

Diary of Andrew J. Zercher 1904

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Fri. Jan. 1, 1904

Ther. 20

Happy New Year to all. This book was a gift from Charles and I thank him for same. At mill rec'd word of death of Barbara, wife of Maris H. Benedict of Lancaster by Asylum. Went in and brought body out to her house. Funeral will be held on Tuesday a.m., 9 at house and 10 at Mt. Zion Church. Very beautiful day. Colder in evening and partly cloudy.

Ther. 18

Sat. Jan. 2

At Benedict's in the morning. In shop and about house balance of day. Lining casket, etc. Very wintery day. Snowing and sleeting partly all day. Great change from yesterday.

Ther. ½ to 0

Sun. Jan. 3

At Sunday school but did not have it nor preaching on account of extreme cold. We then went out to Bro. John Good's and held prayer meeting with them. We had a good meeting a.m. P.M. at home. And evening went down to Benedict's. Cold all day. Then not above 10 degrees at any time today.

Ther. 6 above

Mon. Jan. 4

Went to Lancaster by stage on account of Charles having team to take rough box to cemetery and stools to house. I served as clerk at the election of officers for the Old Guard Fire Insurance Co., held at the Leopard Hotel Lancaster. Rec'd \$1.00 from same. Paid James F. Eby and Son for can corn and oats. Took basket to Benedict's in eve. Cold all day. Sleighting real good.

Ther. 8 below

Tues. Jan. 5 Sale Bill: 35.00- 23.67=- 11.33

Attending funeral of Barbara Benedict. Born July 31, 1855. Died Jan. 1, 1904. Aged 44 years and 5 months. Rev. Mr. Bennett of M. E. Church here. Preached from Numbers 23 Chap. 10 Verse. Bearers: H. W. Hess, H. B. Thomas, Martin Agon, Christian Good. Walked from house to church. Large funeral. The coldest weather for 8 years in this locality, it is reported to have been as low as 19 below at Rock Hill, 18 at Safe Harbor, and Mrs. Frank S. Benedict of Lancaster was almost frozen this morning coming to the funeral. The Lancaster New Era has my appointment as mercantile appraiser announced this eve.

Ther. 2 below

Wed. Jan. 6

Went to Benedict's and fetched stools home. Charles went to mill. I was about home all day. Water wheel frozen up at mill. First for 2 years. Cold all day but moderating. It is reported that Mr. Stauffer (blacksmith) at New Danville shot himself five times with suicide intent.

Ther. 16 above

Thurs. Jan. 7

At mill partly all day. Moderating.

Ther. 25 above

Fri. Jan. 8

At mill a.m. Went to Harry C. Lintner's Public Sale on his farm near Safe Harbor, 275 hogs, cattle, mules, and horses. I bought 14 shoats, 6 at 2.25 each and 8 at 1.70 each, they at (?) from 1.25 to 7.50 each. Snowing a.m. and part of p.m. Not so cold.

Ther. 28

Sat. Jan. 9

At mill all day. Alfred Gardner brought 2 loads of corn on ears to mill of Chas. Locher for me. Henry Ehrisman killed last of the fat hog. It was small weighed 156 lb. live weight. At the hall in eve. The Blue Ribbon Society given by home talent characters. Charles M. Zercher, Samuel Plasterer, Roy Caldwell, Chester Pries, Edna Pries, Anna Caldwell, Suey Eckman, Organist, Miss Blanche B. Zercher. They did well, gave a good entertainment to a fair audience. Cold raw wind all day.

Ther. 14

Sun. Jan. 10

At Sunday School the following officers were elected. Supt. A. J. Zercher; Asst. Supt. Aldus M. Charles; Secy. Alma Fralich; Treas. Chas. R. Hill; Organist Blanche B. Zercher; Asst. organist Sadie Kendig. The Missionary Society elected the following officers: Pres. Norman Good; Vice Pres. Chas. M. Zercher; Sec'y. Chas. R. Hill; Solicitor Alma Fralich. The congregation in the eve after services elected the following trustees to serve til their successors are elected: A. J. Zercher, Aldus M. Charles, and Henry Martin. Chas, Bertha, and Lizzie Eberly were here p.m. Pleasant all day (cool).

Ther. 18

Mon. Jan. 11

At Lancaster all day. Bought clothing, blanket (bed), and oil for mill, oil cloth for apron on buggy. Brought books out for appraisement. Had horse shod at Lancaster. Roads icy, bought diary for Charles. Cold damp air all day. Partly cloudy.

Ther. 16

Tues. Jan. 12

Started for visit mother, Emmanuel and I, but was phoned for at Marticville to come home on account of the death of Adam Biegler's child. Came home, made rough box, a.m. Sent it to cemetery, p.m. Will bury tomorrow a.m., having died of diphtheria. Pleasant all day.

Ther. 33

Wed. Jan. 13

Attending to the burial of Benj. son of Adam and Emma Biegler, who died Monday night of diphtheria opposite the old Snavely Mill, on the old Lancaster Road. Born June 5, 1900. Died January 11, 1904. Aged 3 years, 7 months, 6 days. No funeral was held on account of disease. Burial strictly private, a.m. At house, preparing books for appraisement, p.m. Raining nearly all day. Colder in eve.

Ther. 28

Thurs. Jan. 14

At mill all day. Posting books with wife, Mrs. Charles, and Mrs. Keene. Paid a visit to Rev. Shelby's this p.m. Ordered 1 ton bran and 1 ton shif from Columbia Milling Co. Cold and stormy all day.

Ther. 20

Fri. Jan. 15

At mill all day. Took straw down for horses and hogs. Also iron trough. Posting books, etc. Rec'd bran and shif from Columbia Milling Company this morning. Brought feed up for M. H. Groff Butcher this eve. Rec'd pay for service. Cold and stormy all day. Not as cold during day as yesterday.

Ther. 19

Sat. Jan. 16

At mill all day. Posted books to date. And everything ready to start at mercantile appraisal business Monday morning. At I.O.R.M. in eve. Cold all day. Sleet and raining partly all of p.m. Road very slippery and icy.

Ther. 16

Sun. Jan. 17

At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. Stormy, cold all day.

Ther. 12

Mon. Jan. 18

Starting out at appraising this morning; made 16 calls today in Conestoga Twp. Started with Egon L. Bortzfeld at mill at noon. Joseph La Spadea and men here to make arrangements for coming back on their new railroad work. They were to see me with regard to furnishing flours. Very cold all day. Roads very icy. 19 miles Ex 40c

Ther. 4 below

Tues. Jan. 19

Working up balance of Conestoga. And at mill in p.m. Very cold all day. 15 miles 10c

Ther. 14

Wed. Jan. 20

Working Martic Twp. via Colemanville. Shoff York Furnace. McCalls Ferry (Bonview) Bethesda Rawlinsville. Mt. Nebo. Took dinner at C. F. Quade, Bonview. Very icy roads. 30 miles Ex 75c. Moderately cloudy partly all day.

Ther. 30

Thur. Jan. 21

Finished Martic and worked Pequea. Took dinner at West Willow. Marticville. Herr's Mill (Baumgardner) Herrville Baumgardner.

West Willow, Running Pump. New Danville. Hoffman's Mill, etc. Partly cloudy. Ice softening, road sloppy. 22 miles Ex 75c

Ther. 44

Fri. Jan. 22

At house filling up books and at mill. In eve Charles stayed down expecting ice frost. Raining nearly all day. Very damp and foggy. Snow going very fast.

Sat. Jan. 23

About home. Rec'd word from Marticville of the death of Christian Brooks child. Went over and took charge of body, a.m. At township primary in p.m. The following were candidates: Judge John Z. Wade, 219. Inspectors: Chas. Kreider, 157; Grant Gardner, 86; Supervisor: Martin B. Good, 210; Henry H. Warfel, 81; John Hill, 42; George L. Warfel, 143; School Directors Eli Warfel, 142; M. H. Groff, 142; Wm. Caldwell, 153; Justice of the Peace E. H. Zercher, 211; Assessor Benj. B. Beach, 176; I. G. Warfel, 07; F. H. Flinchbaugh, 67; Auditor: Maynard Warfel, 174; H. W. Hess, 202; Town Clerk Theo. Jones, 219. Not as cold. Raining a.m. Damp p.m.

Sun. Jan. 24

At Sunday school a.m. Lined small casket and took case to M. E. Cemetery and from there to Uncle C. B. Miller to deliver a message from his daughter Myra. At preaching in eve by Mr. Collum, a student at F and M, preached a very good sermon. Blanche and I drove to Safe Harbor afterward to see ice freshet and we were very much surprised to see the river so high. The water was up in the mill about 11:30 and very much ice forced in from river. Cold raw wind all day.

Ther. 17

Mon. Jan. 25 Cash \$10 casket

Attending funeral of Leola Augusta infant daughter of Christian and Elsie Brooks. Born December 4, 1903. Died January 23, 1904. Aged 1 month, 19 days. I counted 8 carriages. Rev. Mr. Bennet preached from St. John 14:1-2. Received word at the funeral of the death of B. F. Mundorf. Prop. of Shenk's Ferry Hotel. Went down and took charge of body. Funeral on Thursday at 8 a.m. at house and internment in Woodward Hill Cemetery in Lancaster. At Safe Harbor mill in eve. Water falling about 7 ft. Cold all day.

Tues. Jan. 26 Cloudy

Charles went to Lancaster to bring out casket shipped from Harrisburg. Wife at Lancaster by stage, I was down at Mundorf's this a.m. in house writing and getting case ready to send to Lancaster (Woodward Hill Cemetery) tomorrow morning. Blanche and Charles over at church this eve, rehearsing for wedding tomorrow noon: Clayton B. Hill and Effie McLaughlin. Cold all day. Snowing and raining very unpleasant out.

Ther. 16

Wed. Jan. 27

Sent rough box to Lancaster via stage to cemetery. In shop lining casket and trimming same. Went to the wedding of Clayton B. Hill and Effie McLaughlin which took place in the Reformed Church this place. Maris B. Jones was best man. Miss Carrie Eshelman was maid of honor. Chas. R. Hill and Chas. M. Zercher were the ushers. There were 93 people present. Had a very nice wedding. Too place at 12 noon. Finished casket, had horse shod with Anna F. Martin. Paid 1.00 for same. Took casket down to house and put body in ready for tomorrow. Cold all day.

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Thurs. Jan. 28 Paid \$65.00 Partly Cloudy

Attending funeral of Berry Franklin Mundorf. Born Sept. 3, 1853. Died Jan. 25, 1904. Aged 50 yrs., 2 mos., 22 days. Rev. Abram B. Herr preached from Isaiah 45:25. Bearers: Jacob Ressel, Levi B. Neff, Harry Barr, Maris H. Groff. 13 teams. They buried him very nice casket and funeral attendant, \$65. Flowers, blanket, digging grave, \$11.85. Total \$76.85. Everything passed off very nicely. Took dinner at the Lincoln Hotel. Very unpleasant coming home on account of snow. A beautiful forenoon. Commenced to snow about 3 pm. Snowing this eve.

Fri. Jan. 29 Cloudy

At Safe Harbor mill and then to Shenk's Ferry and brought home stools, etc. Rec'd pay for casket and in full. A.M. at Safe Harbor mill. Took Bro. Emmanuel along down to fix gas line, tank, etc. Snowing all day, and cold. This is President McKinley's birthday today (Carnation Day). His favorite flowers, and are very high in price. Paid \$2.25 for ½ doz.

Sat. Jan. 30 P. Clear

About house in shop, etc. am. At sale of M. H. Benedict. Bought bedroom suit, etc. P.M, at store and home in eve. Cold but pleasant all day.

Sun. Jan. 31 P. Clear

At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Went to Berry F. Hill's for dinner and spend the p.m. They gave a dinner in honor of the marriage of his son Clayton to Miss Effie McLaughlin. Spent a pleasant time. There were present Samuel McLaughlin; wife not there, sick; Robert Eich and wife; Jos. H. McLaughlin and wife and daughter; Chas. and Blanche Zercher; Mr. J. R. Yentzer and wife; Wm. E. Keene, and wife; and myself and wife.

Mon. Feb. 1 P. Cloudy

Went to Lancaster this morning. Blanche along a.m. She came home on stage and I started out on my work this p.m. Left Lancaster afternoon, drove to Smithville, Providence Twp. Commenced work at O. E. Martin's Store, Frank Charles Hotel, C. W. Conrad Mill, M. H. Miller's Store, John Conrad Hotel- Union, Wm. McFalls, H. G. Wiggins. And from there to Mother's, where I stayed overnight (tired). A very high wind all p.m. Snow drifting very fast, and much colder. 20 miles. Ex 75

Tue. Feb. 2 Cloudy

Left mother's this morning and went to New Providence. Called on F. W. Helm and Sons Gen'l Mdse., J. H. Bear and Sons G. M., Lewis Eckman Implements, J. F. Weaver Mill (Retail and Wholesale), J. P. M. Raub Hotel, Harry Edmonds Furniture, John F. Hagy Coal, E. B. Huber Harness, etc., and to sister Lizzie's for dinner. To Benj. F. Yerkes General Store, Buck; and David J. Good Hotel, Buck; Philip Schmidt Huber; J. K. Hershey, Chestnut Level; H. C. Ambler, Liberty Square; and W. Sweigart's Hotel, Fites Eddy, where I stayed overnight, and as cared for so kindly by his wife after a long and hard day's work through storm and snow drifts. Both horse and man were tired. Very cold all day. 25 miles. Ex 1.35

Ther. 8

Wed. Feb. 3 P. Cloudy

Left Fites Eddy for Fishing Creek. Called on J. W. Graham Gen'l Mdse.; Wm. A. Brown Feed and Coal, all of Drumore; H.C. Myers Gen'l Store, Fern Glen; Ira F. Wentz Gen'l Store, Furnice; C. C. Aument Gen'l Store, Green; F. S. J. Witaker, Peach Bottom (where I took dinner and had horse fed at Hotel). P.M.- Park B. Shenk, Peach Bottom or Peters Creek P.O.; A. E. Todd Mill, Peters Creek; Edgar F.

