amphitheater, was carried into the joyful, care-free abandon of the dancing nymphs and fauns. With the hero they learned the lesson Nature has to teach to those who care to learn.

The title of the masque, "The Builder of Walls," refers to those who live in cities and who are engaged ceaselessly in the futile search for contentment and peace.

### **Spirit of Masque.**

To them the unfolding of the masque recommends the spirit of the nymphs and fauns.

They are symbols of mad joy,  
The joy that dwells in Nature and that man  
Has long forgot – the joy of growing things,  
And singing things, and things that leap and dance  
Within the sunlit air, without a trace of grief,  
Without a stain of pride or vanity,  
Or all the mad complexities and false  
Emotions of the little tribe of men!  
Free and glad, and pure as floating air!  
Glad even to die with song upon the lips,  
As birds that drop with song to earth and lose  
Their little dream among the flowers.  
Glad!  
Glad as the sunlight and the light itself!

Miss Julia Cooley, the author of the masque, for which she was awarded a prize of \$50, and her mother, Mrs. Harlan Ward Cooley, president of the Chicago Woman's Club, were in the audience. – ed.]

### **Sunday, June 13**

Prec. ".67

Cleared today. Beautiful. Cool.

Slept all morning nearly & again in the afternoon.

Up to school bld'g for a time, then up to the Sixth Ravine.

Trolley .10;

### **Monday, June 14**

Flag Day Prec ". → See next page

Rain! Rain! Much of the day. Also again this evening.

Big car strike on in Chicago.

Flag-day exercises this afternoon. Could not have out-door parade because of rain. Story of flag; recitations, etc. I showed some flower slides.

Worked to get bld'g ready for tomorrow's exhibit.

This evening at school. - - - Phoned Miss Yore of Ravenswood & Miss Sands at Belvidere about vacancies.

Sent Miss Giffin into the city on an errand.

Charge car fare & 17.10 to Dist 107.

Barber .15; ice cream .10;

## **Tuesday, June 15**

Prec. ".60

Clear today. Beautiful.

Very busy. - - - At ten o'clock our pupils began visiting each others' rooms to see the display of work.

Then we had the flag parade on the lawn & had Mr. Morgan to take moving pictures of the parade.

This afternoon & evening given over to entertaining patrons, et. al. who came to see the exhibit. Great success.

Miss Jeannette Yore of Ravenswood came to see me & the display of work. She accepted position of salaried cadet. Miss Sands of Belvidere came to apply for 4B. Liked her & offered her place if she can be released from Danville. Miss Jennie Whitten visited here today also

Our choir boy reliefs (three) came today & Mr Kensler set them up. Fine display.

Barber .30;

## **Wednesday, June 16**

Last day of school! Prec .75

Thunderstorm & heavy downpour at daybreak.

Pupils met for honorable mentions this morning. Great time. Preceding that the eighth grade pupils marched before the motion picture machine.

This afternoon I spent conferring with teachers, etc.

Tonight the commencement program moved off brilliantly. The music was beautiful, the address splendid.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the graduation program for the class of June 1915. The address was given by Nathaniel Butler. The graduates were:

John Petersen, President

Clara G. Sleeman

Elizabeth M. Prindeville

Theresa Toth

Henrietta L. Shreve

Beatrice G. Thayer

Emmett V. Lundgren

Berneice M. Zimmer

Elizabeth C. Shields

A. Clerihew Morgan

Clarence A. Larson

Lyman F. Gurney

Norman Schumacher

Vern K. Spicker

Truman T. Metzler

John A. Petersen

Oscar W. Lindblom

Frederick S. Lamoreux

Ethel R. Hill

Martha E. Gipp

Rose A. Nicholls

William K. Parker

C. Kenneth Melville

Irene A. Booth

Dorothy E. Laing

Marjorie W. Morse

Jack Merryweather

Arthur W. Jerrems

Arline K. May

Harry T. Stupple

Harry L. Bell

Arthur W. Olson

Mona M. Bahr

Gottfried E. Arnswald

Wesley W. Thom

Thomas W. Grant

Harold A. Bamborough

The instructors were:

Miss Ellen M. Guiney, *Assistant Principal*

Miss Alice L. Davis, *Mathematics*

Miss Etta Grunewald, *History*

Miss Ruby White, *English*

Miss Annis Jewett, *Music*

Mr. Jesse L. Smith, *Superintendent of Schools*

The Board of Education was:

Emil B. Metzel, *President*

Fred Greenslade, *Secretary*

Thomas Morton

William D. Mann

Maude H. Shannon.

Solomon A. St. Peter

Elizabeth B. Millard – ed.]

### **Thursday, June 17**

Fine day but chilly towards evening.

Worked at school all day Checked up teachers' books. Distributed plants

This evening went to Ravinia Theatre to graduating exercises of H-S. Fine address by Prof McClintock. Rode back with Mrs Geer and Miss Bliss.

Barber 25;

### **Friday, June 18**

Prec. ".35

Rained heavily from 8:40 on for a time. Rather sultry afterwards.

Planted asters and salvias in my own garden.

Every thing water soaked. For several days the mosquitoes have been frightfully active.

Was to have taken the 4A's to Waukegan today but the threatening rain caused us to abandon the trip.

At school all day. General clearing up of things. Miss Nora Behrens worked up to 5:00 on the records & then I excused here. I ~~will~~ am to finish what is undone.

A number of the teachers yet here, but planning to leave tomorrow.

Ice cream .10; pamphlet .25;

### **Saturday, June 19**

Threatening today, and finally rain set in about 7:00 P.M.

To the city. Took back some pictures Mr Douglas had loaned me. Ordered framed Song of the Lark, The Gleaners, Caritas, and three more panels of the Cantoria. - - To Wipperman's (1718 N.A. Bld'g) for mounting tissue. To Mueller's to arrange for mounting some Lincoln material. To City Club for lunch and a meeting of the Educational Committee. Prepared a list of names to suggest to the Mayor as suitable members of the Board of Ed'n.

To Field's for a pair of shoes; Lyon & H for piece of music; Art Inst. to glance over exhibit of pupils' work;

Mowed lawn this evening.

R.R. .52 + .10; luncheon .40; book .25 and music .38 (Dist. 107); also mounting tissue 1<sup>00</sup> (Dist 107);

### **Sunday, June 20**

Prec. ".29

Fine day. Turned cool.

Started to church but met Mr. Flinn and went with him to the school building.

This afternoon went up to Waukegan Flats. These rather submerged. Coreopsis & iris in blossom, puccoon, also. Bro't away some turtle eggs. Spent some time with a pair of belted piping plovers.

Am reading "Great Expectations."

Trolley .30; popcorn .05;

### **Monday, June 21**

Turned out warm and clear. Every inch – June weather.

Mosquitoes worst for years.

Worked on my yard and garden nearly all morning.

Lunch at Mrs Clements' with Mrs Schumacher and Mrs Spencer. Planned Elm Place Division Program for coming year.

Inspected condition of Lake Front Park. - - Worked at office for a while. There again this evening. Then called at Greenslades for a time. Talked over early history of H.P. with them.

Barber .25; box rent .60;

### **Tuesday, June 22**

An ideal June Day.

Went to Waukegan this A.M. to confer with Mr Simpson & have my certificate "registered." Came back with Mr Morton at 12:20.

At office this afternoon. Wrote about certification to our new teachers. - - Looked up some back history of the schools.

Edith came in on us this afternoon.

This evening, Millard & I had a conference at Mr. Egan's – City Beautiful Commission. Discussed Central Park and shrubbery at intersections.

Trolley .30; certificate fee 1<sup>00</sup>; meat (bacon) .32;

### **Wednesday, June 23**

Beautiful day. Cool breeze.

This A.M. at school house nearly all morning. Wrote specifications for painting, etc & gave Friebele one copy. Spent some time with him going over b'ld'g. By appointment Co Supt Simpson & Mr. Latz, architect of Waukegan, met me & went over Annex b'ld'g. I am trying to persuade No. Chic. people to put up a similar b'ld'g & Mr. Simpson is in touch with those people.

Took 12:12 along with Mrs Millard & Miss Boynton for Beach. Everett got on our train at Wauk. We tramped along beach plain all afternoon & had a wonderful walk. Caught 5:17 back to H.P.

This evening I worked over old records of the school.

R.R. .33; barber .15;

### **Thursday, June 24**

Trace

Trace of rain in night. Fine day. Thunder in distance in late afternoon. Then clearing, cool winds. Miscellany today. Some more negotiating with painters. Office work at school.

Worked over my bank account. Examined canceled checks.

Edith, Kittie and I for a walk after supper. Then Edith & I to the school house for an hour.

Kittie still much troubled with neuritis in her hands.

I analyzed a number of flowers this A.M.

Ice cream .20. (new ticket 6<sup>00</sup>)

### **Friday, June 25**

Hazy at times. Cool. We build a little fire in our furnace nearly every day.  
At office all morning. At home in the afternoon. Edith & I pasted my book plate in a great pile of books. I sorted over my text books.

This evening E. & I rambled over the Millard place, then called in for an hour or so.  
Barber .15; groceries .40;

**Saturday, June 26** Prec. "18.

Rained in the night. A few drops this morning, but cleared off warmer.  
Worked at school a while, then Edith and I went shopping in Chicago. At Field's bo't "Pioneers of France in the New World." Lunch at The Hearth.

We saw Peggy O'Neill in "Peg-o'-my-heart" at the Cort. Enjoyed the play greatly.  
This evening I went to Ravinia Park at the opening concert of the season. A great treat. - - A very stimulating day.

R.R. 1.04 + .20; lunch .54; theatre 2<sup>00</sup>; R. Park .10 + .35 + .75; barber .15;  
[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the playbill for "Peg O' My Heart" by J. Hartley Manners. - ed.]

**Sunday, June 27**

A fine June day.  
Clarence Danforth crossed over to Chicago in the night and got out here before 10:00 A.M.  
I fed silkworms at school. Then to church, and heard a stranger preach a shallow, childish sermon.  
This afternoon Kittie, Edith, Clarence, & I had a long drive, including an exploration of the north eastern part of Lake Forest.

Clarence & Edith went home this evening  
~~Trolley~~ Church .10; ice cream .40

**Monday, June 28**

Fine June day also. Clouding up at evening.  
Mowed my yard today.  
Fred Botker and I weeded out the several plots in the Green Bay Garden this A.M. Have engaged Fred to go over the garden once a week  
Worked over school bills, etc. this afternoon. - - - Inspected ravages of cottony moth on silver maples below Lincoln Ave.  
Board meeting this evening - - - until 11:00 P.M. Board granted me a German teacher by a tie vote. Agreed on calcimining, new shades, etc  
Barber .15;

**Tuesday, June 29** Trace.

Threatening at first but cleared off. Very few rain drops. (Rain in Chicago)  
Set Garrity to weeding seedling beds at the nursery on Green Bay Road.  
Finished mowing my yard. Hoed my garden.  
Wrote article on fungus attack on oak leaves, etc. for H.P. Press - under the name of the City Beautiful Commission.  
To Waukegan to consult Co.Clerk about assessed valuation of Dist. Interview with Miss Bower. Then to Ravinia Park to get materials for article in the Press. Heard most of the afternoon concert.  
This evening Mr Metzler & Mr. Morton and I went over contractors' figures & awarded painting & calcimining job to Wm Witten.  
Trolley .40 (Dist 107). Ravinia Park .30;

### Wednesday, June 30

Beautiful day. Warm but not hot.

Went around this A.M. with Mr. Huber and a Mr. Shaw representing state entomologist who is investigating mosquito conditions here. I inspected certain breeding places. Visited Lake Front Park to plan lattice work before out houses.

Wrote an article for H.P. Press on Ravinia.

Took 2:34 for Chic. To Carson Pierie's to negotiate for window shades & linoleum for the school. Douglas's to select frames for pictures ordered. McClurg's to order a book. Home at 6:30.

This evening by appointment at school bld'g Mr. Morton & I planned work with Witten (painter, etc) & Brown (carpenter)

Mother got home at 9:55 P.M.

Barber .25; R.R. .52 + .10; (Charge Dist 107 - .52)

### Thursday, July 1

Fine day. Warm.

Took the 8:09 with the Millards & Miss Boynton for Chic. Then the 9:15 for Mineral Springs. Mr. Seymour & "Fitch" went along. Had a great day. The cypridium were finely in blossom - 52 in a group of colonies!

Brewed tea. Had lunch on shore, etc.

Tephrosia in bloom; Polygala; Tofieldia; et. al.

Home by 9:55 P.M.

R R. .52 + 1.10;

### Friday, July 2

Trace

A beautiful day. A few drops fell in the afternoon & all was again clear.

Office work at school. Met Miss Gertrude West, kindergartner, this A.M. by appointment and showed her our "plant."

Had a carpenter putting up beaver board backgrounds for pictures & bas reliefs.

Paid monthly bills.

At 6:30 this evening posed with "other" city members of civic committees before the motion picture camera.

Mr. Schalk representing Prof Forbes gave an illustrated talk on the mosquito at Elm Place. I had lantern set up.

Mr. Albert Loeb called me on the phone late tonight to ask me to go in his party to "Banff" for a month.

Barber .15; bananas .10;

### Saturday, July 3

Ideal day

Photographed four clumps of toad flax below Ravinia station along R.R. track. Then took two pictures with background of specimens brot home.

Mrs Millard & I agreed upon color scheme for calcimining & painting.

I checked up the supplementary books in the rooms of Elm Place. Sorted out books to be destroyed.

This evening Mr. Morton & Mr. Greenslade and I met two dissatisfied contractors, Friebele and Yowell, and discussed the bids for calcim., painting, etc. - - - This consumed the entire evening!!

Shoes repaired 1.25;  
Barber .15; nozzle .40; trolley .10;

### **Sunday, July 4**

Independence Day!! Prec. "64.

Rained most of the morning. Cleared in the afternoon with strong, cool wind.

Did not go to church. Re-read "Hard Times."

Developed negatives of the toadflax.

Went to County Line on the trolley & walked west into the Skokie. Bro't back two or three eggs of the monarch butterfly, & as many "larvae."

Trolley 10

### **Monday, July 5**

Beautiful day. Autos everywhere. Firecrackers moderately active.

Wrote some business letters. Called on Mr Mann's house to confer on the school contracts. He and I went to the school bld'g & he dictated rough draft of specifications. This afternoon I submitted a typewritten copy which he O.K'd. Tonight I wrote off four copies of this.

Tinkered some at home. Went down to call on Jens Jensen & had a pleasant hour or so with him and his family. The Leamings (Mrs & Marjorie) called while I was there and Mr. Thayer).

Ice cream .10;

### **Tuesday, July 6**

Fine day. A little warm. Cloudy late afternoon, then rain slow & gentle after 6:30 P.M.

At school with various errands until 10:38. Then to Chicago. To Carson Pirie Scott & Co to conclude contract for shades with Mr. Heinrichs & for linoleum with Mr. Maddock. Fields for shoe polish. McClurg's for a scrapbook Langlow-Fowler's (Mr. Gibson) to order 40 No. 4 & 40 No. 5 Moulthrop desks. To Lyon & H. for music; Mueller's to bring away some mounts.

This evening at school board meeting. Opened bids & awarded calcimining & painting to Witten for \$600

R R 52 + .10; lunch .35; scrap book \$1<sup>00</sup> (Dist 107); barber .15;

### **Wednesday, July 7**

Prec. "1.08

Rained most of the day. Clearing after nightfall & cool winds.

