

Diaries, 1857-1917

Pages 25-29 from the Sublimity period

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Saturday, December 31, 1858 I arose at Bro. Jesse Harritt's, where I had lodged. He came from Coal's about 10:00. I left Harritt's after dinner, and went via Salem and S. Painter's to Claigett's. Rev. Jer. Kenoyer preached at Childers' Sch. H. Ps. 50:1-6, but was away Sun.

January 1, 1859 I went to Quarterly meeting at School-house in Mts. Childers' neighborhood. I lodged at Mrs. Childers'. I saw Mr. Cone's.

Sunday, January 2 I preached at the School-house, Ps. 50,2. I dined at Goddel's and staid at William Case's.

Monday, January 3 I started home by the way of Parkersville. I passed Sappingfield's, and lodged at James Campbell's. His pronunciation of whiskey was "viskey." We talked of College matters. He told of Howel's theft.

Tuesday, January 4 I came to Sublimity, and opened school with about thirty-three scholars. I boarded with John Denny's. He was old now, and nearly blind. He was twelve years a senator in Illinois legislature, from Knox County, and was nominated for Governor in Oregon. But he withdrew for reasons. I received a letter from my brother Harvey, and I read Senator Seward's speech [sic].

Wednesday, January 5 The school increased to about forty-five scholars, at Sublimity College. I visited at Rev. McMillin's, Camb. Pres. I read Senator Crittenden's speech on the Lecompton Constitution. Mr. Denny gave account of the comparative influence of slaveholders and non-slaveholders in Congress.

Thursday, January 6 We had school as usual, and prayer meeting as usual.

Saturday, January 8 I went to the Baptist meeting and heard Rev. Wilmot preach, Hcbr. 1st Chapter. A Mr. Star, of Cambridge, Indiana, came after meeting. The Executive Committee of Sublimity College convened. Mr. David Hubbard staid with us, at John Denny's. (Star proved a bad egg, there, & in Indiana.)

Sunday, January 9 I went to Condit's Presbyterian Church, 5 miles south-west, and preached, Matt. 5.8. I dined at Silvanus Condit's. I came back to William Pierson's and lodged.

Monday, January 10 I met Solomon Alberson, and had a talk on Liquor Dealing. He favored it. He was a great blow. I got my mail including letters.

Tuesday, January 11 The President's Message came, and I read part of it.

Wednesday, January 12 Prayer meeting at the College. I as usual attended it.

Thursday, January 13 Dr. Adair had emgaged a Singing School, and we met for it. He uses round notes. He is a physician. He gave an introductory lecture.

Friday, January 14 We had spelling as usual in the afternoon, and essay, etc. "Sublimity," Gabriel's, Morris's, Lewis McMillin fails on address. Modest. I lecture at night, on Dress, Cleanliness, Economy.

Saturday, January 15 I hauled up from Hadley Hobson's, my oats, and trunk, to John Denny's, my present boarding place.

Sunday, January 16 Rev. Jer. Kenoyer is lame and his family sick; so I preached, Gal. 2.20. Mr. Star's family came. I preached at night, Acts 5.20.

Tuesday, January 18 I called at Father Gabriel Brown's. I lodged at Jer. Kenoyers.

Wednesday, January 19 I attended prayer meeting at College.

Thursday, January 20 In our second singing, we practice on rounds on the scale. Silas Williams got a joke on himself. (I forget it.)

Friday, January 21 Few declaimed in the afternoon. At night Rev. J.B. Lichtenthaler preached, John 1.8,9.

Saturday, January 22 I went to the Woods appointment. I saw Zink and young Woods, and Enoch Garrison. I showed James Wood how to cipher.

Sunday, January 23 I preached at Woods, Matt 5.8. I saw Ervine, Hall, Poly Jr., Helms etc. I arrived at home after seven.

Monday, January 24 The School attendance was to over fifty. David Hubbard with us.

Tuesday, January 25 Our horses are gone. I have letters from Susan, J.B. Ervin, and D.K. Flickinger. Called at Star's timeshop.

Wednesday, January 26 Rev. Thomas Small's appointment. Prayer meeting, eve. but few out.

Thursday, January 27 West came, also Rev. A. Bennett. We have singing school.

Friday, January 28 There was a candle scrape, and a fight and some swearing. Rev. Alex. Bennett lodged with me.

Saturday, January 29 I went with Bennett, to Gabriel Brown's (now in town) and to Rev. M.M. Crow's, and lodged at William Pierson's south-west of town.