Fulton Gen'l Store, McSparran; D. S. Fite, J. Herr, Pleasant Grove; Eugene M. Haines, Pleasant Grove, Coal; E. J. Shoemaker Gen'l Store, Lyle (Texas); John H. McGuigan Hotel, Lyle; J. P. Fite Produce, Andrew Charles Hotel, where I put up for the night. Hard driving, but I enjoyed trip very much. Very cold all day.

Thurs. Feb. 4

Was glad to meet Mr. Charles who I knew when a boy; keeps a fine hotel but is going out of business in the spring. His son Andrew is taking the place; he told me he never did nor does intend to take advice over his own bar or in his house. I congratulated him and said I hope he would keep his pledge. Called on F. L. Kauffman Furniture; Neal Hambleton Gen'l Store; Levi B. Brubaker Implements; A. S. Charles Hotel, all of Wakefield (Penn Hill); E. T. Housekeeper Edwin Gen'l Store; Boyd and Jenkins Gen'l Store, Hensel; Aldwin Groff Feed; D. E. Helm Gen'l Store, Mechanics Grove; B. J. Eisenberger Hotel, Unicorn, where I took dinner and feed. P.M.- H. J. Drennen Gen'l Store, Fairmount. Refer to Memorandum, # 1.

Fri. Feb. 5 P. Clear

Accommodations medium, David L. Charles Hotel. Black Brothers Gen'l Store, Hannah E. Priest Small Items and P.O., all of Oak Hill; W. L. Whiteside Gen'l Store, Tayloria; Robert Ferguson Mill, Spruce Grove; J. K. Fairbanks and L. F. Patterson Gen'l Store, White Rock; D. L. Bunting Gen'l Store, Colerain; took dinner and feed at Kirkwood. Fine Dinner. A. D. Conner Hotel, Adams; C. Sherr Confectionary ____; G. Barr and Son Gen'l Store; M. N. Greenleaf Implements; F. E. Haverstick Furniture, all of Kirkwood; A. L. Stively Gen'l Store, Collins; J. H. Bair and A. J. Grissinger Mill, Comargo, Eden Twp. I then started for home at 2:30, arrived there about

6:45. Horse very tired. Moderating very much.

Sat. Feb. 6 P. Cloudy

Glad to get back home to family. Found Blanche quite unwell in bed all day; I was down at mill all day. The business is going along all right. Car of grain in, but spoiled by becoming wet I suppose; will not receive it. Another car in this morning. All O.K., will unload Monday. Walked home from mill so that horse could rest. at A O K of M. C. in eve. Snow going, much warmer.

Sun. Feb. 7 P. Cloudy

At Sunday school a.m., received word while there by phone of the death of another of Amos Boegler's children, the smallest. Went out and took charge of body. Funeral on Wednesday p.m. at Stone Church New Danville. At house p.m. and at church in eve. Roads very sloppy, snow melting very fast and getting muddy. Warm all day; colder in eve.

Mon. Feb. 8 P. Clear

At Lancaster took rough box to New Danville. Attended County Committee meeting. Fixed March 5 for County Primary. Everything harmonious. Attended to other business. Paid James F. Eaby and Sons for can bran. Much colder, ground frozen hard. Did not thaw much today. Terrible fire at Baltimore. Burning block after block. Burning since yesterday and not under control at 12:00 noon today.

Tues. Feb. 9 P. Clear

Lined small casket this a.m. At mill p.m. They finished unloading bran at noon. Charles at mill yesterday and today. Blanche up today for first since Friday. Cold all day, not thawing much today. Frigid wind all day. The papers give it that the fire at Baltimore

burned over 140 acres of area and 75 blocks, and nearly 2500 buildings. Loss estimated from \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000, and 50,000 people are temporarily out of employment.

Ther. 8

Wed. Feb. 10 Paid 12.50 P. Clear

About house attending funeral of Ira G. Biegler. Born June 11, 1803. Died February 7, 1904; aged 7 months, 26 days. Those services were held for Berry Biegler, a child of this family dying January 11 of dysentery. Also, the Rev. John Harnish preached from Matthew 19:14. Rev. Ab. B. Herr spoke from Saul 3:18. Also Rev. Abr. Thomas text same. 9 carriages. Took Mrs. Newel Insley to Safe Harbor who took 3 pictures of the ice on the Conestoga Creek, 2 from Culbert at Company Station and 1 on Manor side from bridge. Charles Zercher and Martin Groff standing on ice and J. R. Yentzer in buggy. Cold all day.

Thu. Feb. 11

Went to Safe Harbor to the following: A. A. Manning Gen'l Store, F. S. Stoner, Highville; T.C. Kachel Gen'l Store, Cresswell; E. E. Good Hotel and Morrison and Simonds, H. M. Kauffman, Central Manor; Eli Aument Mill, Letort; A. B. Witmer Gen'l Store, H. B. Frey and Co. Tobacco, B. B. Herr Tobacco; J. K. Doestler Mill, Letort; and John Jay Tripple Confectionary, Safe Harbor; and home. Cold and wind all day. River higher this eve. Water on road at H. M. Stauffer Coal yard. 25 miles, Ex 76.

Fri. Feb. 12

At Millersville, called on A. B. Grebinger Toll Gate Keeper, Buckhart Mill, D. B. Levenite Coal, Miss Hannah Mitchener Confectionary, a.m. Brubaker Harness, Dr. M.T. Rieder, A. C.

Warfel Hotel, A. B. Myers Implements. 12 miles Ex. 73

Sat. Feb. 13

Working about house, a.m. At mill posting books, p.m. At I. O. R. M. in eve. Cold all day. Charles sick in bed all day.

Sun. Feb. 14 P. Cloudy

At Sunday school preaching a.m. At home, p.m. and eve. Charles and Blanche went over to Annie Myers for dinner and spent the p.m. Cold all day.

Mon. Feb. 15 P. Cloudy

At Lancaster on business. Rec'd an invitation from J. M. Brinser and wife to attend a wedding anniversary, their 15th, at Philadelphia. If nothing interferes, expect to attend. I have made arrangements with the Honorable Milton Heidelbaugh for transportation for self and wife. Returned home about 4:00 p.m. Moderating during the day, but much colder in eve. Senator Hannah of Ohio is reported dying of typhoid fever at his hotel in Washington D. C. My 47th birthday today.

Ther. 2 below 0

Tues. Feb 16

Attending Twp. Election all day. The following were elected: Judge, John Z. Wade; Inspectors, Chas. Kreider and Grant H. Gardner; School Directors, Eli Warfel and Wm. R. Caldwell; J of P, E. H. Zercher; Supervisors, Martin B. Good and Geo. L. Warfel; Auditors, H.W. Hess, 3 years, and Maynard Warfel, 1 year; Town Clerk, Theo. Jones. Very cold all day. Ther. not above 1 at any time today.

Ther. 2 below Clear

Wed. Feb. 17

Started on my work again this morning, went to Strasburg and worked that today. I was kept hustling. Stopped at Fritz's Hotel at the square. Fine place, good accommodations. Met a great many persons among whom were Mr. Hull, Chandler, Hubertson, Rowe, etc. Cold all day. 10 miles Ex 2.50

Ther. 10

Thurs. Feb. 18

Left Strasburg for Bartville via Rohrer's Mill and Ivan Jackson's Mill, Bartville, Nine Points, Greentree, Georgetown. Took dinner with M. Groff (Hotel), Nickle Mines, Smyrna, Vintage, where I put up for the night with J. H. Kurtz (Hotel). Cold. Commenced snowing this p.m. 25miles. Ex 1.7

Fri. Feb. 19

Left Vintage to Kinzer-- Snavely Mill, Eshleman's Mill, Edwards Mill, Lemon Place, Paradise where I took dinner at Danner's Hotel. Worked Paradise after dinner and then to Gordonville where I met Wm. C. Henry as Hostlers who lived at Conestoga formerly. And then to Intercourse and worked that partly afore night to get an early start in the morning. Stopped with W. Scott Kauffman Hotel, formerly of Safe Harbor. Snowing partly all a.m. and part of p.m. 30 miles. Ex 2.5.

Sat. Feb. 20 Clear

Left Intercourse this morning for Lancaster but worked on the way in Bird-in-Hand, arriving at the Realty Hotel Lancaster at 11:45; wife came to Lancaster by stage this morning after attending to some business. D. F. Bonner and wife, myself and wife, and Mr. Cunis of the "Segal Magnetic Mines," Conestoga, PA started for Philadelphia to attend the 15th anniversary of their wedding.

Arriving there at 6 p.m., which was a swell affair. The train being crowded and we all traveling on pass furnished (mine by Senator Heidelbaugh). Mr. Cunis took us all into a Pullman car which was my first ride in them. The ladies being rested, we retired to the dinner car and had plenty to eat and lots of style.

Sun. Feb. 21 P. Cloudy

Took a walk through the city this morning. Very sloppy. About the house balance of day. It began to rain in early eve. We left the city at 8:25 and arrived at Lancaster at 10:15 and stayed at the Realty with D. F. Bonner, Proprietor and brother-in-law. Moderating very much.

Mon. Feb. 22

Left Lancaster about 11 o'clock for home. Not feeling very well, and glad to get back again. Not being home since Wednesday morning. We saw a beautiful sight coming out from Lancaster—the ice breaking upon the Conestoga Creek. Went down to mill in p.m. Business going all right (apparently). Much warmer all day but colder in eve. Washington's Birthday.

Tue. Feb. 23

About house all day. Not feeling well. Took cold. Feeling better this eve. Moderating.

Wed. Feb. 24

Left house this morning for Gap, via Strasburg. Took dinner at J. Lloyd Hunsecker's Hotel. Went to Christiana and worked that and returned to Gap this eve. and put up with Mr. Hunsecker's Hotel for the night. Spent the eve with my friend J. E. Futer. 25 miles. Ex 1.25 Pleasant day but getting much colder in eve.

Thurs. Feb. 25

Worked Gap this morning and took dinner at Henry Skiles Hotel, Mt. Vernon. Worked through Cambridge Alert, Vinola; Sauders Store, Salisbury to White Horse Hotel where I put up for the night with J. F. Seldomridge, Prop., after one of the hardest day's work. Very cold and very stormy all day. Much colder this eve. Then down to 12. 25 miles. Ex 2.5

Ther. 12

Fri. Feb. 26

Left White Horse this morning after being cared for in A-1 style, for Eby. Vital Buyerski Vici, etc. Arriving at Bearville at 1:30 where I had dinner and horse fed. And then worked Bearville. At 4:30, it commenced snowing and I started for Lancaster. On the way decided to drive through to home. Arrived about 7:30. Horse tired and myself not much better. Cold all day but not stormy. Met Francis wife who came out to our place Wednesday eve. 39 miles. 2.25 Ex.

Sat. Feb. 27

At mill all day, posting books, etc. Charles went to Lancaster to see Miss Chan off on train for her home Altoona (sick) from S.N.S. Millersville. At entertainment in eve, given by the young folks including Charles and Blanche. Cold all day.

Sun. Feb. 28

At church, no Sunday school on account of rain and very icy walking, but preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelby, a.m. About home J. M. Brinser, Wm. F. Brinser, and M. F. Lefever of Phila. and Harry Brinser of Lancaster here this p.m. Damp and raining partly all day.

Mon. Feb. 29

P. Cloudy

Went to Lancaster a.m. Started out for a full week's work at assessing. Left Lancaster p.m.

and drove to Brownstown and put up for the night at Mrs. Emma Bear's Hotel. Thawing and rather bad driving. Moderating. 2.00 Ex. 25 miles

Tues. Mar. 1 Cloudy

Had a good bed and good accommodations. Started out through the rains this morning and worked the town, had horse sharpened and then left the town and worked Talmage East End Hotel. And part of Farmersville where I took dinner at Jacob Esslinger's Hotel. Finished work there and then Vogansville, Hinkletown, Martindale, Reidenbach Store, I. G. Martin and Michael Nolt Mills. Arriving at Terre Hill at dusk and put up at W. D. Ruth's Hotel for the night. Ex. 2.20 Miles 35. Am tired tonight and horse too. Worked hard. Spent eve with A. L. Heiser Merchant. (Colder)

Wed. Mar. 2 P. Cloudy

Worked Terre Hill this morning. Then to Weaverland where I met Mr. Evenger, the blind man who is certainly a remarkable person. He can walk anywhere in the neighborhood without assistance and can put up a binder without any assistance. Visited Seward Mills, Spring Grove, and Goodville where I took dinner at Lemon Witwer's Hotel about 1:30 o'clock. Then worked the town and then to Blue Ball. Worked nearly all of the town in eve and stopped at Andrew Shawback's Hotel for the night and made very welcome. Man and horse very tired. Roads getting heavy. Ex. 2.50 Miles 30

Thurs. Mar. 3 Cloudy

Left Blue Ball after a good night's rest and well cared for, for East Earl, Green Bank, Cedar Lane, Fitterville, several Mills, Beartown, Narvon, and Churchtown, where I took dinner at John E. Boehrsinger's Hotel

and was A-Number 1. Worked the town after dinner in rain then to Hertzler and Bowmansville and worked that town after night. Raining nearly all of P.M. Horse very tired. Colder in eve. 2.00 Ex. 35 miles. Stopped with J. B. Witwer (Hotel). Here I met an ex-sheriff of Berks Co.