Conferred at school with Witten about color schemes, etc. Wrote letters contracting for linoleum, shades, etc. Studied several chapters of "Für Kleine Leute." This afternoon largely given up to Miss Ruth Koenig, who is to be our special teacher of German. Planned our work, etc.

This evening Everett M. and I went to Gorton School at Lake Forest to hear Prof. Tourney of Yale talk on Trees.

Silkworms began spinning yesterday. I have them in Denzel's barber shop window. [5 N. St. John's Avenue - ed.]

Am watching some monarch eggs and larva at home.

Trolley .20; barber .15;

### **Thursday, July 8**

Beautiful day.

At school much of the day. Spent an hour or so with Miss Young planning equipment of dental clinic.

Conferred with Mr. Morton over fixing side walk border.

Worked over school bills  
Visited nursery on Green Bay Road.  
Mowed my yard.  
We all went riding with neighbors, the Deckers, this evening. Delightful ride to Wilmette & return.  
Wrote eight or nine letters today.  
Barber .25;

### Friday, July 9

Sunny until late afternoon.  
Various errands this A.M. Out to Millard's to get a supply of mulberry leaves. Worked at my desk at school.  
12:55 for Chic. To Field' for underwear, shirts, camera plates, etc. To 437 So Dearborn to get copy of Railway Guide. Burke & James to get data on my ray filters. To Mr Metzel's for authority to order linoleum for floor of "rest room"; also to buy a couch for the teachers.  
Back at 5:00 Hoed my garden.  
To the concert tonight. Impressed with possibility of taking strains from Symphonic Poem of Sibelius for hymn music (Finlandia).  
Visit with Miss Everett & Mrs Underwood.  
Trolley 15; ~~barb~~ R.R. .62; tie .50; Mother 10<sup>00</sup>; Ravinia .85  
[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the Ravinia program. – ed.]

### Saturday, July 10

Trace.

Overcast at times. Then sprinkle late afternoon. Thunderstorm about 11:00 P.M.  
At school part of day.  
Conferred with Brand about some of my negatives.  
Put up with a persistent woman agent for a time.  
Took some photographs of the new b'ld'g. Also photographed a head of salsify in fruit.  
Went down to R.P. with the Boyntons & the Millards. I came away with the latter during the intermission  
Barber .75;

### Sunday, July 11

Prec. .18

Rain in the night as above. Sultry – steamy, today.  
Did not go to church. Spent some time analyzing plants sent me by J.W. Griesemer of Hopedale.  
Mother, K & I had early dinner & took 12:35 for Chic & the 2:05 Rock Island for Tracy. Mrs Christiansen & Olive; Mrs Free[m?] Clark, Mr & Mrs Sutherland, also on train. We went to the christening of Jessie's baby – Cecil Clark Anderson. The Wilsons there from Chesterton. Rev. Mr McGee officiated.  
We had a very pleasant time (Aunt Margaret Smith also there). Got home by 8:15.  
R.R. 1.56 + .30 + .75; Mag. 10.

### Monday, July 12

A hot day.  
Finished analysis of plants sent me from Hopedale.  
Went up into woods (Skokie) west of Highwood & photographed three views of the asclepias phytolaccoides. Nearly eaten by mosquitoes.

Went to school before eight to confer with Whitten as his men began work on the bld'g.  
Unpacked four pictures from the Nat'l Art Supply Co – Gleaners, Song of Lark, Caritas, & “The Peace Ball” which we had colored in the city

This afternoon went down into the Sheahen meadows & took two pictures of clouds to test my ray filter.

Mr. Morton & Mr. Sullivan and I met this P.M at the school b'ld'g to agree on the plumbing work. Barber .15; ice cream .20; wire netting .40;

### **Tuesday, July 13**

Warm but cool breezes. Fine growing weather.

Developed 10 negatives this A.M. Then to Chicago. To Fields for shirts, tooth powder, chair seat. McClurg's for Muir's works to send to Harvey Lowe as wedding gift. Also to get tracing cloth.

To Newberry library to look up history of New Harmony. Also of Spencer Co, Indiana, where the Lincoln's lived.

Home at 5:20.

Spent evening at school, writing letters & looking over part of census report turned in by John Scott. R.R .52 + .30; lunch .30; tooth powder .25; drink .05;

### **Wednesday, July 14**

Prec. 1.08

Tremendous rain this afternoon.

Worked on census report & other school matters all day.

Fred Needham came in on us this afternoon. He had been attending the C.E. convention in Chicago. I was obliged to go on with my work this evening and worked until 12:30 P.M.

(I ran up to Wauk & back this A.M. to get blanks for the report to be filled out).

Trolley .30 (Dist 107)

Ice cream .40;

### **Thursday, July 15**

Prec. “.02

A hot day. Humid – but a good breeze going.

Began work early on my census figures & report & finished – with my great relief – about 11:00 A.M. Fred & I walked over t Lake Front Park before noon.

After dinner we got a rig at Ringdahl's & had a delightful drive. Went to north end of Lake Forest. Then out west to Armour's and south, past Meeker's – and so by Old Elm club and home. A day of beautiful pictures afield. Haying here & there.

Lindens just opening their flower buds

We stayed around home this evening.

All of the silkworm caterillars through spinning but one.

### **Friday, July 16**

Hot day.

Fred Needham left on the 8:09. Was to cross on boat to Benton Harbor.

At school a while this A.M. Then spent an hour or so at Brand's while Mr Hecketsweiler tested my camera shutter & found the trouble with my recent photographs - - slight fogging - - due to imperfect closing of shutter.

At home this afternoon. Mowed the yard. Tacked wire screen on frames for attic.

My milkweed caterpillar that was 15 days old today transformed. I saw only the whirling aside of the discarded garment.

Barber .15; ice cream .20; R.R. .26;

### **Saturday, July 17**

Hot. Cool breeze at times.

Gave up this A.M. to three representatives of Board of Ed. of Minneapolis who made a careful study of our new "Annex." Mr. Beard, Mr. Hacksby (Arch.) and Mr. Geo F. Womrath (Business Sup't) Fine, appreciative visitors Mr. Beard especially interested in pictures. Then I went with them to Evanston. Called up Mr Kingsley who came in his machine and took us to the Lincolnwood School. Got them off on the 12:05 for Chic & I came back home.

Photog. Annex again this afternoon. Then went up in Sixth Ravine woods. Took two pyrola pictures & attempted two of poke milkweed, but found my shutter out of order again  
Trolley .10; bakery .35; root beer 10; papers .06; barber .25;

### **Sunday, July 18**

Prec. ".33

Thunder storm & rain between 7 & 8:30 A.M. Cleared off later in the day – delightfully cool.

To church with Mother. Heard Dr McBride speak for the Anti-Saloon League.

Went to the city on the 6:12 this evening to "scout around". Home on the 10:02.

R.R. .52 + .20; paper 05; sundries .50;

### **Monday, July 19**

Trace

Cool. Gray much of the time.

To the city on the 10:38. To Field's to exchange some shirts. To Burke & James to leave a Volute shutter for repairs. To Sweet & Wallach's for camera plates.

Home at 2:34. Spent some time over Lincoln data.

Inspected school garden this evening.

The Clows spent the evening with us.

A slight shower while they were here.

R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .30; negatives \$3.85; movies .25; barber .25.

Watch clip .35; magazines .10;

### **Tuesday, July 20**

Prec. .12

Fine day after the rain Cool.

To the school b'ld'g this morning where I protested the way in which the floors were being cleaned and oiled. Conferred with Mr. Morton about it. The contractor, Mr. Witten, reasonable and the floor work held up for a while. - - Plumbers fitting up the dental room. -

Ralph Davis and I went over to the school nursery and framed in our plots of tall oats, wheat, & barley, & of flax. This evening two boys helped me weed in the seedling beds.

Worked over Lincoln material this afternoon.

Wrote letter to Miss Blanche Beal of Los Altos, Calif. ~~with~~ to whom Harvey Lowe is soon to be married. Sent four of John Muir's books to her.

Nails .05 (Dist 107) Express 1.13;

### **Wednesday, July 21**

Trace.

Thunderstorm during afternoon but little rain.

Arranged for cutting sod for school grounds. Then took 10:38 for Chicago. To Burke & James for my camera shutter.

To Municipal Pier at foot of Grand Avenue.

To Newberry Library to work over Lincoln material.

Home on 5:10.

Visited Julius Zimmer's tomato patch after supper. Then visited the Clampitts & inspected their garden.

R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .20; mag. .15; barber .25

### **Thursday, July 22**

Beautiful day.

Set one man to work this morning cutting sod on the Sheahen site to be used at Elm Place. Started Garrity on the work of trimming off branches of maples on city parkways that are infested with cottony scale. Inspected his work three times.

Mr. Davis and I measured up windows, etc. for glass and gratings.

To dinner at Millards and spent the evening there

Pd Fred Botker 1<sup>00</sup> for work on the school nursery. Charge to Dist. 107.

Barber .15;

### **Friday, July 23**

Fine. Warm.

Spent much time today at the school house with the sod layer & Mr Davis. Working on front parkway. Kept track of Garrity who is cutting diseased maple sprays.

Mowed my lawn.

Barber .30; ice cream, etc. .15;

### **Saturday, July 24**

Trace

Sprinkles of rain off and on this A.M. Cooler this evening.

Hoed my garden this A.M. & pruned and tied up some of my tomato plants.

At school a while both morning and afternoon. Wrote some letters. Worked on some "notes" I have in mind.

This morning the Eastland turned over in the Chicago R. & hundreds of excursionists were drowned!

Pd Peter Balarin 9<sup>00</sup>. Charge to Dist. 107.

Papers .10; repairs at Levins .35; household 8<sup>00</sup>;

### **Sunday, July 25**

Threatening all day. Cool.

To Church. Then after dinner went with Mr & Mrs Millard on a tramp in the Skokie west of Highwood. Found a number of stalks of white-fringed orchis. Turk's cap lily abundant.

Worked on my war scrapbook.

Miss Wm S Parks called to see about getting released from our teaching staff to do University work another year. Up to me to try to find a substitute for her.

At church this A.M. the organist played Chopin's Funeral March as a reminder of the dead in yesterday's disaster. A collection was taken for the needy survivors.

Church .50;

### **Monday, July 26**

Fine day.

Set man to trimming maple trees on Central Ave. etc. Then went to Chicago To Searles at C.J. Albert's to consult him and their Miss Smith about teacher to take Miss Parks' place. Had lunch with Searles. Visited a short time with Miss Collins at Silver Burdett's.

Walked over Dearborn Street bridge and got a glimpse of the Eastland lying in the river.

Had to wait for an interview with a Miss Stine until after 5:30 P.M. Then arranged to have her come here for a more satisfactory interview tomorrow.

This P.M. a conference with Mrs Shannon about school matters.

R.R. .52 + .20; papers. .02; barber .25; books .50;

## **Tuesday, July 27** Prec. ".48

Rained much of the morning.

Miss Stine came out at 8:40 and I entertained her for an hour or so. Then we went to call on Mrs Shannon, & then Miss Stine took the 10:38 for home.

Mrs Shannon & I agreed to offer the 4th A place to Miss S. and I wrote her to that effect

Left at 3:28 on the C & M.E. with Mr & Mrs Millard & Mr & Mrs Jensen – for Milwaukee.

Supper at a restaurant. Then took the C & M. & St P. for Hartland. Here Mr Wittinberger took us in an auto 2 ½ miles to "Interlachen Hotel" on Beaver Lake kept by Mrs Richards. We had rooms in "the garage". Twilight views of the lake & encircling hills.

Dist 107 – car fare of Miss Stine .52

## **Wednesday, July 28** Holy Hill, Wisc. Prec ".52

Long walk along Beaver Lake & over to Pine L. before breakfast. Then carriage took us to Holy Hill which we reached by noon. Returning we got to the hotel at 5:00. Auto took us back to Hartland where we had supper. Took C.M. & St P. back to Milwaukee & the N.W. home.

A day compact with wonderful views – wide-sweeping, intimate – of fields of oats and wheat and rye & barley, of tamarack swamps & wooded heights, of lakes & sluggish streams.

Visited the chapel of the Carmelite brothers on Holy Hill.

Expenses of trip about 6<sup>50</sup>

## **Thursday, July 29**

At school much of the day. Helped hang pictures. Wrote letters, etc.

Miss Moody came out to ask to be released from her kg. position. Conference with Mrs Shannon on the subject.

Called up Miss Gertrude West at Evanston to try to interest her in our position. Arranged for a conference on Monday.

Bananas .10; barber .15; house 3<sup>00</sup>;

## **Friday, July 30** Prec.

A very humid day. Shower in the afternoon.

At school and busy with various things. After dinner Mr. Herman Denzel took me down to the Lichtenstern estate to negotiate for oak logs for trails for the Park. Saw the foremen – On way back met Mr. Jensen & son-in-law Wheeler in their machine on the way to the estate of which J. is landscape architect. Went back with them and over the grounds & ravines with them Then we came back towards H.P. stopping to go over the forest trails in the Rosenwald estate. Great piece of landscape engineering. Stopped at Gsell's for ice cream. Then to my school to look over the new bldg's & my murals.

Wrote letters this evening.

Barber .15; ice cream .45;

## Saturday, July 31

Fine warm day.

Worked hard. Millard and I set two men to making a trail down the bluff at Lake Front Park. I spent some time at school also this A.M. - - After early dinner I wheeled down to the Lichtenstern estate below Ravinia and directed Garrity in trimming up oak branches. These & some trunks given me by Jensen we loaded up & had delivered in Lake F. Park.

Stopped a little while on my way back and visited Mrs Kempster Miller and Ruth.

Rest of the afternoon at Park. Conferred with Millard. Also with committee of business men.

Too tired this evening but to loaf.

Pd Balarin for Dist 107 - \$7<sup>90</sup>

Garrity “ “ “ 2<sup>85</sup>

Grape juice .65; barber .15

## Sunday, August 1

### Mrs Schapper's Funeral

Fine day. Warm.

Left on 10:38 for Chicago. Ate lunch at N W. station & took Rock I. for Blue Island to attend Mrs Schapper's funeral. Mr & Mrs Webb, Miss Ford, Glasheen, King, Westberg, Mr & Mrs Woltersdorf, Mr & Mrs Barracks, & Miss Hartke & I represented the "44," & Roper, Pettengill, Fitch & Misses Josephs, Foulk, Kelting, et. al. the Prairie Club. Rev. Mr. Atchinson, Presb., gave most fitting address. Imperial quartette sang. Rode in Woltersdorf's machine to Greenwood cemetery. Interment on a beautiful oak knoll. Masses of flowers. A splendid, good woman. Home by 7:05 P.M.

Read several chapters of Praeterita today.

Talk with Mrs Shannon a while this evening.

R.R. .52 + .40 + .05; lunch .70; ice cream .10;

## Monday, August 2

Warm but breezy

Out "betimes." "Ran down" three Italian laborers & took them to Lake Front Park where I set them to grubbing away at the roots of dead trees. This afternoon I had a teamster with his block and tackle to pull the trees over. We got ten or twelve down in this way. I worked rather hard myself, "bossing" & hunting up tools etc

Spent an hour and a half or more with Mrs Shannon & Mrs Millard at school. Met there by appointment Miss Gertrude West whom we want for our kg. director.

Too tired this evening to go anywhere

Barber .15; ice cream .20;

## Tuesday, August 3

### Rain.

A very heavy rain last night. - almost cloud bursts at neighboring towns on the south. L.F. Park soaked & the holes where trees had been grubbed out were miniature ponds. Worked there all day. Got trees sawed up; brush burned; most of logs removed, etc. Used five men. Men began to set up lattice work before toilets.

Called on Mrs Shannon this evening. Miss McCormick came in and we had a pleasant visit.

## Wednesday, August 4

### Rain.

Rained at intervals during the day.

My men worked at the Park & I stayed with them, padding about all day with umbrella – and wet feet.

Other workmen laid the dancing platform & various booths. Mine continued cutting up trees, making steps for trails, etc

Spent an hour at school with Mrs Shannon and Mrs Millard, interviewing Miss Schwinn of Crawfordsville, Indiana, who wants a kg. position.

Tonight Mrs S & Mr. Greenslade & I conferred on this & other matters.

Leonard Smith came in on us late this evening

Barber .25;

Pd \$22<sup>50</sup> to three laborers for three days' work. Charge to city & H.P. Business Men's Association

#### **Thursday, August 5** Rain.

Rained again before day dawn.

The committee decided to defer Highland Park Day one week.

Leonard and I went in on the 9:53 "Bummed around some." To Douglas' place to leave a picture for a new mat. To Reid, Murdock's dock where we had a good view of the Eastland as she lies on her side in the river. Lunch at the city club. Then I left Leonard to go to the 4:00 Wab. by himself while I went down to the Nat'l Kg. College to interview the registrar about kg. teachers. Then I phoned to try to find Miss Anne E. Allen. - - Visited "Q" passenger office for circulars about the Rockies - - To McClurg's where I bo't Spoon River Anthology, Dewey's Schools of Tomorrow, & McGiffert's The Rise of Modern Religious Ideas –

At my typewriter at school this P.M.

Dist. 107 – R.R. .26 + .20; phone .41;

Self. – Lunch 1<sup>20</sup>; books \$3.83;

#### **Friday, August 6**

Overcast at first but cleared. A beautiful day.

Went to Central Park to watch progress of work on the "trail." Ordered Walter Garrity to haul gravel there.

Home - & wrote number of checks, some of which I delivered.

10:38 for Chicago. Went to Fields for luncheon with Mrs Shannon & Miss Anne Elizabeth Allen, kindergartener. Conferred with latter about a director for our school. A very pleasant luncheon. "Market Week" in Chicago and great throngs there.

2:00 for home. To Park to see work. Then to school until 5:00. To Miss Haefle's to leave typewriter work. To school nursery.

After supper worked at school a while. Phoned Miss Fargo of Evanston for interview – Monday, A.M.

R.R. .52 + .10; barber .40;

#### **Saturday, August 7** Rain

Beautiful day – Warm. But - - - storm came up from N.E. at 4:00. Rained again after supper.

At school at 7:45 to confer with Mr Witten. Then to Lake Front Park. At 10:00 Jensen & Millard came and we studied out plans for trails, camp fire, council hill, etc Mrs Fyffe joined us in this work.

After lunch phoned for reservations on the "Q." to leave Monday evening for Glacier Park.

To Park to see how work was progressing. Watched storm come up over the lake for a while.

Took three pictures of clouds from street in front of our house to test my ray filters.

Developed 10 negatives.

Barber. .65; ice cream .10; bananas .20;

### **Sunday, August 8**

Fine day but hazy at its close. During the evening lightning on northern horizon.

To church. Sermon by pastor from Carlinville.

Slept nearly all afternoon. Then walked west on W. Park Avenue. Found a stalk of habenaria psycodes in blossom.

This evening went down to Mr. Jensen's where a Strindberg club (Swedish) gave an entertainment on his players' green. One read from Strindberg. Another sang solos. Audience sang national songs, etc.

The Millards bro't me home.

Church .25.

### **Monday, August 9**

Beautiful day.

At school early to confer first with Delhaye about the cement work; then with Witten. Later Miss Ruth Fargo of Evanston came by appointment with Mrs. Shannon, Mrs Millard & me. Satisfactory interview & Miss F employed in our kg.

Afternoon I went to the city – To Gt. Northern office to secure recent data about Glacier Park – To “Q” office to buy my ticket, etc. Had a chat with Mr. Puhl. – To Field's to buy wool socks, watch, & scissors – To McClurg's for copy of Clements “Rocky Mt. Flowers.” Home on 5:10.

Board meeting this P.M. to consider janitorship of Annex

R.R. ticket 52<sup>50</sup>.

Scissors .25 socks 1<sup>00</sup>; watch 1<sup>00</sup>; barber .15; R.R. .52 + .10;

### **Tuesday, August 10**

Left for Glacier Park –

Busy. Met Millard at City Park to help plan work on trails. Conferred with Morton, St. Peter, and Davis about janitorship at Annex.

Mowed my yard. Gathered small bundles of grain from Green Bay nursery & hung up in plant house. Had another conf. with St Peter at the school house.

I wrote number of letters. Mother packed my trunk.

Got off on 7<sup>33</sup> & left on the 10:15 Oriental limited for Glacier Park.

Gave Mr Davis two checks of five dollars each to use in paying for work on bridges. Charge to Dist 107.

R.R. 26 + 10; cab. 1<sup>00</sup>; porter .25

### **Wednesday, August 11**

Fog hung over river until we got to L. Pepin. Fine view from then on. An Indianan from Winchester enroute to Los Angeles via C.P.R.R. visited with me last night and this A.M. Offered me a friendly nip out of his bottle and did not take it ill when I declined.

An evening primrose very abundant. Wild rice unfolding its panicles. Crossed river at Prescott, Wisconsin. Only a few in our car to St. Paul. New station there (supposedly) under way. Fine massive one at Minneapolis.

The great wheat country late afternoon. Rainy weather had interfered with the work. Early afternoon ran through the lake country. At Fergus, Minn., noted the large insane asylum. Main building Norman English. Then there was one fine building – Anne Hathaway style. Grand Forks, N.D. late in the evening. Before reaching this passed “University.” Early English style with Anna Hathaway dormitories.

Bo't copy of G.F. Daily Herald. All of its four editorials of the highest type – scholarly and dignified.

Breakfast .90; luncheon .85; supper .30 - - “grub” I “gathered” at a R.R. restaurant. Papers .20. Read mostly from Dewey’s Schools of Tomorrow. Sent postcard to Mother, Prof. Butler, Everett Millard Day decidedly warm.

### **Thursday, August 12**

#### Crossing Montana

Day began cool. Beyond Culbertson we ran by butte-like bluffs worn, stratified, with deep fissures and gullies within them. Along this section, too, and especially at Poplar, we saw thickets of eleagnus loaded with red berries.

Other incidents:

The stop at Havre (J.J Hill County) and the display of grains in a booth there.

The N. Englander who visited with me once or twice today.

The bleakness of the hills. The prosperity in the Milk River Valley.

The increase in the richness of the crops as we neared the Park.

My visit with the farmer from near Peoria. The two young fellows from Dakota.

The arrival at the Park. The crowd at the station, some Indians included. The Bostonian, the Dakota-ans, the Farmer, and I drifted up to the beautiful hotel together. Great annex had been added since I was here before. Had a first-class shave and went to bed while the festive modern dance prevailed in the great promenade below.

Breakfast .85; lunch .55; supper 1.05; barber .50.

### **Friday, August 13**

#### Glacier Park hotel to Many-Glacier

Breakfasted with Macauley (Bostonian) in the fine new dining room. Had planned to go with him and the Dakotas to Many Glacier. So we left by auto at 8:15. Had the great ride to St. Mary’s and after a pause of a half-hour went on towards Many Glacier.

Noted great progress in the work of the reclamation service. New roads, bridges, etc.

Arrived in time for late lunch. A great new hotel had been built on east shore of McDermott.

We were assigned to the chalet nearest the Falls.

We all tramped well up the side of McDermott and had a delightful time, but threatening weather sent us down. It rained for some time while we were at the hotel for supper. Then it cleared up and we built us a council fire on the shore in front our chalet.

Auto 5.50; hotel 3.00; tip .10; meals 1.50; chalet .75

### **Saturday, August 14**

#### Piegian Pass

This A.M. we set out on horseback for Piegian Pass and Going-to-the-Sun Camp. Two guides, seven men, and one woman, Miss Kline of Indianapolis. A great ride up to and over the pass. Went by Grinnell Lake and up to and along Cataract Creek - - up above the cascades, then swing back and forth as we mounted the pass. At the summit of the pass I exchanged greetings with Mr. Lewis Hill who with a party was coming down. We ate lunch in a grassy meadow below the pass, then pushed on down a rather tedious trail to St. Mary’s Lake. We put on steam the latter part of the way and at length came out upon a shelf-trail overlooking the Lake – a glorious view. We four and a Mr. Dwyer of Alexandria, Va., were assigned to the easternmost chalet and had a jolly time together. At supper we made the acquaintance of Prof. and Mrs Richards of Lehigh, Pa., - delightful people. We had found Miss Kline good company and helped to entertain her. Then Miss Gruber of Chicago and her three companions who had been in the chalet next to ours at McDermott appeared, and we had a pleasant evening. There was a brilliant alpenglow on Red Eagle Mt.

Breakfast & supper 1<sup>50</sup>; horse 3<sup>50</sup>. I ate lunch "off of" my friends.

### **Sunday, August 15**

St Mary's & back to McDermott

Beautiful day. Got ready to leave by launch for St. Mary's. Saw great shoal of fish in the clear deep water under the boat as she lay at dock. A little girl dropped in a line and pulled a fine fish out. A glorious ride down the lake to St. Mary's. Mr. Brewster was on the boat and he told in detail of his successful and somewhat thrilling ascent of Going-to-the-Sun yesterday – first known ascent. We had passed their tent in the meadow below Piegan Pass yesterday. Mr. Walker, lawyer, (an Alpinist) of Topeka made the ascent with him. I envied them the experience.

At St. Marys my friends left me; going out to G.P. Hotel. I took the auto back to Many Glacier, Mr & Mrs Winter and their two daughters being in the auto. Two guides rode part way with us and told interesting stories of the survey of the U.S. northern boundary near by.

Luncheon at M.G. hotel. A good nap. Read Chic. Trib. of Aug. 12. After supper built me a camp fire on the lake shore.

Breakfast, lunch & supper 2<sup>35</sup>; barber .25; launch .75; auto 2.25; papers .15

Wrote Mother, Mrs Shannon, Mr Davis, Miss Behrens, Miss Boswell

### **Monday, August 16**

Iceberg Lake.

Wrote Miss Jones and Miss Schermerhorn before breakfast. Ate early intending to walk toward Piegan Pass but accepted invitation of Mrs and Miss Nason of Cleveland, Ohio, to walk with them to Iceberg Lake.

Went leisurely there in about three hours. Paused a few minutes to permit Miss Nason to fish at Ptarmigan Falls.

Had a fine day at the Lake. Saw several goats high up on the ledges. Two young men there (Miller and Bryan of Spokane) loaned us their glass as did Mr Winter who later joined us. Mrs Nason brewed tea and we pooled our lunch. Walked back leisurely getting down in less than two hours. Had a nap. Read from Dewey. Ate hearty supper. Met our guide Bruno, Millard, Woodyat and I had two years ago. A fine chat with him. Read Chic. Trib. of Aug. 13.

Meals 2<sup>25</sup>

### **Tuesday, August 17**

Swifcurrent Pass

Decided this day to go up to Granite Park and spend the night. Left with light equipment in my rucksack (sweater, manicure set, underwear, a botany, no coat). A horse party overtook me and went on ahead before I reached the foot of the pass. On the upclimb I saw a young man with a pack behind me and waited for him - - J.W. Boyd of Spokane. We made the climb together, being so fortunate as to get a lift from a man in charge of a pack train who offered to carry our packs up on his saddle. Reached the pass just before noon. As I had my lunch I loitered in the pass to eat it, while Boyd went on down to Granite Park Chalet, a half mile farther on. Dipped my cup freely into a pool at the edge of a snow patch. A pair of mountain sheep came down the slope above me and watched me for some time. Another pair appeared below me for a while. After lunch I tried to come upon the latter by surprise but found them on the grassy edge of a broad scar from which they could see anyone attempting to approach them. - - The flora pretty well spent but occasional patches high up. - - Went on at length to the chalet, reaching it at 2:30. Mr. Hill's party just arrived. Conditions chaotic. Chalet only open a few days and a rancher and his wife in charge. Mr Hill got busy and had rooms fitted out – acted as clerk, chambermaid, etc. Altogether there were 25 or more of us to spend the night.

After a half hour's rest, Boyd and I and a young Mr. Savage of Philadelphia set out to climb a rounded knob above the pass. It was a climb of an hour and a half and repaid us with a wonderful view.

We laid our map down on a flat space and worked out the names of a number of magnificent peaks. Cleveland towered up to the north and N.W. & W. were Kootenai, Trapper, Longfellow, & Heaven's Peak. A few feet beyond where we stood the wall fell away sheer, enclosing a lake basin, and a little beyond, still north we were looking over into the basin of Iceberg Lake. We could identify the upper section of the Garden Wall we had seen from below while at Iceberg.

S. & W. of us was the canyon of McD. Creek, & hemming it in were the Mts. Cannon & Brown. Oberlin, Reynolds, Gunsight, Citadel, Fusillade, Gunsight, Almost -a-Dog, Gunnel, Gould, McDermott, Appekuny, et. al. were in our range as were McDermott L., Sherburne, & Duck & the distant hills far east of the Park. - - - We enjoyed this great view for about an hour. - - We had a pleasant evening on the chalet front facing the great range of peaks and Mr Hill was very agreeable in every way. Some of us stayed up until the full crescent moon slowly dipped behind a shoulder of Heaven's Peak. Then we went to bed, Boyd and I in the stone chalet that had only a skeleton roof covered with tarpaulins.

Expenses 3<sup>25</sup>

### Wednesday, August 18

### Granite Park to Lake McDonald.

I had intended to return to the chalet at Many Glacier today but last evening the prospect of walking down the gorge of McDonald Creek to the lake with Mr. Boyd so appealed to me that I phoned the chalet clerk to send on my bag via Glacier P. Hotel to Belton. So this A.M. Boyd and I set out. - A horseback party was leaving for the same destination, and a Dr Smith of the party kindly offered to put our packs on their pack horse. So we went light as we had great need to, considering our later experiences.

Mr. Hill thought we could cut across and get down into the gorge due south of the chalet and thus save four miles. One of the guides vaguely sketched a course and we set out in a straight line for a water fall on the mt. side far across the gorge. - - - When we finally came opposite the fall, we found ourselves on the edge of a steep escarpment with a fall of 1000 or more feet. So we were obliged to swing back and far to the left over a high ridge where from a high point we saw nothing better than to go down through a very steep draw or water course. Here began the roughest trip I ever made. It took us two hours to climb down. I had on only ordinary shoes without calks because my boots had hurt my feet. So it was dangerous going on the rocks. We slide down a great deal on the seats of our trousers. One place we encountered a series of falls, the first dropping 60 ft. or so, and we had to clamber out of the draw and work our way through the dense growth of alders to a point far down the slope. This was exceedingly slow and laborious. In the course of it we found hemlock bushes coming in and some Hercules club, birches & dogwoods, showing we were on the Pacific slope of the Rockies.

When at length we had climbed down the draw & struck the trail along McDonald Creek we were so delighted that we pushed on at a great rate. We were still among fine large firs and Engelman spruce but the former began to disappear along our trail. White cedars began to come in, then tamaracks and hemlocks & handsome tall silver pines. I had a great feast of trees from then on.

We walked until one o'clock when we came upon the rear group of the horseback party who had had lunch and were just setting out on the last lap of the journey.