Fri. Mar. 4 P. Cloudy

Ground frozen hard and roads very rough and much colder. Left Bowmansville. Muddy Creek, Red Run, Stephen where I took dinner at Dr. B. Buch Hotel, and worked the town after dinner. Then to Reinhold, Blaine Sport, Cocalico. Here I was right in between the mountains and almost Sundown. (Saw the High Mountain called Millback Mountain (Inverness)). And then to Schoenick where I arrived after crossing the mountain. When dark at S. B. Steely's Hotel. Tired and hungry. Also met Hon. J. A. Stober here, it being his home. 2.00 Ex. 35 miles. Cold all day and stormy.

Sat. Mar. 5 P. Cloudy

Left Schoenick early this morning for home after working several on the way. Arrived at Lancaster (Realty Hotel) about 11:30. Attended to some business p.m. and then started for home, arriving there about 4:30 p.m. Very glad to see family and find them all well. 2.25 Ex. 30 miles. At I.O.R.M. in eve.

Sun. Mar. 6

At Sunday school a.m. Drove over to Uncle C. B. Miller's. Wife and I to spend a short time but they were not home. At church this eve. Partly clear and not so cold.

Mon. Mar. 7

At mill partly all day. Looking after accounts and at home in eve. Great danger anticipated at Safe Harbor on account of ice and high river.

Ther. 6

Tues. Mar. 8

Rec'd word early this morning of the death of Daniel R. Shenk, Ex Supervisor near Safe Harbor. Went down and took charge of body. Charles along. He went from there to mill. Funeral on Friday at 9:30 and 10 o'clock at Green Hill Church a.m. At Uncle C. B. Miller's sale, p.m. Bought plough slaw cutter wireless. Rec'd word that the river had risen and did great damage to property and at Safe Harbor, taking houses, barns, and in fact everything that came in the way. The water at our mill was up over the top of the window frames of the lower story of the mill. Ice is piled 35 to 40 feet deep in places, destroying a great deal of property. Cold.

Wed. Mar. 9

Went to Safe Harbor this morning but could not get to mill and found things in terrible condition. County bridge at mill and railroad bridge at low end of town both gone. Every house on Conestoga side of creek except A. G. Hudson and H. M. Stauffer are almost a total loss. John D. Frippoli's store was a total loss. The water was never known to be so high here. Cold raw wind but moderating.

Thurs. Mar. 10

Took case to cemetery and stools to house. On arriving home rec'd word of the death of Polly Sourbeer at Mrs. Lee's, 511 West Walnut Street, Lancaster. Went in and took charge of body. Funeral on Sunday at 12 o'clock at house and 2:30 at Conestoga Center Reformed Church. Went to county commissioners to see about arranging for a levy or any bridge at Safe Harbor, but they thought not, but will use every effort to have it up soon. Was authorized by Mr. Kirk and Sam'l Diller to go to Safe Harbor and take charge of county bridge and fasten it. Drove

to Safe Harbor and took report along and had Charles and Mart tie it.

Fri. Mar. 11 Paid \$30.00

Attending funeral of Dan'l R. Shenk. Born 2-21-1831. Died 3-8-94. Aged 73 and 6 mos. Rev. Roemig, Kauffman, and Groff spoke. Text Heb. 4:9. Bearers: Geo. L. Warfel, John Campbell, Miles Miller, George Warfel, Jr. Very damp and muddy all day. Getting colder.

Sat. Mar. 12

Went to Lancaster to Ex Office and brought out casket a.m. Charles took case to cemetery and I went to Geo. Warfel sale p.m. Lined and trimmed casket in eve. Colder in eve.

Sun. Mar.13 \$40.00 Cash-20.00= \$20.00 Bal.

Attending funeral of Polly Sourbeer. Born June 19, 1821. Died March 10, 1904. Aged 82-2-4. Rev. Mr. Shelby spoke from 2 Cor. Bearers: Barry F. Smith, H. B. Thomas, Amos Graver, and Frank Markley. 4 Carriages. Much colder this morning.

Mon. Mar. 14

At Lancaster, Blanche along. Gave Bessie Winters \$15.00 (a loan). She giving me her gold watch and chain for security until she pays it back. If not paid, I will keep watch. Hope it may do her much good. I paid a note of \$100 to M. B. Good and one from S. B. Good for 150 and then Harry C. Lintner. Attended to some other business and then stared for home via Rock Hill. Snowing partly all day.

Tue. Mar. 15

Had intended going to work at appraisement this morning, but rec'd word by phone of death of S. Clinton Johnson (colored) of Safe Harbor. Went down and took charge of body

and set funeral for Friday morning at Colored Church Conestoga Center, 10 o'clock, went over to mill, etc. At home p.m., making ready for funeral, etc. Cold raw wind.

Wed. Mar. 16

Started for Adamstown this morning. Worked Adamstown, Swartzville, and Reamstown, and went to Denver this eve. Stopped at J. W. Miller's Hotel for tonight. A fine-looking place. Am very tired. Walked from Adamstown to Swartzville and then about 1 ½ miles out to see a friend and then not at home. Clear and much warmer and muddy.

Thurs. Mar. 17

Went to work early this morning at Denver and finished till 12 o'clock noon; took train for Ephrata and trolley to Lancaster and stage house. Charles had casket and Blanche shroud ready for tomorrow. Everything very satisfactory. The Miller's Hotel is fine. Good bed and extra good meals. Can recommend it to anyone. Very pleasant day but getting colder. A fine St. Patrick.

Fri. Mar. 18 \$35.00- cash 20.00=\$15.00

Attending funeral of Samuel Clinton Johnson. Born Feb. 10, 1869. Died March 15, 1904. Aged 34-11-5. Rev. Martin Groff preached from 1 James 4-14. Bearers: Samuel Bond, Jerry Casper, Simon Richardson, and Daniel Stump, 9 carriages. Snowed last night, raining this morning, but cleared about 11 a.m. Started for Quarryville and stopped to see mother and stayed at Eberley's all night. (Sister Lizzie) Was after dark till I got there. Roads very bad. Saw the first robins this a.m. as I went down the Sand Hill at East End of Center. Made it seem like spring.

Sat. Mar. 19

Started for Quarryville from Harry Eberley's this morning about 7:30, and worked the town nearly all till noon. Took dinner and had horse fed at Fritz Hotel. Started for Martinsville and then to Refton and home p.m. Feeling tired and roads very very bad. Very nice day over head.

Sun. Mar. 20

At Sunday school, practiced for Easter a.m. About home p.m. At preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelby in eve. Pleasant day but raw wind.

Mon. Mar. 21

At Lancaster partly all day. Rec'd word from Mr. Stager to come in on special business which was arranged. Returned home about 6 p.m. Damp, raining, partly all day.

Tues. Mar. 22 John Worth

Working all day sending out new notices on account of Putting Twp. and P.O. address on each one. Blanche tending store for John Worth all day. Something occurred which will end her attending to mail or store for him in future! Rather damp and chilly all day.

Wed. Mar. 23

About house writing nearly all day. Sending out extra notices. Blanche helping partly all day. Rather damp and cold.

Thurs. Mar. 24

At New Holland this morning. From house by stage. Worked all of it. Leola and finished Leacock and went to Lancaster and stayed all night with O. F. Bruner. Rather cold and stormy. Ex. 2.25 Miles 45.

Fri. Mar. 25

Left Lancaster to take up work at Ephrata Boro. Worked hard all day. Came back to

Lancaster in eve. and went to lodge at Millersville and back to Lancaster and stopped at O. F. Bruner's overnight. J. M. Bruner is there from Phila. Very beautiful day. Ex. 2.00 Miles 40

Sat. Mar. 26

Left Lancaster for Ephrata to finish work. Then came back to Lancaster @2 p.m. All ok. Took stage for home. Am feeling tired. Ex. 1.5 Miles 35. Very damp and rainy. Partly all day. moderating. At I.O.R.M. in eve. Declined for Asst. C of R and Trustee, was elected Representative of the tribe.

Sun. Mar. 27

At Sunday school and preaching a.m.; at house p.m. quite a number of young folks gathered here to pay their regards to Blanche and partook of lunch. Spent a pleasant eve. together. Pleasant all day.

Mon. Mar. 28

At Safe Harbor in morning and then to Lancaster. Wm. Bitts went along and will bring Jean home. After attending to some business, I went to Lititz p.m. and find it the busiest little boro I have been in yet. They certainly do a good business there. Worked p.m. and eve. Spent some time with Wm. H. Enck in eve. and stopped at the Springs Hotel. Frank Pfautz, Prop., is certainly ok. Cold raw wind all day.

Ther. 23

Tues. Mar. 29

Started in to work early after a good night's rest. Took walk up to the great Lititz Springs before breakfast. Worked the town. Went by trolley to Kissell Hill and then to Neffsville and Lancaster. Staid at O. F. Bruner's Hotel feeling very tired. Quite cold this morning, but beautiful day.

Wed. Mar. 30

Started for Manheim from Lancaster. Worked very hard all day. Made 54 calls today. Stopped at Summy House. Fine hotel. This is the easiest town I worked yet. Very pleasant day. But very tired. Returned to Lancaster in eve. very tired.

Thur. Mar. 31

At Lancaster. Went out to Binkley and finished there. Came back to Lancaster and then by Uncle C. B. Miller's home this eve. Had several men call to settle account. Raining nearly all day. Very damp.

Fri. April 1 Cloudy

At Lancaster all day. Did fair with collections; paid interest and several bills. Bro. Emmanuel went along in with me. Raining nearly all day. Very bad roads.

Sat. April 2 P. Cloudy

At Safe Harbor Mill a.m. About house p.m. At I.O.R.M. in eve. Dist. Deputy Great Sachem Bro Villie raised up the Chiefs of the Tribe #65. Raw cold wind all day.

Sun. April 3 Clear

At Sunday school and practicing Easter service a.m., and practicing in p.m. Held our Easter service this eve. Large audience present. Cold all day, few flakes of snow at noon. Cold wind all day.

Mon. April 4

Left home for Lancaster, took Blanche along. Started at my work after noon. Blanche was to go to Brunnerville, etc.; but she will go with me for the week (if she wishes to). Stopped at Akron Boro for the night at Minnich's Hotel. (fine). Pleasant today.

Tues. April 5

Left Akron for Munvell, Harristown, Lincoln, Weidonansville, Durlock, Mt. Airy, Hopeland, Clay, and Stafford. At Benj. L. Rohrer for the night, Brickerville. (Tired) Very pleasant day.

Wed. April 6

Left Brickerville to Brubaker, Lexington, Brunnerville, Penn, Pennryn. Took dinner at J. A. Hoke's Hotel. Then White Oak, Elstonville, Mt. Hope. Here we drove over the private roadway of Miss Grubb, a beautiful place; saw her summer mansion, with its driveways, lawn, etc. R.F.D. routes, Farmland, to Lancaster Junction where we put up for the night with J. K. Palm Hotel. Raining partly all p.m. and eve.

Thurs. April 7

Left Lancaster Junction. Left J. K. Palm Hotel for Sporting Hill, Old Line, Times Square, Mastersonville, a.m. Here I met an old Conestogan, Frankl Jones, where we took dinner, he having the hotel there. And then Milton Grove, Bellaire, Rheems, and Florin, where we put up for the night with H. Birch Hotel, worked the town in eve, met Mr. J. S. Carmany, our present Recorder of Deeds. Damp all day and cool.

Fri. April 8

Left H. Birch's Hotel, Florin this morning for Bainbridge, Conoy, and Rowenna, taking dinner at Bainbridge. Shock's Mills, Falmouth, several mills, and many towns. Worked the town in eve. in rain. Rec'd word this eve of the very sudden death of Aaron Henry. Will start for home early tomorrow morning. Damp a.m. Raining p.m. and eve.

Sat. April 9

Left Maytown Mr. Wenger's Hotel at 6:30 for home. Rec'd word last night of the sudden

death of Aaron Henry. Came home via Columbia Safe Harbor, arriving about 10:45 a.m. Went down to see family, etc., p.m. At A.O.K. of M. C. in eve. Had rather a warm discussion over matter of benefits for P. A. Lefever. Partly cloudy and some cooler today.

Sun. April 10 \$30.00

Went Henry's and put body of Aaron in casket. John C. Zercher helped. Went to church afterward. We celebrated the death of Christ by Holy Communion. Miss Alma F. Fralich and Norman B. Good were taken into the church by Confirmation and Baptism, a.m. Attended funeral of Aaron Henry, born August 1860, died April 8, 04. Aged 43-7-. Rev. C. B. Miller preached from Matthew 24-44. Bearers: J. W. Morrison, Christ Urban, Benj. F. Hill, and Wm. E. Keene. Large funeral, buried at Reformed Cemetery. Cool all day.