We halted here for our own lunch. We sat down on the rocky shore of McDonald Creek and drank and ate our fill. Then we sprawled out and had a nap, our heads in the cool shade but our legs stretched out in the sun. At 2:15 we were on the move again. We crossed Avalanche Creek at its mouth, passed the point where the trail forks for Avalanche Basin, and finally after three hours reached Lewis (Hotel Glacier). - - We registered, recovered our packs and had a shave and a warm bath. I had a comparatively clean suit of underwear in my rucksack and I got into this with pleasure, but I had to put on my dirty socks and flannelette shirt again. - - I had no coat but I wore my sweater and thus looked more presentable in the dining room. At 7:15 Boyd and I left on the boat for Belton & went to bed in the chalet there.

Granite Park 2.25; bath, etc .90; supper .75; boat & stage 1<sup>75</sup>

**Thursday, August 19** Lake McDonald

I saw Boyd off this morning on the west bound train. Then I got into my trunk and got out my suitcase and a shirt, a hat, etc. I dressed up! then took the noon boat back for Lewis Hotel on L. McDonald.

This afternoon went off well with a nap and letter writing. Had a good read!

Hotel 3:00; transp .50; paper .10

**Friday, August 20** Lake McDonald

A gray windy day and cool. Miller and Bryan of Spokane (I met at Iceberg the 16th) came in and I spent some time with them. They were just from Sperry & had overtaken on their way in two young women from Kaukana, Wisc., who had walked through the Park. The two girls had lunch at the hotel and went out on the afternoon boat. I intended to go up to Sperry this afternoon and was delighted at the chance to walk up with a forester, Mr. Young. He had to wait for a gov't launch to come up the lake and as this did not get in until 3:00 I decided to give up the trip, especially as I found I could walk up to Avalanche the next day with Miller & Bryan [Mr Smith inserted Byron above the word Bryan. — ed.]

My dunnage bag was still missing! I sent letters to Glacier Park Hotel to hurry it on!  
Expenses 3<sup>00</sup>; shave, etc. .35; laundry .50

**Saturday, August 21** Avalanche Basin

Left this A.M. with Miller and Bryan for Av. Lake. It was a delightful 9 or 10 mi. walk, the last two miles an upclimb along the gorge and falls of Av. Creek. My friends set in at once to fish when the foot of the lake was reached, but I crossed on logs and walked to the head of the lake (nearly a mile) and loitered awhile. An osprey of some sort was conspicuous with so white a head that it shone like burnished steel. - - - Back again to the foot of the lake, where the fishermen reported no luck. We ate lunch and had a fine nap with a rotten stump for a pillow. - - - A Mr Wilson and a guide had come up on horseback and they fished the same places my friends worked over and caught during the day 19 speckled trout. After lunch another pedestrian who proved to be Hall, Prin. of the Medill School, joined us and started back when we did. - - - While we were having a breathing spell a man on foot overtook us: Had been fishing and had a fine "mess" of trout. He proved unusually good company — a Mr F.P. Thorn of Waterville, Kansas, who owns a cottage beyond the group belonging to the hotel. An unusually interesting man and he and I were sort of friends in a short time. Towards the head of the lake we made a detour and came out on the shore where Mr. Thorn had left his own boat. He then rowed us down the lake to his landing near the hotel. - - - This evening Mr. & Mrs Austin & Dr & Mrs Gilfillan of St. Paul who had been at Granite Park Chalet the night before Boyd and I were there, arrived here. - - - The day after we had gone down the cut off to McDonald trail they had tried it and had wandered about unsuccessfully much of the day & had returned to the chalet for the night. The following day they had set out on the beaten trail and had "stuck to it."

We treed a porcupine today.

Expenses 3<sup>00</sup>

**Sunday, August 22** At Lake McDonald

Rest day. Visited with friends here. Had a fine nap. Read many pages of McGiffert's The Rise of Modern Religious Ideas. Also read from Dewey's "The Schools of Tomorrow." A wind storm came down the lake this afternoon and made it quite rough.

Miller and Bryan left on the 4:00 P.M. boat. I wrote long letter to Chas Goddard. Since I entered the Park I have written a short note to each of my staff except two to whom I wrote just before I left home.

Expenses \$3.00.

### **Monday, August 23**

Set out for Gunsight this A.M – afoot. The Austins and Gilfillans started on horseback as did Mr. Thorn & his party – Whipp, Clingman (father & son) & Hampton. I left first & had a jolly half-hour or so at Crystal Ford waiting for the party. In fact I went on a mile or so before they overtook me and we all visited on the rest of the way to Sperry. Mr Thorn hung my knapsack on his saddle and after a while got down & walked into camp with me. As usual I greatly enjoyed the trip to Sperry because of the magnificent trees and the gradual change in forest type as the ascent is made. My friends continually used me as an information bureau about trees. Their guide, Cy Bellow, was much interested and asked intelligent questions.

At 1:30 we pushed on, Mr. Thorn and I walking ahead. We crossed the shoulder of Lincoln Peak, made our way down past L. Ellen Wilson, which was marvellously blue with purple shadows on its surface. Crossed Gunsight Pass. Visited with a group of several (seven) ptarmigans along the way. Finally reached G.S. camp at 4:30. McKenzie, the manager, who was at McDermott two years ago, remembered me by face and name. We found the Winter party in camp – Mr. & Mrs. Gertrude and Eleanor; Mr & Mrs Seymour & Son; Mrs Davis[on?] & son; the Winters from Pittsburg, the others from St. Paul. Other people were in camp & we had a fine time. Mike Shannon, a guide I have known for four years, came in with his burro train and helped out. We built a huge bonfire and sang songs and told stories. Mike sang “Montana” and I “Illinois.” Mike’s stories were delightful and kept us in a roar. The moon came up the shoulder of Almost-a-Dog Mt. before we went to bed. Austin, Whipp & I slept in one room, I on a cot that sloped to the edge, so that I found myself overhanging its edge several times in the night. – Met Ben Bellsley of Peoria in camp here.

Expenses 3.00.

### **Tuesday, August 24**

#### **At Sperry**

I had hoped that Mr. Thorn could stay over a day and go up Blackfoot Glacier with me, but his party wanted to push on, so I decided to go back over the Gunsight Trail with the Winter party. This was another great trip back over the Pass and along L. Ellen Wilson. I reached the summit of the Pass 15 or 20 min. ahead of the party and loafed around looking back down over Gunsight Lake. Then I loitered down the other side and visited with some hikers, 3 men & 4 women, who were going up with heavy packs on their backs. By this time the horse party were quite in advance but I overtook them before they got to the shoulder of Lincoln Peak. - - The second division found itself on the narrow trail with an approaching string of riders to pass. The pack horse was ahead and the ladies of the party approaching were afraid it would crowd them off. So I hurried ahead and led the pack horse by them. Then the belated packhorse of this latter train hove in sight and promised trouble to the people behind me. So I mad a short cut up the trail, caught the pack, & started her down on an old trail well out of the way. At Sperry camp were some hikers who had started ahead of us earlier this day and I arranged with Ben Bellesley of Peoria & Miss Lucille Lindsey Webb of Madison Univ. to climb Sperry that afternoon. The Winter party went on to L. McDonald meanwhile. We three climbed up to Sperry very leisurely visiting a great deal on the way. - - I never have seen such a wonderful display of the red and the yellow mimulus. - - On the edge of the glacier we spread our maps again and noted Mt. Cleveland and much of the view we had from Swift Current Pass. - - We reached the chalets again by 7:15. There were eleven of us guests for the night. This included three movie people in the employ of Lyman Howe and a young professor from Drury College, Springfield, Mo., who gave Bellsley and me a fine description of the general plan of the Rockies. He asked me to go back in with him to Blackfoot but I felt that I could not retrace my steps again.

Expenses \$3.00.

**Wednesday, August 25**

Sperry to L. McDonald

Bellsley and I set out ahead this A. M. & came down the Sperry Trail in good time. B. was very much interested in the trees and so we spent quite a little time identifying them. Before reaching the hotel we made quite a little detour to spend some time near the garbage deposits, hoping to see a bear. We sat around in the hush of the forest and were thrilled by a sort of crunching noise in a copse, but as this moved no nearer we began to explore and found that a squirrel was cutting off cones and dropping them down through the tangle of branches.

I should have reported that on the lower stretch of the trail we met Mr & Mrs Kirchberger of H.P. with a guide on their way up. They were very much pleased to see me. - - - They came back down this evening and we had dinner together. After that I met their guide, Walter John, a fine manly fellow. He told me about Ranger Stevenson and his family, particularly about Donald who is now working for the gov't on the big game survey in the Jackson Hole Country. I met one of Mr. K's friends, a Mr. Reed of Armenia, N.D., one of the wheat kings, an old man, game, active, mentally alert. He has invited me to visit his great estate at Armenia, near the Dalrymple Farm

Expenses 3.40

**Thursday, August 26**

Logan Falls, etc.

The K's wanted me to go with them to Avalanche Basin today but I declined & instead went on a tramp with Mr Winter & Miss Gerturde. Set out at 9:00 for Logan Falls of McDonald Creek. Rowed to the head of L. McD., moored our boat, & proceeded on foot along the trail on the west side of the river. A fine walk of 3 miles with frequent cascades and narrow gorge-like stretches in the rivers. The falls there are well worth seeing. The strata in the riverbed there tilt up stream. They are of limestone and full of potholes of various sizes. The exposed layers along the channel are fairly pitted - - - Got back for late lunch. This evening I visited with the Vails & the K's (the former in from a five days' tour). I named plants for Mr. V. who had pressed specimens between the covers of R.R. folders. Mr. K & the guide & I looked over some of my botany texts this evening & we studied routes for independent trips within the Park, using a new topog. map.

Map .40; Expenses 3.50

**Friday, August 27**

Started back.

Took it easy. Visited with Mr. Thorn for awhile at his house. Then Mr K & I took a walk in the woods and along the lake shore. We all left L. McD. at 4:00 P.M. I had intended to go up to Columbia Falls and start home from there tomorrow because I wanted to see the western yellow pine there, But the prospect of going back on the same train with the Winters, Vails, and Kirchbergers, was so attractive that I engaged a berth and left Belton with them on the 6:51 P.M. A beautiful ride as long as daylight lasted.

Hotel 2.25; tip 1.00; boat .75; bus .50; diner 1.00; Berth 5.60

**Saturday, August 28**

Crossing N. Dakota

A pleasant day crossing Montana and Dakota. Tremendous crops of oats and wheat with much rye, and barley, flax and hay. A wonderful sight to ride over the grain fields, hour after hour. Mrs & the Misses Winter left our train late in the afternoon to take a direct route to Duluth, Mr. W. continuing with us to St. Paul. Miss Gelin of Chicago I had met at the Lewis hotel & she made one of our party on the train.

Meals 2.60; papers, etc. .25.

**Sunday, August 29**

Home from Glacier Park

Said good bye to Mr Winter this A.M. when we reached St. Paul. The Vails stopped over one day here. It was cold and gray today and the car had to have a little heat. I put my vest on for the first time. The cold was general even to Chicago. It looked good this A.M. to see a country where trees grew wild and were universal features of the landscape. - - We got in after 9:00 P.M., & reached home about 11:15  
Meals, \$3.00; Porter 1<sup>00</sup>; R.R. .26; baggage .50

### **Monday, August 30**

Clear and so cool! I wore a vest all day.

Piles of mail awaited my attention. One letter I opened first – from Miss Shaw – asking to be released to take a critic's position at the School of Ed. -!!

Met Mrs Millard at the school b'ld'g at 9:30 and went over various matters. - - - Mrs Shannon is in Hahnerman hospital and Miss White is in the Evanst hosp – typhoid fever!!

Douglas of Hinsdale called awhile – to see my new bld'g and the new H.S.

Dug into my mail after noon - - - Conferred with each of the three book dealers about book for next week - - -

This evening called at Southerton's. Little Ralph, aged 9, was killed by an auto yesterday. Nice little chap. A saddened home - - . Called at Oleson's awhile afterward

Stamps .06; barber .15; bicyc. 35;

[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping (source not identified) with the following headline: Coldest August Since '87 Temperature of 47 To-Day a Record in Weather Bureau Statistics. – ed.]

### **Tuesday, August 31**

Another day like yesterday.

This P.M. wrote out copy for the H.P. Press & the Evanston North Shore Review about the opening of school.

Took 11:44 for Chic. To ~~M. Field~~ McClurg's to order a book. To Albert's Agency where I had conference with Miss Smith & Searles about a 6th grade position. To Adams' agency where I conferred in a similar manner with Heil

Home on 4:45.

This evening at my desk at school. Wrote ten or more letters.

Dist. 107 – R.R. .52 + .20; phones .35

Papers .11; barber .50;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping (source not identified, but includes a partial citation of Vol. XX, Springfield, Ill, August 1915. No. 8.) giving a "General Summary" of August weather. – ed.]

### **Wednesday, September 1**

Warm but pleasant.

Took 7:01 for Chicago & caught 8:20 for 6th St. Met Mr Harry Gillette at School of Ed & conferred with him about releasing Miss Shaw from the 6B position, she wishing to be a critic teacher at the School of Ed.

Then to Albert Agency to confer with Searles & Miss Smith. Home by 1:20. Attended the funeral of Ralph Southerton at the Highwood M E. Church.

Then down to Millards to confer with Mrs M. about the teacher situation.

Phoned Miss Smith to wire a Miss Sweers to come here to see me.

Clarence & Ella & Junior arrived this afternoon. Visited with them.

Dist 107 – R.R. .52 + .20 + .14; + .35; Self – Ice cream soda .25; (Ticket 6<sup>60</sup>); bicycle tube 1.50;

### **Thursday, September 2**

Another fine day.

Spent an hour & a half at school. Talked over things with the new janitor, Mr. Lanius, and with Mrs Millard. Miss Fargo, the new kg teacher, came with her assistant, Miss Taylor, and we outlined things a little

I took 10:33 for city. Phoned Thos Charles about kg supplies; Searles about the candidate for 4th grade; the Scott Paper Co.

Met Clarence & Ella & Junior at Fields for lunch. Afterwards we went to Lyon & Healey's for some music. Then Junior and I spent the rest of the afternoon at Lincoln Park, coming down to Van Buren St. by boat.

Phoned Mr Kingsley this P.M. about a substitute teacher.

R.R. .78 + .30 + .30; Phones .15 (Dist 107); Lunch. 2.40; shave. 25;

### **Friday, September 3**

Fine but a little sultry as night came on.

To school early. Conference with Mr Davis & Mr. Morton about guard rail along Sheridan Road. To 8:49 train to meet Miss Hazel Schweers of Keshena, Wisc., who came to see about 4th grade place. Spent much of morning with her, seeing her off at 11:37. Also had interview with Mr. & Mrs McBean who wish to enroll their daughter Rosalinda. Also with Margot Cushing who inquired about entrance for H.S. for a boy.

Aunt Marg. Smith & Florence Clark here for the day. After dinner I met Mrs. Hayes for a while, she wants a grade position. Her maiden name was Thurston. Then took 2:34 for Chic. After attempt to find Scott Paper Co's place, I went to Albert's to meet a Miss Jessie Reid. She didn't show up. Then I waited downtown untill after 8:00 but did not meet her.

R.R. .52 + .30; supper .30; mag .20; Phones .63 (Dist. 107)

### **Saturday, September 4**

As yesterday.

Clarence & Ella & Junior went home this A.M.

I have worked at school all day and until 10:45 this evening.