Mon. April 11

Was called out at 5 a.m. to take charge of body of John M. Smith who died very unexpectedly. John C. Zercher along. Laid out and embalmed body. Funeral will be on Wednesday at 9 and 10 o'clock at M. E. Church, this place. Went to Lancaster and brought casket along out. Had it shipped from Harrisburg Burial Case Co. and lined. Same ready for body p.m. and took case to cemetery. Cold raw wind all day.

Tues. April 12

Went to west Lampeter Twp. And worked some at Mercantile appraisement. Took dinner at Laush Hotel. At home in eve. Cold and very stormy all day.

Wed. April 13 25.00- Cash 20.00= Bal. 5.00

Went out and dressed body and put it in office. John C. Zercher helped. And cleaned

part of yard, a.m. Attended funeral of John. M. Smith. Born 4-15-1857. Died 4-11-1904. Aged 46-11-26 days. Rev. John McVeigh, a former pastor of this charge M. E. Church, preached text John 7-6. Bearers: J. W. Morrison, Christ Urban, John R. Good, D. B. Warfel. Hauled body to church, friends walked. Body looked very nice. Large funeral. Cold all day, several snow squalls today.

Thurs. April 14

About house. Brought stools from Smith's and getting ready to go to Mt. Joy. Pleasant day.

Fri. April 15

Went to Mt. Joy this morning. Worked hard all day. Returned to Lancaster this eve. Had word at hotel that Jacob Harnish, Sr. had died very unexpectedly this eve. Took trolley to Willow Street and John Zercher fetched me. I embalmed body, etc. Pleasant all day.

Sat. April 16

Went to Harnish to see after body and to Lancaster for coffin and case, a.m. Sent case to cemetery and lined coffin, etc., p.m. Pleasant all day.

Sun. April 17

Went down to see after body and to Sunday school a.m. About house p.m. Pleasant all day (cool).

Mon. April 18

Paid 38.00

Attending funeral of Jacob Harnish, Sr. Born 9-12-25. Died 4-15-1904. Aged 78-7-3. Rev. Abram B. Herr and Rev. Thomas preached from Rev. 14-13. Bearers: Henry Huber, Christian Harnish, Jacob Miller, and Isaac Harnish. 48 teams. Very Large funeral. Pleasant but cool.

Tues. April 19

About home, fetched stools, etc., from Harnish's and working at appraisement. Getting ready to leave home for balance of week. Cool all day.

Wed. April 20

Left home for Soudersburg via Lampeter this morning. Soudersburg, Ronks, Mascot, Groff Store, Witmer, and stopped at Lancaster overnight, Hotel Realty, O. F. Bruner, Prop. Very stormy all day and cold.

Thurs. April 21

Left Lancaster for Manheim Twp., Rossmere, E. Petersburg, Rohrerstown, Landisville, and stopped with Israel P. Moyer (Hotel). He used to be a large contractor and builder in Lancaster city. Pleasant day, but working hard.

Fri. April 22

Finished working Landisville, and then Salunga, Cordelia, and took dinner at Kinderhook, with Sol Zeamer who was County Commissioner when I was twp. assessor. Worked country store, then Silver Spring, Mountville, and then to Lancaster. Staid all night at Hotel Realty, O. F. Bruner, Prop. Very tired, both horse and man. Warm and dry.

Sat. April 23

Worked balance of E. and W. Hempfield and Manor Twp. and then home by Wabank. Warm all day.

Sun. April 24

At Sunday school and preaching a.m. About house p.m. Cold all day.

Mon. April 25

Left home for Marietta via Lancaster. Worked nearly all of the boro today. Came

back to Lancaster this eve. Worked very hard today. Took dinner and supper at J. E. Witmer Hotel. Damp, light rain along river.

Tues. April 26

Went to Columbia. Worked there all day. Stopped at H. G. Garber's Hotel while working there. Returned to Lancaster this eve. Pleasant day.

Wed. April 27

Working at Columbia all day. Returned to Lancaster this eve. Raining partly all of a.m.

Thurs. April 28

Working at Columbia all day. Returned to Lancaster this eve. Partly damp and unpleasant.

Fri. April 29

Finished Columbia and Little Washington today and returned to Lancaster this eve. Pleasant all day.

Sat. April 30

Had a few calls to make at Marietta and outskirts of Columbia this a.m. Returned home p.m. Well pleased with week's work.

Sun. May 1

At Sunday School a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Pleasant all day.

Mon. May 2

Went to Lancaster to commence at city. Worked 5th Ward first today. Went better than I expected. Warmer

Tues. May 3

Worked 9th Ward today. Am very tired. Warm all day.

Wed. May 4

Worked 6th Ward today. Worked very hard to get it done. Warm.

Thurs. May 5

Worked 8th Ward today. Still getting heavier. Very sore and tired. The pavements do not agree with me. Warm all day.

Fri. May 6

Worked 7th Ward today. Worked hard all day. Will not work tomorrow on account of market day. Pleasant and warm.

Sat. May 7

Making up books, etc., and getting ready for next week. Did a hard week's work. Am well pleased, but find it is wearing me down. A nice day.

Sun. May 8

At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. I need rest very much. Pleasant day.

Mon. May 9

Worked in 3rd Ward, but did not get through. Raining part of the day, but worked on. Very nice; rain this p.m.

Tues. May 10

Worked in 4th Ward all day, and finished the 3rd Ward. Pleasant day.

Wed. May 11

Finished 4th Ward and worked in 2 balance of day. These are very heavy wards. Pleasant day.

Thurs. May 12

Worked in 2nd Ward all day. Pleasant day.

Fri. May 13

Worked in the 1st Ward today all day. This is the largest day's work I have done yet, it seems. Everything just came right. I wrote out 94 papers today. Making a big day wages, the most ever I made in one day.

\$47.00. Rec'd word this eve of the death of John Eshleman's wife (the stage driver's wife). Died about 5:30 this eve. Took trolley via Millersville, and John Zercher met me at Morton's. Charles had embalmed body when I came home. Looked after same and made arrangements for funeral for Monday. Warm all day.

Sat. May 14

At Lancaster for casket a.m. At Eshleman and at home p.m. At Eshleman in eve. Lined casket, etc., today. Warm all day.

Sun. May 15

At Sunday school and Eshleman's a.m. At home p.m. and church in eve. Warm all day.

Mon. May 16

Paid \$40.00

Attending funeral of Lottie A. Eshleman, wife of John H. Born 1-14-56. Died 5-13-1904. Aged 48- 3- 29 days. Rev. Bond and Shelby preached from Rev. 15-13. Bearers: George W. Preis, Jos. M. Witmer, Addison H. Benedict, and Fed. H. Sickman. 15 carriages. Large funeral at church. Very pleasant day.

Tues. May 17

Fetches stools from Eshleman, etc. working about home all day. Pleasant.

Wed. May 18

Working in 1st Ward all day. These center wards are certainly heavy. Pleasant day.

Thurs. May 19

Working in 1st Ward. Finished it and in 2nd Ward balance of day. Pleasant day.

Fri. May 20

Working in 1st and 2nd Wards mostly wholesale and finishing a few scattered retailers. Pleasant day.

Sat. May 21

Worked on the outskirts of city. Wholesale and retail. Came home on stage in eve. I certainly did a hard week's work. I am not sorry that I am so near through. Pleasant day. Blanche and Charles went down to spend tomorrow with Mother and Eberley.

Ther. 89 Clear

Sun. May 22

At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Pleasant all day. Warm. Was called out this morning about 3 o'clock to take charge of the body of my old friend Jacob Henry who died very suddenly. Went out and embalmed body. Will have to do my very best as the funeral will not be till Thursday at 10 o'clock. Emily L. Hookey died this morning about 8:30. Funeral on Wednesday. Mr. Urban has charge (Bro-in-law).

Ther. 91 P. Clear

Mon. May 23

Blanche and I very busy at our books getting ready for Appeal Day. Very warm.

Ther. 91 P. Clear

Tues. May 24

Working at books all day. Blanche helping, must have them for tomorrow. Mercantile Appeal Day tomorrow. Lined casket in p.m. and got everything ready for funeral.

Ther. 93 P. Clear

Wed. May 25

At Lancaster attending Appeal for Mercantile Tax. A number were there. Mostly small stores who asked for exoneration. Quite a number were granted. Returned home in eve. Very warm all day.

Ther. 91 P. Clear Telephone 40.00 Paid

Thurs. May 26

Attending funeral of Jacob Henry. Born 3-14-1831. Died 5-22-1904. Aged 73 years, 1 mo., and 28 days. Rev. Mr. Bond preached from Cor. 15-55. Rev. John McVeigh spoke very consoling and encouraging to the family, friends, and all. Bearers: Jos. H. McLaughling, Robert Erb, Landis Graver, Martin Henry. 28 carriages in procession. Very large funeral. I am very much pleased with the way the body kept. It was very nice; looked very natural. Very warm all day.

Fri. May 27

At Lancaster at Treas. office making up my books from yesterday. At home by 12:30, more wrighting (*sic*) etc. p.m. Went to Millersville to lodge in eve. M. H. Groff came along home from there, and quite cold driving. Not near so warm today. Heavy hailstorm at Columbia, Manheim, etc. on Thursday eve. The paper states hail felt like hulled walnuts.

Sat. May 28

About house all day writing, etc. Charles at mill all day posting books, etc. At I.O.R.M. in eve. The band is holding festival this eve. The Mercantile List is publishing in this eve's New Era & Intelligencer. Quite cool all day. U.S. Senator Matthew Stanley Quay died this p.m. about 3:30 o'clock.

Sun. May 29

At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At preaching by Bro. Shelby in eve. Very pleasant all day. (Cool)

Mon. May 30

About home writing partly all day. Sent a number of statements of mill account, etc. Warm all day. Very nice shower of rain this eve, which was so much needed.

Tues. May 31

Replanting corn. The blackbirds are very bad at it. —and writing. Warm all day. Rained partly all day.

Wed. June 1

Replanting corn, etc. Helped John C. Zercher to plant tobacco. I hold out for him. Writing balance of day. Very damp all day and rain.

Thurs. June 2

Working in lot a.m. Went to mill p.m. and fetched Edith Handista Hudson along up from train, a friend of Blanche's (of Baltimore). Warm all day and rained showers a.m., p.m., and eve.

Fri. June 3

Working at mercantile books partly all day. Very warm all day.

Ther. 92

Sat. June 4

Working in lot partly all day in garden, etc. and made sweet potato rows. Very warm all day. Fred F. Brenner here to see about building shed to front of barn and a recess in church.

Sun. June 5

At Sunday school and preaching by Mr. Shelby who took dinner with us. We called his attention to his use of so much manuscript in preaching. He promised to use less, and try to use none, a.m. At home, p.m. Lottie Fralich was married to Hoak this p.m. Heavy rain this eve and heavy thunder.

Mon. June 6 P. Cloudy

At Lancaster all day; Blanche along. Took mercantile books in to Treas. Office. Bought watch and chain for Charles in place of the one taken at S.N.S. Millersville some time

ago. Heavy rain and thunder storm this eve.
Very warm all day.

Tues. June 7 P. Cloudy
Planted sweet potato sprouts in lot below
garden and worked in shop all of p.m. Very
warm a.m. Heavy rain p.m. The Conestoga
Creek is reported as being very high today.

Wed. June 8
Working about house and shop, etc., etc.
Pleasant day.

Thurs. June 9
Working in garden and lot partly all day. Very
warm all day.

Fri. June 10
Rec'd word this morning of the death of
Abrm. M. Myers at the county hospital (by
phone). Went out and brought body to his
last home from where the funeral will be
held on Sunday at 1 and 2 p.m. Went to Safe
Harbor and brought up casket and supplies
in eve. Raining partly all of a.m.

Sat. June 12
Lining casket, etc., for Abrm. Myers. Sent
case to cemetery, etc. At I.O.R.M. in eve and
at the Strawberry Festival for benefit of our
church in eve., but on account of rain it was
not a success. Very warm.

Sun. June 12 Paid 65.00
Attending funeral of Abrm. M. Myers. Born
June 7, 1841. Died June 9, 1904. Aged 63
years, 2 days. Rev. Jacob Thomas opened the
services and Rev. Abrm. Witmer preached
from text Ecclesiastes 9-10. Bearers: A. C.
Charles, Jacob Charles, Ezra Eshleman, Jonas
Harnish (nephews). 26 carriages. Very large
funeral. Mrs. Amos K. Benedict was buried
at Mt. Zion this p.m.

Mon. June 13 P. Cloudy
Was called to Safe Harbor this morning to
take charge of the body of Jacob E.
Benedict's child. Funeral to be held on
Wednesday p.m. at Green Hill Church. John
C. Zercher will take charge, as I am going to
Harrisburg tomorrow to attend the sessions
of the G.C.I. of the I.O.R.M. drove to
Lancaster and took dinner at Mr. Bruner's
whose 75 birthday was celebrated today.
Had a very pleasant time. Wife and Blanche
came along home with me and Charles went
back to school. Very pleasant day.

Tues. June 14
Left home early this morning for Harrisburg
to attend the session of the G. C. of the
I.O.R.M. that is meeting there. Left home at
5 a.m. John C. Zercher took me to Lancaster
where I met Dist. Deputy G. S. and he and I
went together. We stopped at the Eagle
Hotel with Mrs. Wm. Farmer, her husband
having died quite recently, and then went to
the Great Council, which met in the Board of
Trade building. Pleasant all day.

Wed. June 15 10-- P. Clear
Attending session of Great Council of
I.O.R.M. all day at Harrisburg. Some very
important business being before that body
and acted upon. John C. Zercher attended
the funeral of Jacob E. Benedict's child, aged
____. Buried at Green Hill. Very pleasant day.
A terrible accident happened to an excursion
party at Sunday school. Scholars and
teachers and friends at New York. It is
supposed that over 1000 lives were lost.
(Fire erupted aboard the steamboat General
Slocum in New York City's East River.)

Thurs. June 16 P. Clear
At Harrisburg attending closing session of G.
C. of I.O.R.M. Settled for hotel bill, 3.50.
Viewing parade. 5000 men are reported as

being in line. Started for home at 4:25 p.m., arriving there at 7:45. Took supper and then went down to George Myers to see after body of sister that was shipped from Philadelphia and brought from Lancaster by John C. Zercher this noon. Funeral will be held tomorrow p.m. at Marticville. Very beautiful day.

Fri. June 17 13.00

Attending funeral of Ida M. Myers. Born July 1, 1865; died June 13, 1904. Aged 38-11-12. Rev. Bond and Rev. Hunt of Millersville charge, spoke from Rom. 8-28. Bearers: Harry Benedict, Amos S. Benedict, David Weidlich, Charles Eshleman, H. Frank Hess. 8 carriages. Large funeral at church; very fine floral display, one a cross 4 feet long. Very threatening weather; warm all day.

Sat. June 18

Working about house all day. Charles down posting books at mill. At J. R. Yentzer's in eve. Very warm.

Sun. June 19

At Sunday school and preaching a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Very pleasant all day. Children's Day at M. E. Church this eve.

Mon. June 20

At Lancaster, wife and Blanche along. Doing work at Treasurer's Office, etc. Warm all day.

Tues. June 21 P. Clear

Went to Herr's Lime Kiln, fetched 6 bu. lime for mason's work at shed in front of barn \$1.20, a.m. About house getting ready for Masons, etc. p.m. Very warm a.m. Rain p.m. (Gust) Cooler in eve.

Wed. June 22 P. Clear

At Lancaster all day. My last appeal day. Asked for and rec'd exonerations for J. D.

Tripple, Wm. Riale, W. R. Boyd, and my bro. E. H. Z.; and a reduction of 1000 for H. M. Stauffer. Paid mine 5.75. Had quite a talk with Co. Commissioner Greider M. L. about the bridge at Safe Harbor. He said he would do all he could toward having it built soon. Jos. M. Witmer here putting up wall in front of barn for shed for driving in and tobacco, etc. Very pleasant day, much cooler.

Thurs. June 23

Worked hard all day helping Jos. M. Witmer at wall in front of barn, mixing mortar, etc. John Rhinesler (?) up from mill harrowing corn and plowing same. Very cool this morning and quite warm during day. Sent check to B. and Loan for May payment.

Fri. June 24 Clear

Worked hard all day. Finished wall. Paid for same \$6.00 to Jos. M. Witmer for 3 days. Lime cost 1.20 at kiln. Very warm all day.

Ther. 95 P. Clear

Sat. June 25

Worked hard all day cleaning up and leveling off around walk. Am very tired, not used to this kind of work, and so very warm. Charles at mill posting books acct. I made my G. C. report this eve. to IORM. Very warm all day.

Ther. 97

Sun. June 26

At Sunday school a.m. About house p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by Roy Leinbaugh, student at F and M. Thunder, gust, very light rain. Very warm all day.

Mon. June 27

Was called out at 2:15 this morning to come to Manor Twp. to take charge of the body of John Lines Sr. Embalmed body. Funeral on Wednesday at 9 at house, at 10:30 at Mt. Zion church, this place. Came home and

went to Lancaster, took Blanche along. Paid Jonas F. Eby and Son for corn. Corn rec'd some time ago. Not nearly so warm this eve. Very much cooler.

Tues. June 28

Went to Keperlings to look after body, found it all right. Fetched casket from Safe Harbor Station, etc., a.m. Took case to Mt. Zion Cemetery. Lined casket, etc. p.m.

Wed. June 29 Casket 32.00+Shroud 5.00= 37.00.

Attending funeral of John S. Lines. Born May 9, 1826. Died June 26, 1904. Aged 78-1-17. Rev. Mr. Mengel preached from Rev. 21 + 4. Bearers: John Bleacher, John Elmyre, Andrew Aument, and Benj. McMullen. 8 teams. Small funeral. Left house at 9 o'clock a.m., and went via Rock Hill, Safe Harbor, and then to Mt. Zion Church, arriving there at 11:25 with tired horses, all on account of bridge being away at Safe Harbor. It is very unhandy. Very warm all day.

Thurs. June 30

Working at corn hoeing and thinning all day. Home in eve. Very warm all day.

Fri. July 1

Working at corn and trimmed out trees, etc., along edge of woods and corn patch. Very warm all day.

Sat. July 2

Working about house a.m. Rec'd word this noon of the burning and death of Jacob L. Bitts' daughter Grace of Lancaster. She started the fire using coal oil. The oil took fire, exploding the can, setting fire to her clothing. This occurred about 10 a.m. and she died a few minutes after 12 noon. Went in and took charge of body and found it very badly burned. Embalmed same, wrapping it up entirely with cloth saturated with fluid.

Brought body along out to my place and will take it down tomorrow. Warm all day.

Sun. July 3

At Sunday school and preaching by Mr. Shelby, a.m. At home, took the body of Grace B. Bitts down to her grandparents' house (H. H. Bitts). Chas. and John Zercher went to Lancaster for to bring out casket from Ex. office. Warm all day.

Mon. July 4 Casket 22.50 Cash 10

At home lining casket, etc. a.m. Attending funeral of Grace B., daughter of Jacob L. and Rebecca Bitts, born Dec. 13, 1893; died July 2, 1904; aged 10-6-19. Rev. Mr. Bond opened the services and Martin Groff preached the sermon from Matt. 4-41. Latter clause. Bearers: Frank, Wm., Edward, and Guy Bitts, 4 Bros. and Uncles of dec'd. 11 carriages. Body kept very nicely. Very warm all day.

Ther. 93

Tues. July 5

At Lancaster all day. At Treas. Office on duty several hours and attended to some business, etc. Warm all day; thunder gust in eve with light rain.

Ther. 96

Wed. July 6

Mowing grass a.m. John C. Zercher and I hauling in hay, etc. p.m. I am almost frayed out the eve, very sore and tired; have it all in without any rain. Charles at mill a.m., helping at hay p.m. Very warm all day.

Thur. July 7

Mowing grass in the orchard John and I, a.m. About house, p.m. and eve. Charles took wife and Blanche over to Beckie's at Rock Hill and went to Millersville for his truck and fetched them home in the eve. Charles rec'd

a postal from Metropolitan Hotel, Asberry Park, notifying him to come on for a waiter. Very warm all day. Light rain in eve.

Fri. July 8

Made line fence between Benj. F. Henry and the Urban lot. Aldus M. Charles put up the wire fence. John Zercher and I put in the posts, etc. Was hard work. Paid Charles for fence \$5.60. Warm all day. Light rain a.m. Partly cloudy.

Sat. July 9

At Lancaster all day. Took Charles along in, bought him clothes and seen him off on the 10:30 train, Keystone Express for Asberry Park, N. J., where he will be one of the waiters at the Metropolitan Hotel for the season. Hope he may have a nice time and prove satisfactory to his employer. Very pleasant day.

Sun. July 10

At Sunday school, and preaching in eve. Decided to hold celebration on the 23rd just p.m. and eve. Warm all day. Martin Bleacher died very suddenly this a.m. He was found dead in his bath room, 23 E. Vine St. Lancaster city. He was formerly of Marticville.

Mon. July 11

Working about house all day. Helped John C. Zercher to shovel, harrow his tobacco a.m. Very warm all day. Our heifer (*sic*) dropped calf this p.m. Had a letter from Charles this eve. He likes it very much.

Tues. July 12

Working about house a.m. getting in hay. Out in the Urban orchard, etc., p.m. Wm. Bitts took charge of the stage this morning, which he bought off John J. Eshleman lately. Very warm. Heavy rain about 3:30, the

heaviest rain this summer, and another heavy shower at 9:20 p.m. While I am wrighting (*sic*) this, it is just pouring rain. The Lee and Richmond show is in the town tonight. Hard on them.

Wed. July 13 Clear

Digging in posts for hog sty, etc., a.m. Drove to Safe Harbor, paid freight on car grain and on lumber for self. And ref'd church (540+101= 646) from there to Daniel G. Rankin. But was not home, and then home. Blanche along. Very beautiful day (cool). The air is very pure. Martin Bleacher buried at Marticville M. E. Cemetery today.

Thurs. July 14 Clear

Working about house all day. Hauling lumber from car (mill team). Had Amos F. Martin to fix iron gate post that Harry Jenkins broke off last fall. Paid him \$1.00 for same and put it to its place again.

Fri. July 15

Working about house all day. Chas. Kreider helped to haul balance of lumber off of car at Safe Harbor. Paid him for same \$.75. I put center post in at front gates (iron) and hung them to close. Put balance of hay in, etc. Very pleasant day. Warm.

Ther. 102

Sat. July 16

At mill all day. Posting accounts. Busy all day. Very warm all day. Rec'd a letter from Charles. He likes it very well.

Ther. 102

Sun. July 17

At Sunday school and preaching by Rev. Shelby a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Very warm all day. Ther. was 89 at 6:30 this eve. in the shade. It is very close, scarcely a leaf moving.

Ther. 100

Mon. July 18

At Lancaster all day. Dr. Good along. I was in the Treasurer's Office all of a.m. I was very highly complimented by Mr. H. L. Slager, Deputy Treasurer. He has been in the office for 5 years and he said (not to flatter) that I have the largest number of returns, over \$1000 more of assessments and less exonerations than any of my predecessors. Best books and least mistakes. He said Mr. Grissinger of last year was good but mine is very much better, and would be very glad for my reappointment, but this is not the rule. Thanks, Mr. Slager. At home in eve. Very warm all day.

Ther. 98 P. Clear

Tues. July 19

Mowing grass in orchard and out at church. Started Masons to put ref. wall for recess at church. Jos. M. Witmer doing the work and in orchard, etc. balance of day. Rec'd hay of Val Knisley and paid him \$1.00 on same. Very warm all day. Light rain about 5 p.m. but did not cool off much. More air today but very warm where air did not reach you.

Wed. July 20

About house all day. Fred L. Brenner came with Amos Dietrich, George Brenner, and Roy Duke and commenced work on the attachment to barn. Busy all day. Warm all day.

Thurs. July 21

About house all day. Brenner and men here today working at shed. Warm all day but very pleasant day.

Fri. July 22

Working about house all day. The carpenters only worked 7 hours on account of rain. Raining partly all of a.m. Cloudy p.m. Damp all day. Wife fell this eve in stepping off of back porch and sprained her right ankle very badly. She is not able to walk on it at all. Hope it will soon be better.

Sat. July 23

Working about the house and had John C. Zercher to take boards, benches, etc. to woods for Sunday school celebration this p.m. Went to the church and left for the woods about 1:20 with band. Had a very nice time. The children seemed to be pleased very much and a large crown this eve. Miss Oretta Eshleman and Miss Alma Fralich did the collecting for the band. They did fair collecting—12.36. The band charged us \$10.00 for playing. Partly cloudy all day, but a beautiful day. Light showers about 9:00 p.m.

Sun. July 24

At Sunday school in a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Warm all day.

Mon. July 25

At Lancaster all day. Blanche along in to doctor (Paigon). She seems to be getting stronger. Bought things for house, milk, and for barn. Very warm all day. Rain in p.m.

Tues. July 26

Working at buildings and carpenters here. Getting along nicely. Very warm. Rain p.m.

Wed. July 27

Working about buildings all day and at church. Rec'd word this eve of the death of Levi Wilson's child. Went over and took charge of body. Very warm all day.

Thurs. July 28

About house all day. Cleaning rubbish at building, etc. Very warm all day. Light rain.

Fri. July 29 6.50

Attending to burial of infant son of Levi and Martha Wilson. Born 7-17-1904. Died 7-27-1904. Aged 10 days. Buried at Brick Mennonite Church, Willow Street. No services. Warm all day.

Sat. July 30

Working about house cleaning up about buildings, etc., all day. Very warm all day.

Sun. July 31

No Sunday school or preaching at our church today on account of church repairs. At M. E. Church in eve. Rev. Mr. Bond spoke. Very warm all day.

Mon. Aug. 1

At Lancaster attending meeting of County Committees. We organized by electing Sam'l W. Diller chairman, and attended to other business. Returned home about 4 o'clock p.m. Very warm. Several nice showers of rain.

Tues. Aug. 2

At Lancaster by stage. Working at books at Treas. Office. Light rain a.m., p.m., and eve. Wm. E. Keene, Dan'l Eckman, and Anna Caldwell have typhoid fever.