This A.M. I received telegram from Miss Schweers declining position. Then a note from Mr. Gillette announcing that he had filled his position. I then phoned Miss Shaw at Racine and she announced her entire willingness to remain here

Had Brown, the carpenter, at work two hours or so at Annex. Spent some time with the new janitor, Lannius. - - - Worked on seating arrangements - - on supplies, etc. - - Mrs Boyd & Gladys called to confer about her work - - -

Barber .15; ice cream .10; banan. 10;

### **Sunday, September 5**

Rained slightly early this A.M. Also a little after night fall.

To school for a conference with Mr Metzler. Then he and I went to hear Mr. Dobson preach. Met William Patten and his wife.

Nap this afternoon. Then walked over to Millard's. He and I visited Central Park to inspect the trails and consider future plans.

### **Monday, September 6**

Raining heavily very early & at it intermittently until 10:00 A M.

Worked at school all A M Mr. Morton with me a while. Teachers began to come in. Annual meeting at 2:00. All present before meeting was over, including Miss Ruth Fargo, kg. director, & Ethel Reed, her assistant. Had a fine meeting. Worked with teachers until 6:00 P.M.

At it again this evening until 10:30 P.M.

Pd Wm Kuehne today 7<sup>50</sup> for Dist 107. I am to be reimbursed.

### **Tuesday, September 7**

Clear but growing sultry. Threatening after nightfall.

First day of school! A busy day. Large enrolment in the kg. Moderate one in the 1st Primary. Miss Esther White reported doing well at Evanston hospital. Miss Behrens took charge of her room and Miss Yore helped with the 1A's.

Number of new pupils from Ft. Sheridan. Had no school this afternoon. Had teachers' meeting and various conferences.

At b'ld'g this evening. Worked with typewriter and put books for maps on moulding in Miss Whitten's room

Ice cream .10; bicycle .35;

### **Wednesday, September 8**

Very sultry and humid. An "old-fashioned" thunder storm in the night. Cap't Morgan's house struck, also a fine oak on Green Bay site for school grounds.

Late this afternoon a wind storm. Some rain. Then cool & strong winds.

Kg enrolment today 50. Various duties.

Closed school at 2:30 this afternoon.

Conferences with various teachers.

Visited garden for first three grades at the Ristine place. Then the Green Bay nursery. Then looked over the planting on the H.S. grounds. To Clark-Middleton place to see cones on the white pines.

This P.M. Evening at school a while fasting hooks for maps.

Barber .15; ice cream .20;

[Captain Otho H. Morgan, served as a captain in the 7th Battery, Indiana Light Artillery during the Civil War. He was mayor of Highland Park from 1879 to 1881. His house, built in 1885 by W.W. Boyington (architect of Chicago's Water Tower), was at 238 Sheridan Road, across the street from Elm Place School. -ed.]

### **Thursday, September 9**

Clearing showers this A.M. Brightened up after noon. Cooler. Mosquitoes aplenty.

Started on a field trip with the 4B's this A.M. but we got a wetting & gave it up.

Miss Koenig began her German work today.

The kg. teachers and Miss Giffin & Mr Kensler and I worked over our supply lists today. This evening I spent writing letters for the supplies.

Barber .15; bananas .10; garters .25

### **Friday, September 10**

Humid again. Heavy rain after 1:30 P.M.

Busy getting ready for flower exhibit.

Took first five rooms over to school garden at Ristine's to see result. Pupils gathered potatoes, beets, kohlrabi, parsnips, turnips, cabbage, tomatoes, pumpkin, stalk of corn, etc. for exhibit.

Took 4B's to lake front for hist. trip

Exhibit this afternoon Mrs Millard & Joe Sullivan judges. Fair exhibit & good interest.

Last installment of Della Robbia relief (3) came.

Dist 107 – tags .25;

Barber .15; ice cream .20; apples .10;

### **Saturday, September 11**

A little cooler. Threatening. A light shower or two after 9:00 P.M.

To city on 8:09. To Cameron, Amberg's to look up punches, etc; Rand McNally to look up maps & globes; Langslow, Fowler Co. to order some kg chairs; McClurg's for copy of Bowman's Forest Physiography; Silver Burdett to call on Miss Collins and Mr. Farr; Nystrom's to see globes; Thos Charles to look up sand boxes, etc; lunch at the Hearth. Then to Coliseum to see Negro Jubilee exhibits. Home & then to school house. Miss McNulta of Evanston called to inquire about a position.

After supper worked on the bills at my office until nearly 11:00

R R. .52 + .40; paper .12; book 4.50; lunch .35; coliseum .25 + .25; barber .35; ice cream, etc .15;

### **Sunday, September 12**

Hot very sultry. South wind which died down late in the day. Cooler in evening.

To church. Heard William Patten preach – a pupil of mine 12 years ago. Earnest, personal talk. No note of the social justice.

Slept all afternoon. Spent some time over an article in the New Republic by Randolph Bourne on "American Use of German Ideals."

Read from "The Rise of Modern Religious Ideas". Also Bowman's Physiography of Forest Areas". church .10;

### **Monday, September 13**

Another hot one but with breezes stirring.

Miss Jewett unable to leave her mother, so was not here again.

In morning exercises I announced the winners in the flower exhibit.

Miss Bushnell of Waukegan came to help Miss Behren with the 1A's and I set the cadet, Miss Yore, to observing 2nd grade work with a view to being put to that.

Board meeting this evening, at which time I was presented with \$100.<sup>00</sup> for my work for the Board during vacation week!

Contracted for a 7<sup>50</sup> encyclopaedia (Aiton's revised) for the school today.

Lena Zwetow has scarlet fever.

Ice cream .20;

### **Tuesday, September 14**

Another humid day, a warm wind blowing.

Spent considerable time working over a program scheme today.

W.J. Brown worked yesterday & today on carpentering tasks at school.

Interviewed Mr Sandwick today & arranged to have any 8A wishing to begin German, French or Latin to start out with Freshman class

Charlotte & Mrs Bergman visited us today.

Thunder storm at 5:30 & again at 7:30. Grew cooler

Barber .15; ice cream .20.

### **Wednesday, September 15**

Delightfully cool following the rain in the night.

A busy day without many special incidents. Planned work with the German teacher, Miss Koenig. Conference over maps and program making with upper grade teachers.

This evening worked on map cases, changing screw eyes, etc.

Bananas .10;

### **Thursday, September 16**

Thunder storm in the night.

A steamy, sultry day.

Worked on maps today. Sold 35 seats & a teacher's desk to a school district near Grays Lake today

Went to Archie Mason's wedding at Waukegan, this evening. A beautiful affair. Came home with Miss Anne Morgan and her sister. We "looked in" on Mr. Baggett in his Waukegan home before we took the trolley. A fine visit with Miss Morgan

Trolley .30; barber .15; ice cream .20;

### **Friday, September 17**

Pleasant. Grateful.

Field trip to Sheahen ponds with 4A's, Miss Stine accompanying – A.M.

This afternoon gave a science lesson in 6B & 7B.

Miss Foote, formerly critic teacher at Normal, visited us a while, & conferred with me about resigning her position of dean of women at Valley City Normal, N. Dak.

At home this evening. Refreshed myself with a bulletin on Glacier Park.

Clarence sent us a box of tomatoes today.

### **Saturday, September 18**

Pleasant in the afternoon. Rainy A.M.

Worked at school all day. Entertained visitors at times.

This evening Ed Hight & his father, & Clara's boy, Harold Life, came in to spend the night with us. Ed lives near Morris, Ill. & his father & Harold had been visiting him, and are now enroute for their home at Muncie, Ind.

Had not seen Ed for nearly 20 years. Looks old. His father carries his years (over 80) rather well.

Harold – nearly 14 – is 2nd yr. H.S. boy

Ice cream .30; barber .15;

### **Sunday, September 19**

Cool. Pleasant.

Ed & Mr H. & Harold left on the 9:46 this A.M. I got a rig to drive them about in but hadn't time to do much more than take them to the station.

Did not go to church. Read from "The Rise of Modern Religious Ideas."

This afternoon I spent with Mr Kirchberger on his home grounds.

Read most of Bulletin 600 on "The Glacier Nat'l Park"

### **Monday, September 20**

Rained this morning intermittently until 1:00 P.M. Then blew up cool. Needed my vest this evening.

Miss Davis ill and I held her room today. A very busy day. New pupils. Perplexing problems.

Had Geo Bock display a peach at morning exercises which came from a tree he got at school three years (?) ago.

At the building until 10:30 this evening.

Phoned Mr Hatfield to find what he knew about pension procedure

A letter from Hallie Woodcock told of the death of his mother.

Barber .15; bananas .10;

### **Tuesday, September 21**

Cool. Beautiful day.

Taught Miss Davis' room again today. Managed to take 6B's down at noon to study angle of sun's rays. Went out with 4B's to collect soils after lunch.

At b'ld'g a while this evening.

Barber .25; Candy .10;

### **Wednesday, September 22**

Cool. Pleasant. Wonderful moonlight nights.

Miss Davis back. Sent Miss Boswell home at noon - - for the afternoon.

Kg & primary enrolment increasing.

Mother & K in Chic today I had three aggravated cases of truancy today.

Spent nearly entire morning testing 6B pupils in arith.

Field trip to garden with 3B's (Miss Jones).

At b'ld'g awhile this evening.

### **Thursday, September 23**

Warmer. Sky overcast this evening

Miss Stine (4B) got disquieting news from her mother today & was excused from teaching Edith Davies held her room. This A.M. she helped in my office

I worked with a 6B group for an hour or more this A.M. Gave all the 6B's a written language test.

Arith. caucus with both 6th grade teachers this P.M.

At my desk at school until 10:30, writing letters

Century Co's agent called on me today

Barber .15; ice cream .10;

### **Friday, September 24**

Fine day.

Heard three recitations Used Edith Davies in my office all day

Scouted in and out of several rooms today.

Mrs Jones, a teacher in the Michael Reese school, ~~and also~~ a sister of Mrs Merklin, visited us this afternoon.

Mrs Rogers of Ft Sheridan & her sister-in-law of Montclair, N.J. were intelligent visitors.

All the city commissions met this evening at the city hall. Mayor Hastings presiding. A fine series of reports presented. Everett M. reported for the City Beautiful Commission.

Household 7<sup>65</sup>; rug 5<sup>00</sup>;

### **Saturday, September 25**

Mild growing sultry later in the day. Sprinkle of rain after 7:0 P.M. Then rising winds.

To city on 8:49. To Thomas Charles for supplies; to Fields to look over supplies; to McClurg's to order some books for the school & to buy books for self; Mt Vernon, the Home of Washington by Jones, & George Washington, Farmer, by Haworth; to Flanagan's for a copy of Illinois Course of Study. Lyon & Healy's for piece of music. To Fair where I bo't small jardenieres & baskets for flower prizes; small brooms & dust pans for the Kg.; water pitchers for school.

Lunch at City Club. Then to Art Inst. to look up data about Della Robbia's Cantoria Frieze.

Home at 4:37

This P.M. at school house. Ethel Goddard & Miss Carbary came to chat a while

R.R. .52 + .10; lunch .40; papers .15; barber .15; ice cream .10; bananas .10; bread .10; Course .30; books. 2<sup>25</sup>; gelatine (for Dist 107) .50;

### **Sunday, September 26**

Rained heavily in the night and then intermittently during the morning.

I went to church this A.M. Rally day for the S.S. Excellent exercises.

Worked over the S.S. stock of lantern slides & brot some home to label and catalogue. Did that this evening.

Nap this afternoon. Then Everett M. and I went down Ravine Drive to list plants growing along stone retaining wall.

Church .50.

### **Monday, September 27**

Cool but moderated some toward evening.

Busy as usual. Edith Davies still helping in the office.

Made hktog. pans today, or, rather, filled them.

Agent for brush m'f'rs called. Also Kathleen B & Dorothy L. to see about use of kg room for dancing lessons.

Conferences with 4th grade teachers about programs.

Wrote at my desk at school until 10:30 this P.M.

Charge #107 - .52 car fare (Miss Giffin)

Pd 8<sup>10</sup> in C.O.D bills this day – Dist 107 & Parents and Teachers' Ass'n.

Barber .15;

### **Tuesday, September 28**

Threatening but cleared after noon. Cool.

Field trip with 4B's, 6B's, & 7B's. Mr. Metzler visited me awhile.

Agent for paper towels, etc, called.

Teachers' meeting after school. Various announcements, etc.

Taught two classes – my 6B specials.

Conference with Mr Greenslade this evening over teachers' schedules. Went to Mr Baldwin's to get a copy of his committee's report to the Mayor, et. al., on incineration. Worked it over to have printed.

### **Wednesday, September 29**

Cool. Beautiful.

Field trip with 6A's – Gave some perennial phlox to 3rd grade children that had been sent by Miss Greta Brown.

Shirley representing Scribners called.

For the Board, I looked up the boundaries of the Green Bay site & conferred with Wm Dooley about it. Also wrote Surveyor Rudolph about the matter.

We teachers took 3:56 trolley for Ravinia. E. on Roger Williams to Lake shore & n. to Ravin Oaks where the bus picked us up & brot us home. Found several clumps of fringed gentians, although many of them were spent.

Conferred this evening with Mr. Greenslade about new pension fund.

Trolley .05; barber .15;

### **Thursday, September 30**

Milder. Sunny but gray at times forecasting a change.

Conferred with Mr Metzler this A.M. about Sheehan site boundaries & about letting Kg. room be used for dancing class.

Took Miss Schermerhorn's class to Rudolph garden

Conferred with Mr Bahr this evening about sale of bulbs to children.

Overhauled collection of building plans, etc. at school this evening.

Barber .85;

### **Friday, October 1**

Clear on the whole. A fine day.

Pay day for the teachers. Report cards. Attendance Records.

Field trip with 4B's to W. Park Ave & Skokie Valley. The quarantine for hoof-and-mouth disease has come over the Sheahan farm & the road was blocked at the top of the hill.

Taught as usual my two 6B classes, & helped out in other work.

Visited Port Clinton grounds this evening to note their condition (sadly overgrown).

At home this evening. Wrote out a number of checks.

### **Saturday, October 2**

Fine day. Mild. Sumacs coloring nicely. Only occasional patches on the maples.

To Wauk. this A.M. to look over the harbor and plan trip of the 4A's there.

Then took 11:41 for Chicago. To City Club for luncheon with the Ed. Committee presided over by Prof Leavitt. Bogan, Fassett, Schiller, Morgan, McKinney, DeButts, Olp, Cobb, \_\_\_\_, present.

Discussed vocational legislation. Also the Baldwin (Senate) Committee's investig. of Chicago schools; the Loeb rules relating to the Teachers' Federation, etc. - - To McClurg's & to Field's - Home at 4:37. Feel grippy. - - At desk at school awhile this evening.

Dist 107 - Wauk trip .30.

R.R. .52 + .10; mag. etc .12; lunch 40; barber .15;

### **Sunday, October 3**

Fine day. Rising temperature. Shower early in morning.

Felt better. My achiness gone.

To S.S. and taught as a sub. a class whose teacher was absent. Did not stay for church

Mother, K. & I went to vespers at Presb. Church this afternoon. The Imperial Quartette of Chicago gave a beautiful program.

Read Stevenson's Black Arrow today.

### **Monday, October 4**

Blue up cool this afternoon. Overcoat weather this evening.

Miss Barlow here. We planned a possible engagement as ass't kg teacher to give her a chance to apply for a pension.

Mrs Clements & I had conference over the P.T.A. meeting for the 14th.