Wed. Aug. 3 P. Cloudy

Hauling lumber to Urban barn. Have home posts to Urban property for fence, a.m. Making fence at home and at mill. Ear corn in and at fence, p.m. John C. Zercher all day. Warm all day.

Tues. Aug. 4

Working about house all day. Made fence between yard and barnyard and hung gate, etc. John C. Zercher helped all day. The sun was very warm, not so warm in eve.

Fri. Aug. 5

Working about house all day. Was down with Mr. Wm. E. Keene all last night. He has typhoid fever. He rested real well. John C. Zercher not working for me today. Very warm all day. Delilah Bruner came here this eve.

Sat. Aug. 6

At mill partly all day posting books, etc. At I.O.R.M. in eve. The following committee on annual supper was appointed: A. J. Zercher, Benj. H. Montgomery, Edw. Duke, Christ Urban, A. F. Martin. Very warm all day.

Sun. Aug. 7

At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and preaching in eve by Rev. Mr. Watts. Very warm all day.

Mon. Aug. 8

At Lancaster, Blanche along. At Treas. Office. Paid Mr. M. Likens Co. my years dues \$30.84. Bought things for house, etc. Thundergust last night. Light rain. Pleasant all day. Paid John C. Zercher cash \$3.00.

Tues. Aug. 9

Working at mercantile books partly all day. Rev. M. M. Noacher (?) spent part of the day with us. I was at church in morning helping paper hangers to move scaffold. Very pleasant day. Cool.

Wed. Aug. 10

At Lancaster all day. Finished up my mercantile business today. Amt. rec'd \$1197.00. Less postage, mileage. They are

highly pleased with my work. Bought a few things for house, etc. Very warm all day. Light rain a.m. and p.m. And very heavy rain about 6:30 p.m.

Thurs. Aug. 11

Working at house a.m. Drove to Morton's and took tally (special) for the undertakers' outing and went to Pequea where we had supper at the River View Hotel (Mr. Wingastring (?) Prop.) and spent the p.m. very pleasantly. Returned home on the 6 o'clock car arriving at 7:30 p.m. Wife along. Very pleasant day.

Fri. Aug. 12

At home all day. Mowed yard, etc., a.m. Fixed pump in upper cistern. Put new leather on buckets, etc., etc., p.m. Esther and Sarah invade. Spent the eve with Blanche. They are certainly lively girls. Very pleasant day. Cool. Paid Mr. C. F. Newell 25.00 by check on acct. of church papering.

Sat. Aug. 13

At mill all day posting books, etc. Martin Groff went to Green Hill S. S. celebration. At eve at I.O.R.M. We held our annual chicken corn soup supper. Everything passed off very nicely so far as supper was concerned, but some of the members did not act the part of bro very much. The committee was A. J. Zercher, Chairman; A. F. Martin, Edw. Duke, B. H. Montgomery, Christ Urban. Very pleasant all day. __Two years ago this supper cost a trifle over \$40. This year \$15.42. Note difference.

Sun. Aug. 14

About home all day. Very tired and not feeling so well. Wife and Blanche drove over to Rock Hill this p.m. to Beckers. Very pleasant day.

Mon. Aug. 15

At Lancaster afternoon attending to business. At home about 4 p.m. Rec'd word this evening of the death of Mrs. Joseph Aston on Back Harbor Road. Embalmed body, etc., in eve. Funeral on Thursday a.m. Fetched Mary Bruner along out. Very warm all day.

Tues. Aug. 16

About home and went down to see after body. Everything all right, a.m. Working about house p.m. John C. Zercher took apples over to Denlinger and made cider, about 41 gal. John worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day. Very pleasant day.

Wed. Aug. 17

Boiling apple butter with cider, 16 crocks. Lined casket, etc. Sent sauce down to house by John C. Zercher in eve. Not feeling well at all myself. Will put body in casket tomorrow morning. Very warm all day. Very heavy gust in p.m. and one in eve. A great deal of damage done by hail (Mountville, etc.).

Thurs. Aug. 18 35.00

Attending funeral of Susan B., wife of Jos. Aston. Born 8-18-32. Died 8-15-1904. Aged 71-11-27. Rev. Mr. Romig preached from 2 Cor. 5-1. Rev. Martin Groff preached from St. John 4-4. Bearers: Christ K. Elwood, Chester K. Aston, John Dobles. No hearse; carried from house to church. Large funeral. 82 persons took dinner at house a.m. Went to mill and then home p.m. Very pleasant day.

Fri. Aug. 19

Went down to Jos. Aston's after stools from funeral yesterday, etc. Helped to paint, etc., at church p.m. Cool and damp all day.

Sat. Aug. 20
Painting at church with Henry and Chas. Hill. Helped a.m. Working about house p.m. At I.O.R.M. in eve. Had some trouble with J. B. Urban with regard to a statement circulated about trained nurse for Mr. Wm. Cramer. Damp partly all day. Heavy rain in p.m., also in eve. Paid Wm. G. Henry 1.00. David B. Fontes took his 2 shoats away this p.m. Will get the rye later.

Sun. Aug. 21
Went down to see mother (Blanche & J.) and found her very well. Spent the day very pleasantly. Returned home eve. Very pleasant day.

Mon. Aug. 22
At Lancaster all day. Blanche along to doctor. John C. Zercher began cutting tobacco today. Very warm p.m. Light rain in morning. Thunder gust in eve. Mr. Wm. E. Keene and David Eckman are reported worse this eve. Bro. John J. Good is reported very poorly. (old age)

Tues. Aug. 23
Working at church all day. Pleasant all day.

Wed. Aug. 24
Wife and Annie Hill went to Lancaster for carpet for church. I was at church painting all day and varnishing seats. Pleasant all day.

Thurs. Aug. 25
Working at church all day. Pleasant day.

Fri. Aug. 26
Was called to come to Wm. E. Keene and take charge of his body; he died this morning at 7 o'clock. Embalmed body and made arrangements for funeral for Monday at 9 at the house and 2:30 at New Providence.

Went to Lancaster on business. Returned home in eve.

Sat. Aug. 27
Very busy all day. Lined casket etc., etc. At I.O.R.M. in eve. Beautiful day.

Sun. Aug. 28
Attending rededication services at our church this a.m. At Keene morning and eve. Had children service in p.m. Passed off very nicely, and at preaching in eve. Rev. M. M. Froach preached in morning and spoke to the children in p.m. Rev. Mr. D. W. Gerhart in eve.

Mon. Aug. 29 Paid \$97.00
Attending funeral of Wm. E. Keene. Born 4-14-60. Died 8-26-04. Aged 44-4-12. Rev. Noah Z. Hess and Uncle C. B. Miller preached from Gen. 18-25. At his late home at 9 a.m. We took dinner and then took body to New Providence Mennonite Church when Rev. H. S. Shelby preached from 119 ___ 151 verse. Bearers: Wm. Benedict, Al. T. Henry, B. H. Montgomery, Willis Sternebauer, Frank McMillan, Christ Urban. 31 carriages. This was one of best caskets I ever furnished. Very large funeral at both places. He will be missed and a very fine man. Body kept fine, looked very natural. Beautiful day; only dusty.

Tues. Aug. 30
Helped John C. Zercher to hang up tobacco in the Urban barn this a.m. At mill p.m. Fetched stools, etc., from Keene's this morning. Pleasant all day.

Wed. Aug. 31
Working about house all day. Very pleasant day.

Thurs. Sept. 1

Working about house all day. Sent statements to Dbton. Pleasant all day.

Fri. Sept. 2

Put window in hen house and helped wife to boil apple butter. Pleasant all day.

Sat. Sept. 3

Working about house a.m. At mill. Had very heavy thunderstorm, a few hail. No damage but very heavy rain washed the roads very badly. P.M., Mrs. Sue J. Keene paid me for her husband's casket, burial, etc. this eve. \$97.00. This is the most satisfactory. "She is very much pleased." At I.O.R.M. in eve. Did not stay on account of gust. Went home to family. Very warm today.

Sun. Sept. 4

At Sunday school and preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelby a.m. At home p.m. resting, am very tired and seem to be run down. Martin F. Good and wife here in eve. Very pleasant day. After the heavy rain the air seems so pure.

Mon. Sept. 5

At Lancaster. Blanche along. Attended County Committee meeting. Decided to hold primary October 1 to nominate Prothonotary. Give them all a chance. Labor Day parade at Lancaster. Very pleasant day.

Tues. Sept. 6

Working about house all day. Wife, Blanche, and Mary Bruner over at Amos Graver to spend the day. Our son Charles returned home from Asbury Park this eve after an absence of nearly two months. We were all very glad to see him. He is very much pleased with his stay there. Pleasant all day.

Wed. Sept. 7

Working about house and helped John C. Zercher in his tobacco nearly all day. Very pleasant day.

Thurs. Sept. 8

Working about house all day and helped John C. Zercher in his tobacco. Quite warm.

Fri. Sept. 9

At mill all day. Posting books, etc. Quite warm all day.

Sat. Sept. 10

At mill all day. Posting books, etc. At I.O.R.M. in eve. Light rain this eve.

Sun. Sept. 11

At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At preaching in eve by Rev. Mr. Shelby. Pleasant all day. Mrs. John Sweigart died last night; will be buried here at the Reformed Cemetery on Wednesday a.m.

Mon. Sept. 12

At Lancaster. Bought car barn of H. K. Keller and attended to other business. Quite warm. Showers p.m. Thunder gust in eve. Some hail in river corner.

Tues. Sept. 13

At mill partly all day. Posting books. Partly clear.

Wed. Sept. 14

At mill all day, posting books, etc. very damp, rainy all day. Mrs. John Sweigart was buried at Reformed Church this a.m.

Thurs. Sept. 15

Working about house a.m. At mill p.m. The young folks had a surprise party for Charles. About 150 young folks took supper. They

certainly had a fine time! Very pleasant day, but much cooled.

Fri. Sept. 16

Picking up apples for cider and went to mill about 10 a.m. for balance of day. John C. Zercher took apples away and made cider, 107 gallons. Expect to boil butter tomorrow. Quite cool all day, but pleasant. Paid Bro. Emmanuel \$10.00 on account of tin roof.

Sat. Sept. 17

At home all day. Boiled apple butter today of one barrel of cider. Went to I.O.R.M. in eve. Very tired. Very pleasant day, warm.

Sun. Sept. 18

At Sunday school and Harvest Service a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Samuel Eby, wife, and daughter spent the day with us from Salunga. Very pleasant day.

Mon. Sept. 19

At Lancaster took Blanche to Dr. Kellog for osteo---- ailment, and attended to some other business. Very pleasant day.

Tues. Sept. 20

At mill all day working at books, etc. rainy and damp.

Wed. Sept. 21

At mill all day unloading car barn and working at books. Much cooler. The indications are for frost.

Thurs. Sept. 22

About house, wife and Blanche at Lancaster a.m. At mill p.m. much cooler; thermometer down to 34 degrees this morning and a very heavy frost done a great deal of damage to tobacco. Cold raw wind all day. All indications are for another frost tonight.

Fri. Sept. 23

At mill all day. Finished books to September 1 and commenced in September. Very heavy frost this morning, heavier than yesterday, and cold all day. Had fire in mill office very uncomfortable with out the 36 degrees this morning.

Sat. Sept. 24

At mill all day working at books, etc. At I.O.R.M. in eve. Moderating some but cold raw wind. No frost this morning.

Sun. Sept. 25

At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev. H.S. Shelby, Pastor. Partly cloudy all day, much warmer, but still cool.

Mon. Sept. 26

At Lancaster on business. Blanche along to doctor. Returned house p.m. Damp partly all day.

Tues. Sept. 27

At mill and brought up straw from H. M. Stauffer and paid for same. Pleasant all day.

Wed. Sept. 28

Went down to see mother this morning. Bought 4 hens of her for \$2.10. At home in eve. Damp all day.

Thurs. Sept. 29

Wife, Blanche, and Charles went to the wedding of Miss Olivia May Harnish, daughter of the late Jos. S. Harnish, to Samuel L. Herr of Manor. Chas. was usher to the organist Miss Blanche Hostetter. The bridal party accompanied them to Lancaster. I was taking out sweet potatoes a.m. and at the public sale of Jacob Glick's personal property. At house in eve. Damp partly all day.

Fri. Sept. 30

Taking out sweet potatoes, etc. John C. Zercher getting lot ready for seeding. Rather damp. Very stormy all day and cool. Charles birthday today. He is 20 years old. How time flies. I think it can scarcely be so.

Sat. Oct. 1

Seeded part of lot about 2 acres to rye, put phosphate \$4.85 on by drill of J. W. Morrison. Paid for same, a.m. Fixed water courses, etc., and went to Mr. Shenk's Long Lane and insured contents of house and barn. Then to Rock Hill, Safe Harbor mill, and house. At I.O.R.M. in eve. Mr. Miessenkopf, District Deputy G. S. was there and raised up the chief's elect. Very stormy partly all day, and cool.

Sun. Oct. 2

At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. Took a walk out on the Urban lot and found a peach tree in the lower woods full of fine peaches. They were fine. Will cultivate in the spring if I live. Stormy partly all day and cool.