Reporter for the N.S. Review called.

Various conferences with teachers.

At my desk this evening

Barber .15;

### **Tuesday, October 5**

Cool. Had coal put into my bin. Clear.

A rushing day, as usual. Six recitations today.

This evening Mr. Faxon and I went down to the directors meeting of the Juvenile Protective Association at Winnetka. We both believe its work at H.P. unnecessary, and tried to make our ideas clear to our colleagues, this evening. We offered to resign but were not permitted to do so. - - - The agent for the North Shore reported at some length on his work but we did not think much of it.

### **Wednesday, October 6**

Cool. Our first conspicuous frost. It was a roof frost, however, and did not nip vegetables hard.

Mr Moon mowed our lawn.

Agent for H.M. & Co. called on me.

Went to city on 2:34 to attend Board meeting of Geog. Soc. Patten presiding. Discussed coming of Gen. Gorgas at our annual banquet, Jan. 8.

Conferred with Mr. Schantz about Audubon slides.

Home by 6:30.

At my desk this evening Wrote State Supt Blair for a ruling on power of Board to have nurse inspect children whose parents object.

Saw C M & St P. new electric locomotive to be used on mountain division. This was near Lake St. & the river.

R.R. .52 + .05; apples .25

### **Thursday, October 7**

Gray. Cool & threatening.

Had trouble with Exmoor over caddies that played truant from our school yesterday. Phoned to Robt F. Carr, the Pres., and he bro't things out all right.

Jas Whitcomb Riley's birthday today. Great celebrations in Indiana. We are to have a program tomorrow.

### **Friday, October 8**

Gray. Cold. Had a little heat turned on in the plant house. Not much frost yet.

This morning we assembled at 11:30 & were entertained by Miss McElrath's readings from Riley's poems.

A busy day.

Went down to Geog. Soc. lecture – first of the season. Dr Cowles on Romance and Reality from the Mississippi Bottom Lands.

R.R. .52 + .10; mag. .05; barber .15.

### **Saturday, October 9**

Beautiful day. Cool. A "killing frost" last night. - - The white throats abundant today, with tentative songs.

Had two men working in the school ravine today. Tore out one old bridge & made a new. Made borders for a trail, etc.

Was out of doors most of the time myself. Regretted that I could not be off on a hike.  
Barber .25; candy .10;

### **Sunday, October 10**

Clear but windy with gray intervals.

Went down to 1st Presb. Church this A.M. Heard the pastor's concluding remarks to his bible class which is studying the synoptic gospels. Then his sermon followed later.

Ate dinner at Jones' cafe & took elevated into the city. Visited with Colin Sanborn on my way in. To the Art Institute where I especially admired Frank Peyraud's exhib., & the exhib. of mss, many exquisitely illuminated.

Then to Aud. to hear the symphony concert. The work of the orchestra seemed to of exceeding delicacy, precision & refinement.

Trolley .25; church .10; lunch .60; concert 2.00; R.R. 26 + .05.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping of the program for the Auditorium Theatre, Sunday Afternoon, October 10, 1915, at 3:30 with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Karl Muck, Conductor. The concert program featured Symphony No. 1 in C minor, Op. 68 by Brahms, Symphonie Poem No. 9 "Hungaria" by Liszt, Wagner's "Siegfried Idyl" and "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks" by Strauss. - ed.]

### **Monday, October 11**

Warmer today. Mosquitoes very bad.

Garrity (Geo) & Balarin worked in the ravine all day.

Sent out invitations to P.T.A. reception for teachers today.

Misses Jewett, Schermerhorn, Cramer, Davis, & Grunewald and I walked from Central Park along the shore to Ravine Drive, then past the beeches now beautifully colored, then up to Millards where we went in a while, then home.

This evening at school for a while; then to reception for Mr & Mrs Dobson in honor of their tenth wedding anniversary.

Barber .15; ice cream .10;

### **Tuesday, October 12**

Mild. Clear. Mosquitoes worse still.

Garrity and Lahey worked on the grounds today.

A case of scarlet fever reported today - - David Sampsell.

Field trip with 4B's to head of Moraine Ravine. Nearly eaten up by skeets

After school several of us went to the training camp at Fort Sheridan - business men and others who are concluding a term of six weeks in military instruction. Inspected their tents. Saw them march with a band at their head to the mess hall & looked on a while at them eating.

This evening wrote some notes on the planting about our new b'ld'g for Balthis of DeKalb who is writing an article for some journal.

Trolley .10; barber 15; root beer .05

### **Wednesday, October 13**

Light showers early in the day. Cleared. Cooler.

Began distributing bulbs.

Miss Boswell not well this afternoon. Miss Davies substituted.

Made geranium cuttings in 3A yesterday; 4A, today.

P.T.A. reception for teachers this evening. Miss Califte Conant, character impersonator, entertained. Fine crowd. Good time.

#### **Thursday, October 14**

Fine day A little cool.

Took the 3A's – two bus loads – on a country trip. Could not visit any dairy because of the h-and-m. disease & quarantine. The herd at Arcady Farm was slaughtered two weeks ago!

We visited brick yards & looked in at several small farms. Visited a country school & were entertained by a Victor record.

Home before noon.

Science lessons – 6A & 6B – this afternoon – geranium cuttings.

Barber .15; candy .10;

#### **Friday, October 15**

A busy day.

Hurried away this evening. Caught the 4:58 to Chic & the Mich Cent. 6:10 for Benton Harbor. Found Arthur with a bad cold but all others well.

R.R. .26 + .10 + 2.20 + 1.05

#### **Saturday, October 16**

Beautiful day.

Arthur & L & the “children” took me in the auto – 20 miles – to Sawyer where we met Everett M. who came in on the 9:45 train from Chic. The folks went back; E & I bo't bacon, wienies, & cakes & set out for the dunes. It proved one of the most beautiful walks I ever had. Sassafras & cornus florida were the most brilliant in a universal panorama of color. - - We found fringed gentians in blossom. Fine fruit masses of the dogwood, spice bush, & ilex verticillata - - - -

We decided that two dune complexes opposite Sawyer are the finest we have seen.

We watched the sun go down from the beach opposite Stevensville & made our way across the marsh to the little (primitive) hotel for the night.

Had a great talk with a group of farmers in the barber shop. Like old times to me.

Barber .25;

#### **Sunday, October 17**

The morning sunny but growing gray. At 7:30 Ev. & I were off for a great morning on the dunes overlooking the “Grand Marais” Gathered cranberries, wintergreen, creeping waahoo berries, dogwood, ilex, etc.

Got back to Stevensville by 12:00 & soon Robert E & Clarence Danforth appeared in auto & took us to Lennie's at B.H. where we had dinner. Then we went to St. Joe & took the interurban to Niles, Mich. Rained a little from time to time.

At Niles took 4:58 Mich. Cent. for Chic. Caught the 8:00 for home after a fast taxi ride from 12th St. to N W. station. Home before 9:00 P.M. A great day.

Trolley 1.00; supper. 1.<sup>00</sup>; mag .15; R.R. .26

#### **Monday, October 18**

Gray after noon. Showers at 3:30. Clearing.

Busy day - - Miss Whitten out this afternoon with a sore throat. I taught her room.

A boy, John Frakes, taken down with scarlet fever yesterday. David Sampsell's case now six days old - both boys from same room at school.

Mrs Collins began her dancing class in the kg. today.

Board meeting this evening. Much business transacted.

Barber .15; bananas .10; chocolate .10;

## **Tuesday, October 19**

A fine day

Many of the leaves have fallen. Most of the ash and maple. The "height of coloration" was probably last Saturday. But the world is yet beautiful!

Miss Stine, Miss Sands and I took the 4A's to Waukegan, this A.M, to visit the harbor. We saw one freighter unloading salt, another coal, & still another lumber. A fine trip.

This afternoon I went to Winnetka to conference. Supt Rhodes, Nichols, Kingsley, & Harper. We inspected a new bldg that the Winnetka Board is building  
Trolley .17; candy .15; barber .15;

## **Wednesday, October 20**

Fine day.

Took 3B's on farm trip - brick yard, Deerfield, County Line Road, etc. One bus load.

Prof. Georg. Thorne-Thomson visited me a while today

Singer Sewing Machine man called.

Conference with Mr. Bowing agent for N.S.J.P. Assn.

Conf. with Mrs Bacon and Miss Krueger at Mrs B's house at 5:00 over possibilities of a night school for foreigners.

## **Thursday, October 21**

Another fine one

One more case of scarlet fever - - Florence Evans in 2B. Scrubbed & fumigated two rooms this afternoon.

Sale of bulbs continues brisk. Several flats of geranium cuttings made this & last week.

Miss White began part time work, Tuesday, after her long time illness from typhoid fever.

Miss Barlow was elected last Monday evening as kg. - primary ass't at \$10<sup>00</sup> per mo. Began work Tuesday. She will file her pension application soon.

Mildred Thayer married to Theodore C. Erringer this P.M. I was present.

Barber .15;

[Pasted to this page is the wedding invitation card. -ed.]

*Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Thayer  
request the honor of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Mildred Caroline  
to*

*Mr. Theodore C. Ervinger Jr.*  
*on Thursday evening the twenty first of October*  
*one thousand nine hundred and fifteen*  
*at a quarter after eight o'clock*  
*340 North Sheridan Road*  
*Highland Park Illinois*

**Friday, October 22**

Another mild, lovely day as the leaves showered down.

Visitors today including Miss Payne, nature study teacher from Winnetka.

Miss Foote came from Girton School with Miss Albright from Riverside & Miss Jones & I took them for a long ravine walk after school.

Conference with Mr. Metzel this A.M. over the scarlet fever situation. This evening Board of Health notified us to close kg-primary b'ld'g for one week.

Barber .15; stamps .97;

**Saturday, October 23**

At the Dunes

Fine day.

Eight of my staff and four others & I spent the day in the dunes Took I.C.R.R. & the electric to Port Chester. Ate lunch on the beach (Fried bacon, toasted wienies, made coffee). Then climbed Mt Tom & went down over into the valley of the creek that emerges west of Mt Tom. Followed this out to the lake, a beautiful trip. Left our things for a while in Ed Wilson's little cottage on the beach. Lislebert & his chum were there for the day.

Went west & over the second blowout & complex & then to Mineral Springs station. Caught 5:45 for Chicago. A fine time coming home. A great crowd of the Prairie Club got on at Long Lake.

R.R. .52 + .28 + .84; lunch .15; papers .15; tip .10;

**Sunday, October 24**

A quiet day. Lounged on the bed most of the time. Walked up to Highwood this evening & back.

**Monday, October 25**

Fine day. Windy. Leaves torn loose and rustling everywhere.

3rd A's gathered the garden output – pumpkins, beets, cabbage, etc – except the corn.

Underwood rep. (Mr. Stoll) called to apologize for sharp letter sent us by the credit dep't.

Everything lovely, & Mr. Stoll helped Miss Yore use the mineograph!

Had the Annex teachers help me today – trimming up & mounting pictures, etc

Field trip with 4B's – the middle part of the big Moraine Ravine.

Barber .15;

**Tuesday, October 26**

Fine day as preceding.

Three of the "annex" teachers substituted for Misses Schermerhorn, Stine & Sands in the morning, these teachers visiting the Winnetka schools.

Had fine teachers' meeting after school – subject - - writing & spelling.

Had a man spading up the Green Bay garden.

### **Wednesday, October 27**

Another fine day.

Two visitors from Orrington Ave. school, Evanston.

Helped three rooms plant their bulbs for forcing. Put them against wall of new bld'g & heaped leaves over them.

Man again spading at Green Bay garden - - Mr Schmidt rep. Chicago firm came out & we measured for chain fence along Sheridan Road frontage.

Much office work today. Used both Miss Yore & Miss Davies.

Miss Schermerhorn's room sold \$1<sup>08</sup> worth of cabbages from school garden.

### **Thursday, October 28**

Another. Persistently fine weather.

Got up a hasty program of music & had all the grades in Elm Place assemble in ravine this afternoon. Marched through woods and down to their places. Had the organ bro't down and Miss Jewett presided in fine style.

I awarded the prizes for the aster - - contest. - - - 4 vases, 6 jardenieres, 4 baskets, 24 ferns, & 15 potted hyacinths.

The 6th graders & their two teachers & I took the bus to Mooney's Pond after school to fish. Got two live clams & a number of minnows & I got wet feet

This evening I spent an hour or so at H.S. night school – especially in Miss Krueger's class for foreigners.

Barber .35; stamps .22;

### **Friday, October 29**

Another.

Callers today were Mr. Clark, representing the "Something to Do" magazine and Mr Berry of copy book renown.

Bulb planting & science lessons filled the day.

Went for a walk down West Park Ave & to the Skokie with Miss Cramer and about 20 children. Got one or two minnows; some snails, etc.

Spent the evening at a hallowe'en party at Mr. Clark Wright's – (Mr W. is my sup't colleague of dist. 108). A fine time

Sent Miss Gertrude Miller my copy of Bowman's Forest Physiography (to Terry, Mont).

Barber .15; root beer .05;

### **Saturday, October 30**

Another!!

Worked at school awhile this A.M. Then took the 10:33 for Chicago.

To Miss Ingersoll's to leave some negatives. Had a pleasant visit with Miss I & Miss Alice.

To City Club for lunch & to attend meeting of Com. on Education. Miss Margaret Haley, the guest. She talked about two hours, answered questions.

To McClurg's where I bo't "Old Mortality"<sup>88</sup>; Emile .<sup>63</sup>; & Parker's Mod' Elem. Ed'n & pd 1<sup>35</sup> for it.

To Fields for shoes, ties & socks.

Barber .15; R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .40; root beer .05; papers .12

Neck ties 1<sup>50</sup>

### **Sunday, October 31**

Mild – almost sultry. Visited S.S. this A.M. & worked over the lantern slides, etc. Did not stay to church.

Took 12:53 for Chicago & went to Cohan's Grand Opera House to mass meeting in interests of striking garment workers

Addresses made by Jane Adams [Jane Addams – ed.], Mr Muhlenbach, Sidney Hillman (Pres of Garment workers), Jas. Walker (Pres. Ill. Fed. of Labor), Miss Grace Abbot who threw on the screen photographs of women's pay envelopes, Alderman Buck, "Mary Antin" who happened to be visiting in Chicago, & Prof. Tufts. A very orderly crowd made up audience.

Strolled along Halstead for an hour. Then home on 8:00-8:37.

R.R. 52 + .20; lunch .35; collection 1<sup>00</sup>; magaz. 10;

### **Monday, November 1**

Also – only a little cooler Rising wind after nightfall.

Miss Koenig unable to be present today.

Miss White began her work in earnest. The primary b'ld'g open.

Visitors: Miss Rayner from Jacksonville – School for Blind; Miss Dakamara from Lincoln Ave.

Very busy. Long conferences with Mrs Shannon on situation.

Prepared type written lists of the teachers this evening.

Barber .15;

### **Tuesday, November 2**

Also etc. Cool at evening.

Visitors: Mrs Millard and Mr Neff, latter representing Longmans Green & Co.

Very hard day. At noon hour helped drill two of my boys to operate lantern at Presb. Ch (Woman's Club) for Miss Zella Dixon.

Boys played Glenco football team on Academy grounds, 26-6 in our favor.

At my desk this evening.

Worked a half hour in our back yard this A.M.

Pd Mr Moon .75. Charge to Athletic fund – getting Acad. Grounds ready.

Barber .15;

[Northwestern Military Academy grounds were located at St. Johns Avenue and Ravine Drive. – ed.]

### **Wednesday, November 3**

Also but – gray at evening & slight rain after nightfall.

Visitors & conferences ate up much of the morning.

Went to Directors' meeting (Geog. Soc) which met at Cox's office at 4:15. Routine work except that Miss Baber bro't up plea for the Society's recognizing inter-racial problems. I supported her plea. Majority of Board not with us. "Good time was had" never-the-less.

Schantz & I went to City Club for supper & at 7:15 we & our colleagues held Audubon meeting. R.R. .52 + .10; supper .75; toilet paper 2.20.

### **Thursday, November 4**

Another fine day.

Very busy.

Two more cases of scarlet fever – Marjorie Davies and Clayton Niebuhr! - - - - Edith Davies not able to come today.

Got ourselves ready to close school for the week.

Mr Bowling of the J.P.A. & I went to Highwood this evening to look up rooms to rent for welfare work. Ate sandwich supper there. Went with Mr Bartlett to look over an unoccupied bldg.

At my office remainder of evening. Got an order off to Central Scientific Co & one to Dreers (12<sup>48</sup>),  
Trolley .15; lunch .10; barber .15; phone .05.

### **Friday, November 5**

Fine day.

Left on 7:01 with my staff for Aurora. Had exchanged hats with Richardson of Chic Heights by mistake & I was wearing his when it blew off my head as we were in the C & N.W. yards. I bo't a cap on the way to the Union Station & a hat in Aurora. Took the "Q". Bo't a commutation ticket; 23 rides used on way over. Train crowded & much delayed. Had lots of fun.

Immense crowd at Aurora. Elliot's address fine. James' fair. Eating places jammed. I went to the Bishop hotel. This afternoon I looked after the Drawing section of which our Miss Giffen was chairman.

Music at the evening section especially good. Hill's address of little value, a third-rate Chautauqua talk.

R.R. .26 + .52; badge 1<sup>00</sup>; cap .75; hat 3.50; supper .35;

[Pasted to this page are clippings from the Illinois Teachers' Association meeting program. One clipping listed the officers of the Association and the executive committee as follows:

#### OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

E.A. Ellis, Geneva, President.

Miss Etta B. Grunewald, Highland Park, Vice President.

J.R. Skiles, DeKalb, Secretary

N.D. Gilbert, DeKalb, Treasurer

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W.L. Goble, Chairman (1 year)...Elgin

Catherine McClaughrey (1 year)...Chicago

W.L. Nida (2 years)...River Forest

Carl Littlejohn (2 years)...DeKalb

A.M. Shelton (3 years)...Woodstock

L.P. Hanna (3 years)...Waukegan

A second clipping listed the program for the general session. Dr. Edward C. Elliott, head of School of Education, University of Wisconsin, gave an address on Modern Efficiency and the Individual Teacher. Dr. George F. James, Dean of School of Education, Nevada University, gave an address on Some Elements of Modern Culture. Musical selections at the evening session were presented by the East High School Orchestra (Aurora) and included "Largo" by Handel, "Pilgrims Chorus" by Richard Wagner, and the "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel. A lecture on "The Ordinary Man or Heroes in Overalls" by Dr. Harry G. Hill, President Indiana High School Extension League followed the musical selections. The second clipping also listed the Saturday morning session which included an address on Teaching, the Actual Process by John Calvin Hanna, State Supervisor of High Schools, Springfield, Ill. and an address on Moral and Spiritual Culture by Rev. Frank E.R. Miller, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Elgin. — ed.]

### **Saturday, November 6**

At Aurora.

Another fine day.

At breakfast with Harper, Mr Hanna, Supt Blair.

Full business session this A.M. Mr Hanna's address – the last part – very good. Rev. Mr. Miller's address very superior.

Served on the resolutions committee. Was made chairman of the legislative committee

Came away on the Q at 1:10 with Mr Hanna. Chic. at 2:15. Caught 2:55 for home.

Spaded up some of my garden; mulched the madonna lilies.

All evening at my desk at school – getting the bills ready.

Breakfast .40; dinner .55; barber .35; trolley .10; R.R. .52 + .26; ice cream .10; papers .10.

### **Sunday, November 7**

Another mild day - - almost sultry. Rising wind.

Spent the morning at Highwood canvassing the situation for a possible social center. Inspected outside of several b'ld'gs. Visited with a Mr Pasquesi, Burke, Osborn, Robert Pease, Winter. Went to a half-empty b'ld'g, formerly the Highwood Hotel, partly occupied now by Mrs Dawson and her boarders. With her I went over the first floor – bowling alley, etc., & the dance hall upstairs. Schwartz of Wauk. the owner. - - - - -

This afternoon had a glorious tramp over the Wauk. Flats. Crossed the marsh on the top of the concrete sewer; walked north on the shore, then across to Beach station - - By rail to Wauk. & by trolley home. Saw several thousand ducks!! and a number of hunters. A day of wonderful color – gold green of surging waves – warm browns & dull reds of marsh!

Trolley .40 + .12 + .05; sundries .10;

### **Monday, November 8**

Fine day. Cooler than yesterday. A very busy day.

Miss Jewett unable to come. No morning exercises to avoid close contact among masses of children.

Took Kg pupils to Rudolph's orchard on the ravine slope to gather apples for apple sauce.

Had 5A's & part of 5B's dig up hard maple and elm seedlings and heel them in for transplanting.

Mr Donovan, a district sup't of Louisville schools, spent part of the day with me. Appreciative attitude.

Miss Stone came and I gave her some specimens for Ravinia school.

Mr Bowing came to confer with me about Highwood situation.

Board meeting this evening. Authorized employment of additional teacher for 1B's.

Barber .15;

### **Tuesday, November 9**

Another – a little cooler still.

Also very busy. Three science lessons.

Teachers' meeting after school.

Miss Krueger came to have a caucus with me about the beginning Eng. class at the night school.

Miss Stone came to talk over set of slides on China for the S.S.

Bowing called but finding me busy left a note on my desk.

Told Mrs Johnson janitress, that we were looking for a man to succeed her. She was very much exercised, and it seems has canvassed the situation with some of the neighbors.

### **Wednesday, November 10**

Sprinkled a little today and threatening at all times but mild.

Planting exercises with 1B's. Took group of 5B's to Green Bay nursery where we set out a hundred or more hard maple seedlings and forty or so elm seedlings.

Taught two science classes.

Conferred with the Annex teachers and arranged to divide Miss White's room, giving one part to a new teacher, & remove Miss Jones' group to the main b'ld'g.

Mr Dooley gave me possession of various deeds, etc., relating to property of Dist. 107, & these I examined carefully & labeled this evening.

Barber .15;

#### **Thursday, November 11**

Warm wind blew strong all night. Light shower about daybreak. Cleared off cool.

Moved Miss Jones pupils into main b'ld'g this A.M. & set up lunch tables & some school desks in east end of aud. Moved Miss Yore's group into Miss Boswell's room, & divided Miss White's room, giving 28 pupils to Miss Bushnell.

Three visitors from Lombard schools – Misses Smith, Place, & White, and Miss V.V. Collins spent A.M & part of P.M. here. - - - Two science lessons - - -

Miscellaneous errands this evening.

Rec'd supply of bulbs from Dreer's

Peanuts .05;

#### **Friday, November 12**

Beautiful day.

Sent Edith & Lennie some bulbs for forcing which I got from Dreer's.

Conference with Mr. Faxon before school about the proposed work at Highwood and with Bowing after school, on the same subject.

Two science lessons; one planting lesson.

Great treat tonight. Dr. Frank McMurry talked at Lincoln Ave School to a select group on how to judge a school. Mother went with me. Most of my staff there. Rhodes & wife of Winetka, et. al.

Stamps .10; barber .15;

#### **Saturday, November 13**

Colder. A fine day.

To city on 7:40. To Anderson's to get samples for a suit; to N.Y. Life to secure day or so of grace for paying my annual premium (had forgotten it); to Dr Hitchcock's office to inquire about lantern slides (Missionary); to Mr Shumaker's office (State Sec – Y.M.C.A) to talk over Highwood project; Kellastone Co. to order material; Field's for bath towels; McClurg's to look up books, etc To City Club for meeting of Educ. Committee at luncheon & discussion of proposed "preliminary survey" of schools.

Took 4:00 home but accident to engine delayed us much

To Supper at Millards.

R.R. .52 + .10; lunch .40; bulbs .25; Tag day .25;

#### **Sunday, November 14**

Winter sort of struck in this afternoon with cold wind and some sleet that lodged in corners.

To S.S. this A.M. & helped to plan missionary exercises with slides for next Sunday.

Then went to Highwood & had a conference with Mr. Hudson (Sup't of Schools) over the situation.

A home rest of day. Worked at sorting over Audubon slides. Read from Old Mortality.

Trolley .10;

### **Monday, November 15**

Clear. Coldest morning yet.

Mrs Clements & her sister, Miss Clements of Rochester, visited us this A.M. Mrs Shannon called for a conference this afternoon

Mrs McGillvray representing the Maywood home (Baptist) called to inquire about Maybelle Mayhew, a ward of the organization.

Death of Booker Washington generally regarded as a great loss to this nation.  
Barber 25; peanuts .05;

### **Tuesday, November 16**

A thin covering of sleety snow – a cold wind this A.M. – but moderated soon & day was sunny at intervals.

Had boys carting soil out of the cold frames, & painting wooden labels, also collecting leaves for bedding.

Taught three science lessons & one geog. lesson.

Sent two teachers – Miss Guiney & Miss Corey to Women's Club this afternoon.

At school desk this evening. Wrote Sec. of Board at Park Ridge, Lexington, and Macon for affidavit as to my service there. I have already taught 26 years.

Barber .15; bananas .10;

### **Wednesday, November 17**

Milder. Sunny. Rising wind at evening.

Boys and I stored all the various pots of bulbs for forcing in the cold frames - - quite a job.

Teachers' meeting after school.

Johnson Service man worked on our thermostadts.

At school a while this evening. Clarence Pfister worked on the repair of the stereopticon.

Mother went up to Lake Bluff today to the dedication of a new bld'g at the Orphanage.

### **Thursday, November 18**                      Heavy rain.

Began to rain during the morning and continued all day, increasing in volume. Still raining at 10 P.M.

Small boys under my direction moved nearly all the flats under the annex for dry winter quarters.

Dismissed at 2:45 & sent teachers in the bus to H.P. Club – Ossoli program. Followed after & enjoyed fine discussion by Mrs Hefferan.

Carlson, candidate for janitorship, called to see me at 7:00 this evening.

Went to Highwood to confer with Mr. Bowing & Mr Gooch, Pres't of B'd of Ed there, at latter's office. Discussed Highwood affairs Home at 10:00

Trolley .05; barber .15;

### **Friday, November 19**

Snow – wet snow – at intervals much of the day & nearly all melting as it fell.

Visited rooms most of the day and taught at other ~~rooms~~ times. Helped 4A's to begin sand map of Waukegan harbor, etc.

Overhauled my accumulations on my work table at home this evening & wrote a number of letters. Have begun Dewey's German Philosophy & Politics.

### **Saturday, November 20**

Cleared away somewhat.

Scrubbed basement floor. Furnace had been taken down three days ago & dirt grimed in.

Took 9:19 for Chicago. Conferred with Mr Metzler enroute. Then we went over to Putnam's & ordered 36 felt slippers for school – to loan pupils while drying their shoes. To Fields to return two pkg. Later on bo't small table there for school - - - To S.R. Lewis to confer about drying bench. - - To Schantz to get some slides. Then he & I took them & some others to Chic. Transp. Co. Lunch at Hearth. To Thos Charles to buy paste, etc. Flanagan's for sundry supplies. McClurg's where I bo't one of Dickens' works & Von Mach's "Germany's Point of View;" – Anderson's to have a fitting. Home at 5:21.

Tried out some of my new slides which I got at Miss Ingersoll's. Used lantern at school this P.M. Worked over my lecture set a little

R.R. .52 + .25; lunch .37; Kg story book .50; (Sweet Wallach 1<sup>50</sup>; Flanagan's 1<sup>86</sup>;

### **Sunday, November 21**

Cold wind. Winter underwear gotten ready.

To S.S. & church. Helped run lantern for talk by Miss Stone on China

Slept most of afternoon. Read Dr. Marigold's Prescription again.

Spent evening at Mr A.J. Metzler's. Fine time. Mr. M. agreed to give one hundred dollars or more to secure additional help for the evening class for foreigners at the H.S.

### **Monday, November 22**

Snow.

Gray & sunny alternating and then a sudden snow fall after 6:00 P.M – of nearly an inch.

Showed set of lantern slides at morning exercises illustrating story of the Pilgrims. Mrs Shannon & Mrs Millard visited the school. Mr. Syron, candidate for janitorship, came while they were there and talked with the women – Later in the day Adolph Larson of the H.S. called on this errand, and this evening a Mr Shaw called on me also. - - Mr. Greenslade & I had a conference this evening.

Our football team played the freshman team this evening & lost – 27 to 0.

Worked over my flower slides this evening.

Stamps .97;

### **Tuesday, November 23**

Scraped snow off sidewalks for the first time this A M About 1 inch. Melted almost entirely during day.

A busy day. Another candidate for janitorship appeared. - -

Taught 3 classes, A.M., & one P.M.

Got ready & left on 4:58 for River Forest. Guest of Mr & Mrs Nida at supper. Mr. Hatch of Oak Park also present. Had a birthday cake for me!

Gave a flower talk before a small but appreciative audience at women's club house.

Caught 10:37 for Chic. & then 11:30 for home. Very, very tired.

R.R. .52 + ; lunch .25; mag .06; barber .15;

### **Wednesday, November 24**

Had thanksgiving day exercises this afternoon. Original stories & poem, reading of President's proc; etc.

Display of pictures of paper cutting, etc. Of popcorn raised by pupils.

A great many pupils appeared in costume & these lined up in the upper hall & held a "reception" at the close of the exercises

Lennie & Arthur & baby Ruth came this evening to spend Thanksgiving with "Grammy."  
Barber 25;

**Thursday, November 25** Thanksgiving Day.

Mild. Almost too warm.

Mother, Lennie, Arthur & I went to Presb. Church & heard a powerful sermon by Rev. Martin Harden on "Peace preparedness." It made a deep impression on each of us.

After dinner K, L. A, & I had a drive in an open surrey.

This A.M. Mr & Mrs Millard & I met at the office to start two collections of edibles to needy homes.

**Friday, November 26**

Lennie & the rest visited our buildings this A.M. Then I did some school work.

This afternoon L. & A. went to city on the 12:56. I on the 2:34. To Art & Travel where I left 41 + 4 negatives of Washington & Lincoln subjects; also 3 of Stipe's woods in winter. To Nat'l Art to leave some Glacier Park views to be framed. To Fair for envelopes, etc., to McClurg's for copy of Lea's Valor of Ignorance 1<sup>44</sup>, Jefferson's Christianity & International Peace 1<sup>13</sup>, & a book on microscopy .<sup>40</sup>  
R.R. .52 + .10; Life of Lincoln 1<sup>00</sup>; envelopes .30; booklets .35; Barber .15;

**Saturday, November 27** Mt Tom.

Arthur & L. & Ruth went home this A.M.

I spent the day in the Dunes with the Geog. Soc. party. Left on 8:09. Mrs Munro went, too. Took 9:15 I.C.R.R. & got off at Port Chester. Sixteen in party. Mr Schantz as manager.