Mon. Oct. 3

At Lancaster all day. Blanche along in and will spend the week at her grandfather's, Mr. Bruner. I made arrangements for political meetings at Colemanville, Fred Shoff, Shenk's Ferry and Conestoga Centre. Attended to other business at house in eve. Cool all day. Wore overcoat to Lancaster.

Tues. Oct. 4

Husking corn and picking apples a.m. At mill p.m. and picking apples John C. Zercher picked all day. Heavy frost this morning and cool all day. Car corn came in this morning.

Wed. Oct. 5

Picking apples all day. Chester Kreider and John C. Zercher worked all day. Pleasant but cold.

Thurs. Oct. 6

Finished picking apples a.m. and picked fallen up for cider. John Kreider worked all day, Chester Kreider till noon. Warmer.

Fri. Oct. 7

John C. Zercher fetched team up from mill and loaded up apples a.m. Went to Hess Cider Mill and made 127 gal. Pleasant all day.

Sat. Oct. 8

Working at house a.m. At mill p.m. At Rock Hill eve. Attending Republican mass meeting. I called the meeting to order after which B. Frank Markley Presided. J. B. Myers, J. W. Brown, and Frank S. Groff, Esq.'s, addressed the people. Mr. Groff made a good speech. Pleasant day; light rain in eve.

Sun. Oct. 9

At Sunday school and missionary meeting a.m. At house p.m. At preaching in eve by Rev. Mr. Shelby. Pleasant all day.

Mon. Oct. 10

At Lancaster, fetched Blanche along home. Rec'd my check for milage in Mexican tile business, \$138.00. This closes that business. Paid for hearse harness at Kreckeld \$32.50. Bought things for house, etc. Very warm all day.

Tues. Oct. 11

Finished husking corn here on house lot, a.m. Put balance of potatoes in cellar, etc., p.m. John C. Zercher was painting tin roof's all day. Dr. Witmer (coroner) phoned out that Frank Witmer (known as Crazy Frank) died at the General Hospital this morning of

perinetes (?) caused by a bruise and stated on his death bed that Jacob Herr over on the Widow Kendig farm had kicked him. A warrant was issued and he was arrested and Edw. Duke (Constable) told me it is correct that he kicked him. Herr was taken to Lancaster this eve. Warm all day.

Wed. Oct. 12

At home all day. Working in shop and putting away sweet potatoes, etc. Rained last night and a.m. Very welcome rain. Much cooler. Jacob Herr was held for trial on account of kicking Frank Witmer.

Thurs. Oct. 13

Working about house. John C. Zercher brought feed from mill for self. Went to Safe Harbor in eve and called a political meeting to order as county committeeman and had H. M. Stauffer to preside as president of the meeting. Had a very nice meeting. Very pleasant eve but a cold raw air.

Fri. Oct. 14

Working about house and at mill p.m. Very pleasant day.

Sat. Oct. 15

Working about house and at mill p.m. Very pleasant day.

Sun. Oct. 16

At Sunday school and preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelby a.m. At house p.m. Wife and Blanche drove down to see Mr. Fickes this p.m. Pleasant all day.

Mon. Oct. 17

At Lancaster, had Blanche in at the doctors (Kellogg) again. Very pleasant day but cool.

Tues. Oct. 18.

At mill partly all day. Pleasant all day.

Wed. Oct. 19

At mill a.m. and husking corn. Frank Henry moved to the Mrs. Keen property day.

Thurs. Oct. 20

Husking corn all day. Very tired this eve. Should go to Shenk's Ferry for a political meeting but am too tired. Partly cloudy all day. Pleasant. Blanche at Lancaster at doctor.

Fri. Oct. 21

Working about house all day. Planted poplar tree out front where one died. Very heavy rain last night (early this morning) and this a.m. At Millersville in eve. At lodge. Maris H. Groff along over. Very pleasant in eve.

Sat. Oct. 22

Working about barn and went to Lancaster about 10:30 to hear Jos. Cannon of Illinois, Speaker of House of Rep. of Washington, speak at Rocky Springs. He is certainly a very able speaker. He spoke about 1 hour and then followed by H. Bird Cassel President. It was supposed to be between 3 and 4 thousand people present. Very large parade in eve. Cool but very pleasant day.

Sun. Oct. 23

At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. Alma Fralich and mother spent p.m. with us. At preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelby in eve. Much cooler all day. Feels like snow. Had a light shower of rain. Cloudy all day.

Mon. Oct. 24

At Lancaster. Had Blanche along in to doctor and ex-rays and attended to some other business. Cold all day.

Tues. Oct. 25

Finished husking corn a.m. Mill team came up and hauled balance down to mill. A good

crop. Over 100 bus. of shelled corn off of the Urban lot p.m. Went down to political meeting at Fred Shoff's in eve. Dr. B. F. Good went along. I called the meeting to order after which Christ Shoff presided. Speakers John M. Groff, Mr. Johns, Mr. Rehm, Esqs., Hon. Wm. Brosius, Hon. Milton Heidlebaugh, and Hon. John H. Landis. Cool and damp.

Wed. Oct. 26

At mill all day posting books, etc. Cold raw wind all day.

Thur. Oct. 27

Wife and Blanche at Lancaster all day. I was cutting wood a.m. and cleaning up about barnyard and cutting wood p.m. At home in eve. Raw cold wind all day. Rec'd word this eve of a car barn being in for me.

Fri. Oct. 28

Went to Lancaster for Bill Lading for car barn. Paid at the Union Trust Co. for same and returned home a.m. Went to Safe Harbor and paid freight on car barn and began unloading this p.m. Cold this morning. Moderating.

Sat. Oct. 29

At mill all day. Finished unloading barn this p.m. Our political meeting at J.W. Morrison's Hardware Store was a grand success. I called the meeting to order and A. F. Martin served as president of same, with a long list of vice pres. and sec'ys. I had the honor of having our Congressman Hon. H. Bird Cassel with us which was quite a treat. Speakers A. Johns, Esq., H. H. Rhineer and H. Frank Eshleman who made one of the best speeches I heard on local issues. The best of order prevailed. Pleasant day and a model eve.

Sun. Oct. 30

At Sunday school and preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelby a.m. Ida Good and Mrs. Lena Martin Smith spent the p.m. and took supper with us. Cold raw wind all day.

Ther. 25

Mon. Oct. 31

At Lancaster. Blanche along. Attended to some mill business, etc. Coldest morning of the season. Plenty of ice. Ther. 1 degree below freezing.

Tues. Nov. 1

First day of rabbit season. Walked out with gun a few minutes but did not see any. Rec'd word of the death of Mrs. Michael Benedict at Alfred Herr's, their son-in-law. Went up and took charge of body. Funeral will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Conestoga Centre M.E. Church. Raw cold wind.

Wed. Nov. 2

Fetches casket from station, etc., a.m. Lined casket, etc. p.m. Not so cold.

Thurs. Nov. 3 (35.00) Paid

Attending funeral of Fanny Hiller Benedict, wife of Michael Benedict. Born Feb. 14, 1824. Died Oct. 31, 1904. Aged 80-8-17. Rev. John McVeigh preached from Isaiah 64-6. Bearers: Ed. Bortzfield, Marin Agon, Mart. L. Foyt, Geo. Pries. 8 carriages. They were very well pleased with my work. Cloudy a.m. Partly clear a.m.

Fri. Nov. 4

At mill all day. Working at books. Pleasant but cold.

Sat. Nov. 5

At mill partly all day working at books. Pleasant but cool. At I.O.R.M. in eve.

Sun. Nov. 6

At Sunday school in a.m. At house p.m. At church eve. Had our home missionary service this eve. Pleasant but cool all day.

Mon. Nov. 7

At Lancaster. Took Blanche along. The campaign is growing very short and warm, especially the local. Pleasant all day.

Tues. Nov. 8

At the election polls all day. Voted for Roosevelt and Fairbanks for President and Vice President; Rep. John P. Elkins for Sup. Court and the straight Rep. county ticket. There were 381 votes polled: Roosevelt, Rep. 355; Packer, Dem., 16; Prohib., 2; Elkins, 348; H. Bird Cassel, Congress, 228; J. M. Brecht, Indep., 113; Milton Heidelbaugh, Rep., State Senator, 229; Chandler, Indep., 108; Assembly, Rep., Wm. Brosius, 230; and Homsher, 229. The full county ticket went to Lancaster after the count was made and took John Z. Wade (judge) along. Very beautiful morning, cloudy toward eve. Paid B. K. Lawyers 3.12 for J. O. O. F.

Wed. Nov. 9

Big time at Lancaster this morning when the returns came in. Roosevelt and Fairbanks are elected by a very large majority, and the full Republican (straight) ticket by a very large majority. Returned home about 11 a.m. Cold damp wind all day. Had horse clipped today by Wm. Sangrey. Paid him 1.25 for same.

Thurs. Nov. 10

Wife and Blanche at Lancaster all day. Working about house. Took out celery, etc. Heard of death of Mrs. Wm. A. Haskell, Lancaster, and John M. Wissler, Highville, today. Raining p.m., much colder.

Fri. Nov. 11

Rec'd load of straw of H. M. Stauffer. We hauled it a.m. At mill p.m. A great many men, machines, and horses arriving at Safe Harbor for the new railroad work there. Much colder all day. Sold my tobacco today to Jacob B. Harnish for 9.75 per hundred, and fillers thrown in.

Sat. Nov. 12

At mill all day. At I.O.R.M. in eve. New by-laws adopted this eve. Pleasant day, but cloudy this eve. Looks for rain.

Sun. Nov. 13

At church, no Sunday school; only about ½ doz. out. Mr. Shelby here. Began snowing about 10:30 a.m. Wife, Charles, and I went to Andrew Good's for dinner and spent p.m. Snowing very heavy up to about 8 p.m. No intermission, and blowing. Not much drifting, snow wet. Get much colder.

Mon. Nov. 14

Shoveling snow, etc. a.m. Working about barn and shop p.m. About 18 inches of snow fell yesterday. Something very rare for so early in the year. Telephone connections are severed. Much colder.

Tues. Nov. 15 Clear

Working about house a.m. John C. Zercher and I shoveled the drive heaps around in p.m., and I went to mill and fetched up some feed. Very beautiful day over head, but roads very muddy.

Wed. Nov. 16

Called out last night at 12 o'clock to take charge of body of Marion Trissler daughter of Benj. F. and Mary. Embalmed body and arranged for funeral on Saturday at 9 at home and 10 at M.E. Church, this place. Went to Lancaster and phoned to Harrisburg

Burial Care Co. for covered casket (steel gray) and handles. Brought cashmere, etc. along out. Blanche went along in; will stay til tomorrow. Returned house around 3:30 p.m. roads very muddy. Very pleasant over head.

Thurs. Nov. 17

Went to Safe Harbor to mill and fetched casket from station. Lined casket, etc. At Trissler's to look after body; keeping nicely. Cold raw wind.

Fri. Nov. 18

Took case to cemetery and shroud to Trissler's. Took casket and lining to Trissler's in eve. on account of taking Blanche along out tomorrow morning to help to dress her, etc. Blanche made shroud, one of the finest she made. I am certainly pleased with it. This is a steel gray casket, the first I have used. It is fine.

Sat. Nov. 19 \$46.50 cash

Attending funeral of Mary C. Trissler, daughter of Benj. F. and Mary Trissler. Born July 25, 1888; died Nov. 15, 1904. Aged 16-3-20. Rev. Mr. Bond of M. E. Church preached Mala. 3 Chap. 17 verse. Bearers: Howard and Blaine Warfel, John and Frank Duke. M. B. Good drove with hearse, but friends walked to church. I walked with them. Church was filled. She certainly left bright evidence back. Very nice day. Quite a lot of snow laying yet.

Sun. Nov. 20

At Sunday school, decided to hold Christmas services on Christmas evening (Sunday eve) a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Very pleasant day.

Mon. Nov. 21

At Lancaster. Took Blanche along in to doctor. Returned home about 4 p.m. Pleasant day, not so cold.

Tues. Nov. 22

Getting ready for butchering, etc., a.m. At mill p.m. Pleasant day, but cloudy in eve. Looks for rain. Sent money order to Ref. Pub. House for Sunday school supplies and one to Hallmark Co. for Christmas services. Expected to hold our parade on the result of the election, but the band would not turn out. So a number decided to hire another band and hold it later.

Wed. Nov. 23

Butchered 2 hogs. D. B. Foutz Butcher \$1.25 to his credit on acct. Jac. M. Henry helped. Paid him \$1.00. Hogs would have weighed about 250 and 225, roughly. Went to Safe Harbor to bury infant (stillborn) of Fasnacht, brought it up to Mt. Zion Church and John Pries to bury it on free ground. Finished butchering in eve. Very pleasant day.

Thurs. Nov. 24

Working about house. Took sausage over to Martin L. Good to smoke. Reading up about yard and barn, etc., etc. Thanksgiving Day. Partly clear and colder p.m. Cloudy in eve. Looks very much for snow.

Fri. Nov. 25

At Lancaster. Had Blanche to doctor. Hired Mountville Band after consulting Newel Insley, J. W. Morrisson, and Dr. I. M. Witmer for our parade here next Tuesday eve., in honor of the election of Roosevelt, Fairbanks, and Cassel, to pay them \$45.00, and they bear their own expenses, a.m. Jacob McAllister and I went down and reserved the building jointly of R. B. Baker

(Miller), p.m. Much colder; cold raw rain all day, a few snow flakes in a.m.