Particularly interesting was the creek that flows out near Mt Tom. Found Botrychium obliquum and B.o. dissectum, both of which I never saw before. Also ebony spleenwort. - - A fine day. - Miss Mitchell, Mrs Kattelle, Mr & Mrs F.W. White, Mr & Mrs Cecil Barnes, Miss Hefter, Dr Lathrop (woman), a microscopist, etc.

Found two hepatica blossoms.

R.R. .52 + 10 + 1.10; apples .30; barber .25;

**Sunday, November 28** Rain - some snow.

Rained more or less all day with some snow as the day grew colder.

To S.S. & there planned for the Christmas exercises. Did not remain for church.

Slept much of the afternoon.

At six o'clock dinner at the Munro's. Miss Ethel Mason of Glencoe there. Came away in time to that Miss M. might catch the 9:00 P.M.

**Monday, November 29**

Mild at first, but later a cold wind.

At morning exercises referred to Booker Washington.

Taught one period in 5B. Miss Carbary ill.

Ordered two sets of Every Day Arith to try.

Worked over some "Schools of Tomorrow", etc.

Barber .15; bananas .10;

**Tuesday, November 30**

A fine wintry day.

Agent for Metropolitan Supply called. - - - Spent some time with a boy from the parochial school, trying to find something he can do!

Miss Carbary ill this A.M. but on duty after lunch.

Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Discussed two chapters of Dewey's Schools of Tomorrow. Three science lessons and one geog. lesson.

Mr. Metzler and I went to school house this evening to confer with Mrs Johnson who leaves the janitorship tomorrow.

Planning Christmas play, as we usually give it.

### **Wednesday, December 1**

Fine day. Cool early & late but a warm sun.

Mrs Johnson finished up her work today. Gave up the keys, etc., & Mr. Syren began work

I spent this evening in part in going over building with him.

A dancing class headed by Mary Sedgwick used the aud. this evening.

Wrote number of letters this P.M.

Barber .25.

### **Thursday, December 2**

Sharp this A. M. Turned out a sunny day.

Went to Port Clinton school b'ld'g this A.M before school. Had Ollie Nafe to into b'ld'g with me. Measured for glass; arranged to have stove repaired, grounds cleaned up, etc. M.W.A to use the bldg, & the Camp Fire Girls.

Spent some time with the new janitor this A.M. He starts out well.

Taught two science lessons.

At H.S this evening to see the beginning Eng. classes at work. Fine set of pupils.

Barber .15;

### **Friday, December 3**

Beautiful – sunny day.

My secretary – Edith Davies, hektographed 125 post cards for the P.T.A today.

I gave copies of the magazine – “Something to Do”, today to the 6th graders to sell on commission.

Tried out some of the boys' voices today.

Pupils are now playing volleyball out-of-doors.

Worked at my desk until late this evening. Sent Supt Fisher of Streator some sketches of our “Annex” & of the Lincolnwood School at Evanston.

Intended to go to the reception at Art Institute this evening in Mrs Ella Flagg Young's honor, but couldn't arrange it.

[Ella Flagg Young (1845-1918) was Superintendent of Chicago schools from 1909-1915. –ed.]

### **Saturday, December 4**

Mild, wintry day. Sunny. - - In Chicago all day. 8:50 to C. Visit with Everett M. on way. To Chic.

Transp. Co to get Audub. slides left for repairs. Took them to Schantz office. - - To Gt. No. office to chat with Weber & beg exhibit of grains. To Barrett' Business College to attend Round Table Meeting – Wager of DeKalb talking on biological side of educ. problem. Douglas & I then went to City Club to lunch & hear English Walling. [William English Walling (1877-1936) was a labor reformer and co-founder of the NAACP. He was a member of the Socialist Party of American until his resignation in 1917. – ed.]

Then to McClurg's where I bo't Steiner's B.W's Up from Slavery, Dana's Two Years, etc., & White's Letters from Prison (Christmas presents.). Fair to buy T's Life of Lincoln for Clarence D. Field's for two mirrors for school. Groceries at No. State St. stores. Home on 5:50-6:34. Visited with E.E. Parrat on way. – Worked at office until 11:00 P.M.

My friend "Foxy", Duffy's dog killed by auto last night. A fine dog.  
R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .40; dues .50; sundries. 1<sup>15</sup>; groceries .25; books 1.84;  
[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the luncheon at the City Club. It reads:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, AT LUNCHEON

"The Peace Proposals offered by the Socialists  
of the different Belligerent Nations."

William English Walling of New York.

Victor S. Yarros will preside.

Luncheon from 11:30 A.M. Speaking promptly at 1 P.M.

Henry P. Chandler, Secretary. – ed.]

**Sunday, December 5**

Beautiful wintry day.

To S.S. to work on assignment of parts for Christmas exercises. Then to plant house to water plants.

This afternoon took trolley to guard house station, then walked over into Sweeney's woods. Trowelled out three small waahos, two scrophularias, one horse gentian, etc. Tramped across the marsh in a fine sunset, then down to the Half-Day Road & home. Fine trip.

S.S. .25;

**Monday, December 6**

Another!

The janitor and I overhauled things in the attic today.

Day full of sundry jobs. Worked at b'ld'g until 10:00 this P.M, clearing out old records, etc

Miss Jewett and I tried out boys' voices this evening.

Barber .15;

**Tuesday, December 7**

Another.

Miss Sands ill today and Miss Davies substituted.

Had a caucus of teachers from 5 through 8 this evening.

Three science lessons. Planted small waahoo specimens & one scroph. n. & horse gentian along driveway & sidewalk today.

Pinus edulis – Mr & Mrs Anson bro't back some nuts from N. Mexico & the children gave me some nuts today.

Worked over Mss of old Christmas play this P.M.

**Wednesday, December 8**

Another. Gray at times.

Agent for Laurel Pub. Co. called today.

P.T.A. this afternoon Mrs Kingsley talked on the "movies." Well done and of decided value. About fifty patrons present.

Worked on my Christmas play this evening – at school bld'g first, then at home.

Barber .25;

### **Thursday, December 9**

Beautiful day.

Set workman to spading up an addition to garden on the G.B. nursery. Inspected his work at 1:00.

Miss Jewett & I spent extra time on pupils preparing for the Christmas play. I met some of the boys at the school house this evening.

Miss Whitten went home ill at noon.

Mrs Shannon's man removed some of our spiraeas that have grown so large in front of the south entrance.

### **Friday, December 10**

Another fine wintry day.

Miss Whitten unable to be present today. Miss Davies substituted.

Some time on Christmas play today.

At home this evening & overhauled negatives.

Had workman spade again today. Kollar hauled load of manure for top dressing.

Barber .15;

### **Saturday, December 11**

Snowed much of the day and melted rapidly. About 2 inches.

To Chic. on 8:51. To Taylor Instrument Co. to figure on thermograph; Art & Travel to talk over lantern slides; to McClurg's for books; to Anderson, the tailor for my new suit; to City Club for lunch and to attend session of Educ. Committee. Reports by Mr. Burchard on school museums; one by Mr. Legler on library extension.

To Cutler Shoe Co to buy pair of rubbers; to Chicago Cotillion Co. where I spent 4<sup>00</sup> on heads of goose & deer for Christmas play; to Fields to look up cards, etc. Home at 4:37.

Worked at desk at school until 10:00 P.M. – on school bills. Then came home and worked until 12:25 on my personal accounts with the school & the special funds.

Pd Albert Larson 3<sup>00</sup> for Tech. World & Popl Mechanics for Leonard Smith.

R.R. .52 + .10; rubbers 1<sup>00</sup>; card .05; magazines .60; barber .15; candy .10;

### **Sunday, December 12**

Snow.

Continued snowing during the day – four inches in all – nearly.

To S.S. to confer about Christmas exercises.

Then home – had a nap before dinner, and slept much of the afternoon.

Read all evening.

### **Monday, December 13**

Fine wintry day. Snow melted only a little.

Miss Jewett unable to be present. Very large no. of absentees. For ten days a general epidemic of grippe or bad colds has prevailed.

Unpacked a fine colored picture – Sistine Madonna – for the school, & Glacier Nat'l Park pictures for myself.

Boys brot in a fine bittern (Gt. American) who seems well & strong.

Barber .15; household 17<sup>00</sup>;

## **Tuesday, December 14**

Coldest night thus far. Sunny but cold today

Miss Shaw out this A.M. because of illness.

Usual busy day

Sent the bittern away to the marsh this evening. Would not eat anything.

School Board this evening. Amicable. Fine time.

About 8° above

Barber. 15;

## **Wednesday, December 15**

Moderated a little today. Rising wind

Miss Jewett came and we spent much time on practice for Christmas.

Made three hktographs. Did number of things.

Issued school and age certificate for Wm Mooney, this evening.

Got Christmas slides from Presb. Church this evening.

Some young people had dancing class in the aud. this evening.

## **Thursday, December 16**

Moderated – then drizzled rain which froze on every thing & tonight walking is risky.

Spent most of day on the Christmas play. Miss Jewett here all day.

The men moved one of our linden trees from the playground to the south parkway. Used a stone sledge, & a team of horses.

This evening I went to the H.S. to help out in a program of the foreigners' class in English, my part being to tell the story of the Christ child with my lantern slides. Two of the young men played on their violins, surprisingly well, & one sang snatches from some opera with dramatic effect. An inspiring evening.

Mother suffering for the second day with neuralgia. Some improvement.

Barber .15;

## **Friday, December 17**

Very slippery.

Had our programs of carols this A.M. – a very beautiful program. I told the story of the Christ Child with lantern illustrations.

This afternoon our annual play – In Merrie Old England” was given. Pupils forgot and bungled a great deal but the audience thought it a success. Florence McGath's singing of a carol was the best thing attempted.

I was worn out by the close of day.

Teachers began to scatter for the holidays.

## **Saturday, December 18**

To school building where I worked until eleven. Uncovered p.w. narcissus pots & brot into plant house. Most of bulbs seemed to have wintered thus far well. Reset some geranium plants.

Janitor set up the kg. Christmas tree on the terrace out-of-doors.

Went to the city. Heard the plays referred to – a splendid series of performances.

Shopped at McClurg's & Fields – Came home, ate my supper & then to bed

Books for gifts 1<sup>15</sup>; R R .52 + .10; play 1<sup>50</sup>;

[Pasted to this page are clippings from the playbills for “The Man who Married a Dumb Wife” by Anatole France and “Androcles and the Lion” by Bernard Shaw. – ed.]

### **Sunday, December 19**

To S.S. to help plan Christmas exercises, & stayed to church. Rev Mr. Barr of Olivet Institute preached.

Went to school house to water plants in plant house.

A sunny day but cold.

Slept nearly all afternoon.

Worked over Christmas slides this evening.

Put up suet on two trees to try to keep the chickadees in our neighborhood

### **Monday, December 20**

A cold night but moderated today. Slight snow fall.

At school all morning. Reset more geraniums in plant house. The janitor and I carried all plants from the rooms to the plant house.

Nap this afternoon. Then wrote up some material for Christmas program. Ditto this evening. Barber .15;

### **Tuesday, December 21**

Milder. Gray.

At school until 11:30 this A.M. Then took 12:56 for Chicago.

Took two pictures to Nat'l Art to have new glass put in. Shopped at Fields. Made the tour of electrical supply houses to try to find lamp fixtures for music racks, etc.

Home on 5:10.

Not feeling well today – in fact, that is true of the last three days. R.R. .52 + .10; Daily Reminder .50;

### **Wednesday, December 22**

Still mild. Light shower this evening to wet the icy surfaces a little

At school most of A.M. Mailed Christmas packages & letters. Wrote a paragraph or two for the H.P. Press on winter feeding of birds.

Lay low all afternoon & evening as the grippe seemed coming on me. Got word to Dr Bergen before supper & he sent me some capsules

Barber .15; porter .50; stamps .66; fire insurance (Duffy) 3<sup>20</sup>; [James H. Duffy, real estate and insurance, 201 East Central Avenue. – ed.]

### **Thursday, December 23**

As yesterday.

Influenza set in all right. Had engagement to speak at Rudolphs this evening (their 32nd anniversary) & had to go up there in the afternoon & see lantern & screen set up. Then back home & spent much of time in bed until auto came for me at 8:30. Had Harry Bell operate for me. Used a number of Audubon bird slides with some of my flower slides

A society crowd of Jewish descent. Very appreciative. My eyes dried up fortunately so that I could see but my voice was very hoarse. I was wet with perspiration when I finished talking, so I hurried home & into bed.

Recd \$10<sup>00</sup> for the talk.

Barber .15;

**Friday, December 24**

'Tis' the night before Christmas!

Began to snow at nightfall & a beautiful white Christmas assured.

Mother left this A.M. for B.H.

My cold violent all day. Right eye & nostril the chief offenders. Have not been out of the house today.

A number of beautiful Christmas cards came in. A gold ornamented fountain pen; a vol. of Elbert Hubbard's Little Journeys; etc. Five potted cyclamens for Mother from Mrs Clements & hyacinths from the Clows.

Errand boys .15;

**Saturday, December 25**

Four or five inches of fresh snow. A very beautiful Christmas day

Still shut in with the influenza. - - - Phoned Lennie at B.H. that K. & I could not leave home. - -

We ate our Christmas dinner by ourselves.

The Behrens sent me a fine mistletoe bunch on a section of a limb of a tree – from Huntingburg, Indiana. I photographed it this afternoon.

Spent a good deal of time phoning Mr Faxon & others instructions as to the S.S. program tomorrow.

Paid Ervin Clow 35¢ to dig out the snow, etc., for us, today.

Ervin .35;

**Sunday, December 26**

Moderated some today

My cold improved during the day

Managed to read quite a little today.

Culled articles from magazines for preservation. Posted other articles in my scrap books.

Am reading a little these days from that cynical book – Lea's The Valor of Ignorance.

**Monday, December 27**

Mild day.

My condition much improved. Stayed in all day.

Worked some at my text for the Audubon slides.

Read from George Washington, Farmer, etc.

**Tuesday, December 28**

A cold night followed by a beautiful day.

Felt well today. Went up town twice.

Worked nearly all day on my "canned lecture" for the Audubon Society.

Had I been able, I was to have left today for the state association meeting at Springfield.

Barber .15;

**Wednesday, December 29**

Beautiful day Mild Thawed much snow from the walks. Sleighing still rather good.

Worked most of the day typewriting the Audubon material I had prepared.

At schoolhouse a while this afternoon. Found the plants in the plant house in fine shape. Wrote three business letters in my office.

**Thursday, December 30**

Continued mild and thawing.

Spent much of the day as yesterday grinding on the second set of Audubon slides.

Copied five Audubon pictures with my camera and developed these plates and the two I made of the mistletoe, the other day

Read some about Mendelism from Coulter's Elements of Plant Breeding.

Barber .25; candy .10;

**Friday, December 31**

The last of the year!

Misty - - almost rainy during the day.

Finished my Audubon lectures this morning. Then to the city on the 12:56. To Art & Travel to take some negatives of Audubon pictures, etc., & to confer about other slides. To Mr. Pattee's for a moment, then to Miss Mellen, typewriter, - 1546 Tribune Bld'g, to leave copy of both Audub. lectures to be copied.

To Dennison Mfg Co for red seals; Thos Charles for a punch; Fields for underwear. Met Henry T. Mortensen, now of Kansas City (The Day School) & he and I had chat over a cup of bouillon. Then to N.W. station to meet Aunt Eva & Margaret & visited with them until 5:45 (They left for Omaha at 6:00)

Mother came home with them from B.H.

R.R. .52 + .05; nuts .50; seals .30; papers & mag .35; barber .15; sugar .15;