Sat. Nov. 26

Picking out apples, etc., etc., a.m. At mill p.m., and I.O.R.M. in eve. Snow storm p.m. Much colder and some snow (very light). Partly cloudy all day.

Sun. Nov. 27

At Sunday school, assigned the parts for our Christmas services, and preaching by Mr. Shelby, a.m. About house p.m. and eve. Cold all day.

Mon. Nov. 28

At Lancaster. Had Blanche along in to the doctor, but he was not home; was called away. Attending to some business. Rec'd phone message of the death of Elmer Gochenaur's child at West Willow. Will go out tomorrow morning. Cold all day.

Tues. Nov. 29

Went to West Willow early this morning to take charge of body of infant daughter of Elmer Gochenaur. Funeral will be held on Thursday at 9 o'clock at house, and 10 at Boehm's Church, Willow Street. At mill and made rough box p.m. Damp and light rain in eve. We were to have our parade, but on account of the Mountville Band not being able to get here, did not have it. We have dropped the matter of parading with band.

Wed. Nov. 30

Took rough box to Boehm's Cemetery, Willow Street, from there to Lancaster, and lifted Bill of Lading, for can corn and oats and can bran. Arrived home at 1:30 p.m. Finished lining casket, and then went to Safe Harbor and station and mill. P. cloudy, moderated very much from yesterday.

Thurs. Dec. 1 13.50 cash 5.00

Attending funeral of infant daughter of Elmer and Clara Gochenaur, Irene Minerva. Born May 8, 1904; died Nov. 28, 1904. Aged 6 mos. and 20 days. Rev. John E. McVeigh preached from 2 Samuel, 12 chap., 23 verse. I served as bearer; 6 carriages. Charged \$12.00 for casket and 1.50 for shroud, a.m. At mill and took bags, etc., along down. Much colder all day. Some of the young folks had a walk around this eve in honor of the Republican victory. I took no part in it. — Look in memorandum.

Fri. Dec. 2

Went to mill a.m. Cousin Andrew Zercher and wife took dinner with us and spent a few hours with us. They are on their wedding trip, a.m. Went to H. C. Linter's sale of horses, cows, hogs, etc. at his farm near Safe Harbor. Cold all day.

Sat. Dec. 3

At home a.m. At mill p.m. At I.O.R.M. in eve. Sleeted last night and roads slippery today. Had a horse sharpened. Cold raw wind all day.

Sun. Dec. 4

At Sunday school and practicing for Christmas, a.m. At home, Henry W. Hess and son Elam here for dinner and spent p.m. with us. At church in eve., preaching by Rev. Mr. Shelby. Pleasant day.

Mon. Dec. 5

At Lancaster attending to some business. Attending court as a witness in the Wm. Riale case with the Old Guard Insurance Co., but did not come up, and was put off for Thursday. Arrived home about 4:30 p.m. Rec'd word about 6 o'clock p.m. of the death of Henry Lawrence, a neighbor, of cancer.

Went down and took charge of body. Cold all day. Snowed about 4 inches today.

Tues. Dec. 6

Working about house and went to mill p.m. Work in shop at casket, etc., and washed hearse, p.m. Practicing for Christmas in eve. Beautiful day over head, but cold.

Wed. Dec. 7

Took rough box to St. Mary's Cemetery in Lancaster, for Mr. Lawrence. Fetched lining, etc., and corn barrels Engle's Bottling Works for niece, a.m. Lining casket, etc., p.m. Few flakes of snow and much colder.

Thurs. Dec. 8

Took casket to Lawrence's this morning and then went to attend court on the case of W. R. Riale vs. the Fire and Storm Insurance Co. of Lanc. Co., for to recover damages for ice flood at Safe Harbor on 8 March last. After spending all day (nearly), it was none-suited, as plaintive failed to make out a case. Coyl and Keller for plaintiff, and John M. Groff for defendant. Came home at 5 o'clock p.m. and went down to Lawrence's and dressed body and put it in casket ready for tomorrow morning. Blanche along to Lancaster to doctor. Cold all day.

Fri. Dec. 9 Casket, etc. 50.00. Slippers 1.00. Dinners 5.00. \$56.00. Paid 12-17-04

Attending funeral of Henry Lawrence. Born ___; died ___; aged ___. Services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, corner of Prince and Vine. Music was grand, especially a solo by Mrs. Berd (Martin) Long. Bearers: J. W. Morrisson, John Z. Wade, Al. M. Charles, and Ezra L. Bortzfield. 7 carriages. By request of George Lawrence, we all took dinner and had our horses fed at the Lincoln Hotel. I paid the bill \$5.00. Returned home about 4 p.m. Cold, raw all day.

Sat. Dec. 10

About house working all day. Snowed last night and snowing all day and getting colder.

Ther. 4 Above

Sun. Dec. 11

At church this a.m. No Sunday school on account of snow and cold. At home p.m. and eve. Coldest day of the season.

Ther. 10 above

Mon. Dec. 12

Working about house. Went to mill for feed for horse, hogs, and chickens; had to ford creek. (I certainly do not think it is right that there is not some provision made to cross over without fording.), a.m. At home working about barn, etc., p.m. Cold all day.

Tues. Dec. 13

About house a.m. Attending a meeting (public) at the election room here for the purpose of considering the building of a trolley line from Lancaster to New Danville, Conestoga Centre and Safe Harbor. The following officers were elected to preside: President H. M. Stauffer, Safe Harbor; Vice Pres. J. R. Yentzer; Sec'y. and Treas. A. J. Zercher. A committee was appointed by the Pres. to look over the route: M. H. Groff, J. R. Yentzer, A. M. Charles, John Eshleman, J. W. Morrisson, and A. J. Zercher at this end. Cold all day.

Ther. 8 above

Wed. Dec. 14

Working about house all day. Cold all day.

Ther. 6 above P. cloudy

Thurs. Dec. 15

Wife and Blanche at Lancaster to the doctor and do some shopping. I was about home all day. Cold all day.

Fri. Dec. 16

At Lancaster p.m. on trolley business. H. M. Stauffer, Pres; A. J. Zercher, Sec'y. and Treas.; Jonas E. Shenk, Maris H. Groff, and Aldus M. Charles made application for a charter for building and operating a trolley line between Lancaster and Safe Harbor, to be known as the Lancaster and Safe Harbor Trolley Co. The following stock was subscribed for by us: Jonas E. Shenk, 100 shares; A. J. Zercher, 100; H. M. Stauffer, 72; Aldus M. Charles, 72; M. H. Groff, 16. Par value \$50 per share. John M. Groff, Esq., Solicitor. Paid in stock \$1800 at Union Trust Co. Went to F. and A. M., Millersville. M. H. Groff along. Had our annual banquet. Cold all day.

Sat. Dec. 17

At mill partly all day, Charles and I posting books. At I.O.R.M. in eve. Snowing all of p.m. and eve. Cold all day. Geo. E. Lawrence here, paid me for burial, etc., of his father.

Sun. Dec. 18

At Sunday school in morning. Small school on account of snow yesterday. At house, p.m. At church in eve. Cold all day. Sleighing is much better.

Mon. Dec. 19

At Lancaster, bought things for house, mill, and church. Rec'd encouragement on trolley. Moderating very much. Sleighing is fine.

Tues. Dec. 20

At mill all day posting books, etc. Was very sorry to hear of the burning of Jonas E. Shenk's barn near Levan's Mill on the New Danville Pike. He being very much interested in our new trolley line. Hope it will not affect it any. Cold all day. Snow storm p.m.

Wed. Dec. 21

Fetches sink of Albus Gardner's from Bro. Emmanuel, and put coat of paint on it, and working about house balance of day. Moderating but colder in p.m. and eve.

Thurs. Dec. 22

Sorting apples a.m. Shredding corn fodder p.m. At church in eve., practicing for Christmas service. John Kendig dehorned the heifer today. Blanche and Charles at Lancaster a.m. Charles helped to shred p.m. Cold all day.

Fri. Dec. 23

Finished shredding corn fodder about 9:30 a.m. Paid Harry Hoak for same, \$6.75, including gasoline, etc. Paid Christ Urban \$.75, Sam'l Plastino \$.25 for helping a.m. Cleaning up about barn and yard p.m. At church in eve., decorating for Christmas service. Quite a change in weather; not near so cold.

Sat. Dec. 24

At mill partly all day. Took a few presents along for M. H. Groff and family (miller). Drove over the new railroad bridge, put up by Kasbaugh and Co. for their use. They deserve a great deal of credit for doing same as the county commissioners have failed to make any provision whatsoever for the public to cross. It is certainly not right to drive horse through the creek this kind of weather and time of year. Moderated but colder.

Sun. Dec. 25

Not much Christmas for me. Rec'd word this morning of a man being found dead in the Exchange Hotel stables, Safe Harbor. Went down in company with J. W. Morrisson, Deputy Coroner and found body terribly mangled in face, and breast tramped in. He

being kicked and trampled by a horse belonging to the proprietor. Following were the coroner's jury: H. H. Kuntz, H. M. Stauffer, Chas. Hall, Benj. B. Brach, A. J. Zercher, and Edward Pye. Verdict that he came to his death by being kicked and trampled by a horse at Exchange Stable, and no blame attached to anyone. Brought body along home and dressed it up this p.m. Quite a job. At church in eve. Did not have Christmas entertainment on account of weather. Snowing nearly all day and cold.

Mon. Dec. 26

Not doing much all day. Keeping holiday partly all day. Very sloppy.

Tues. Dec. 27

About house a.m. Attending meeting of trolley line interest at New Danville in p.m. Very much interest shown, and quite a few people there. A committee of three were appointed to employ a surveyor and go over the several routes proposed and ascertain which would be the better. Committee: J. R. Yentzer, A. J. Zercher, Jonas E. Shenk. And report at a meeting to be called by the president H. M. Stauffer. Very damp all day.

Wed. Dec. 28

About house and walked to Safe Harbor to Kasbaugh's office to see what was to be done with body of Matthew Callahan, the man killed at Safe Harbor Exchange Stables. They have not heard from any of his friends as of yet. And from there to mill, and walked home in p.m. Rec'd phone message this eve. from Mr. Billett, the hotel proprietor at Safe Harbor, that he would bury the body at his expense if the friends did not call for it, if I would hold it til Friday. Much colder and very stormy all day.

Thurs. Dec. 29

At Lancaster, Blanche along to doctor. Mr. Yentzer and I went to see John M. Groff, Esq. about surveyor for trolley road. He advised us to see W. W. Greist, who gave us a few pointers, and with Mr. Keller, gave us a great deal of encouragement, and promised to help us all they could, and said in their opinion it was the thing to do to get the road through from Safe Harbor to Lancaster as direct as possible. They being pres. and vice pres., representatives of the Conestoga Traction Company. Very cold this morning.

Fri. Dec. 30

Helping to lay road tax today. The rate was 3 mills, one mill higher than last year. Bro. Emmanuel helped, he clerking for Geo. L. Warfel, Supervisor for Lower End, and I for Mart. B. Good, Supervisor of Upper End of twp. We finished by 3 o'clock. Working about house balance of day. Cold raw air all day.

Sat. Dec. 31 Casket \$35.00, Shroud, etc., 5.00. \$40 paid by Chas. S. Billett, prop. of Exchange Hotel.

Buried body of Matthew Callahan at Catholic Cemetery, Safe Harbor, PA, in first line back of church 4 graves from above toward church. Father ___ performed burial services by request of Mr. Chas. S. Billett, hotel keeper at Safe Harbor Exchange and also ordered the burial, etc., by me, a.m. Went over company bridge to mill and returned home. About home all of p.m. at I.O.R.M. Paid in 1.00 dues; we revised by-laws, etc. See #2 of memoranda. Very beautiful day. Just like spring. The river is in pretty bad shape. The ice is running very thick. This closes another year, and we have many things to be thankful for.

Memorandum #1

J. Swift and Bro; coal and fertilizer, Fulton house. Here I saw for the first time the birthplace and home of Robert Fulton. Mr. Swift is a kind-hearted gentleman. He took me in the house and showed me papers bearing the signatures of Robert Fulton's father and mother, Robert and Mary. Also a letter written by young Robert to his parents, bearing date Aug. 28, 1807, when he was about to launch his first steamboat, etc. Then to Ambler and Hess Mill. E. J. Black and Bro. Gen'l Store, Goshen; A. A. Wright Gen'l Store, Wrightsdale; Robert C. Kirk, son of Lewis J. Kirk, one of the county commissioners, Kirk's Mills. A. H. Brown Gen'l Store, and James M. Paxson Implements, Little Britain.

Memorandum #2

--and from there to Oak Hill where I will stay over night with David L. Charles, a nephew of Andrew Charles of Penn Hill. Arrived here after dark. Made a big drive today. Horse tired, roads closed on account of snow drifts.

Dec. 31

This closes another year. And I cannot thank the Lord enough for the goodness and mercy showered upon me and my family. And this I feel is one of my weaknesses. That I do not thank Him enough and live close enough to Him. But by His help I will try and still do a little better.

Dec. 1

They had 3 banners. 1st: Roosevelt, Fairbanks, and Cassel. They're good enough for us. 2nd: The old machine is still in good repair. It stood the test for 40 years. 3rd: Use Dr. Greist's remedy for Independents; see daily paper for testimonials.