Sunday, January 30 Rev. Thomas Small preached Acts 2:15, and dined with us. He is a Cumberland Presbyterian. I visited Rev. Jer. Kenoyer's; and I preached at night, Ps. 84.11. I was exceedingly happy. Fell.

Monday, January 31 I wrote a letter for Father Denny. I went to Gabriel Brown's and wrote letters. Lodged there.

Tuesday, February 1 I sent five letters: Ervin, ———, Wm. Wright, Ezra ———, Susan Koerner. [Lines appear in text]

Wednesday, February 2 There was prayer meeting at night. Revs. Berkley, Kenoyer and Crow attend. I called at Mr. Brook's, a M.E. Silas Williams lodged with me.

Thursday, February 3 We had singing, and Dr. Adair lodged with me. James Brown, the farmer, who married Miss Evans, son of Gabriel, agrees to withdraw from the Church. There were James Brown, the farmer, and James Brown, the merchant.

Friday, February 4 I miscomprehend some writing on the blackboard, and comment on it severely. "A gentleman on his feet is higher than a gentleman on his knees." Harvey Rudolph confessed writing it; and I confessed to having misunderstood it! On my way to James Campbell's, in the evening I got lost. I found the way at last. Sister Campbell is sick.

Saturday, February 5 I start to French Prairie. I saw an eagle and a deer, on the way; I also saw ducks. I reach Case's, and lodged at Mrs. Childers.

Sunday, February 6 I went to J.B. Lichtenthaler's and joined in marriage Mr. Morrow and Rebec[c]a Lichtenthaler, Rev. J.B.'s daughter. I preached at the school-house, at 11:00, Ps. 84.11. I started in the afternoon to Sublimity, rode with a Frenchman on the way. I reached James Campbell's at 10:00.

Monday, February 7 I went to Denny's. Mrs. Parker vis-

ited us. Jerome Grear and McMillin Jr. visited us, and lodged. I wrote a letter to J.C. Latimer for Father Denny.

Wednesday, February 9 Prayer meeting, and Rev. Berkley attended. I wrote till after midnight, a letter to Susan Koerner.

Thursday, February 10 Mrs. Brooks visits us. Father Denny jokes me about my return to the States.

Friday, February 11 Elder David Hubbard supped with us. There was singing-School at night.

Saturday, February 12 I attended the Baptist Monthly meeting. Rev. Berkley preached Rom. 12.1. I started on M.M. Crow's horse for Wood's appointment. Being belated, I staid at Nigh's.

Sunday, February 13 I went on to Wood's, and preached, Matt. 7.13,14. I returned and in meeting we had a warm time in prayer.

Monday, February 14 Nothing special occurred only I forgot the school-house door. I wrote till midnight.

Tuesday, February 15 Received the Salem "Argus," and read most of it. Saw Mr. Newsom's letter in the Statesman. "Conservatives." Saw a satire on free whiskey. I wrote late.

Wednesday, February 16 Nothing very especial occurs. Cornelius and Waddle came and asked me how much 5 1/2 X 5 1/2 make. I answered 30 1/4.

Friday, February 18 Afternoon, we had the usual exercises in school. Newton Parker and Amanda Parker visit us at Denny's. Dr. Adair lodged with me.

Saturday, February 19 I went across the Santiam River and called at Zevely's. I dined at James Williams: Children James, Mary Jane, Elizabeth, Martha. I preached at 2 o'clock, Ps. 84.11, spoke long and good liberty. Staid at Dillon Hoskins.

Sunday, February 20 I preached at Irvine's Sch. house, Bro. Miller, whose appointment it was, not being there, Matt. 7.13,14. I had good liberty. I dined at Irvine's.

Wallace Hurlburt and Senaca Caston came. Hurlburt preached at night, "To seek and save." It was rainy and few were out. I stay at Irvine's.

Monday, February 21 I preach, at Elias Forqua's, on Baptism, I Pet 3.21. I baptize 5 persons, some Dillon Hoskin's girls. We had a warm meeting. I dined at Wesner's, children Henry, E. Ann, etc. I got back to Sublimity, just before the School closed. I mailed a letter to Susan and one to the Telescope.

Tuesday, February 22 School as usual. The mail brings a letter from Wm. & one from Susan. There was a prayer meeting.

Wednesday, February 23 Glover and Virgil Newsome were excused for attending a ball, Morris was suspended for two days, and others were notified to give answer.

Thursday, February 24 The boys trial for attending the ball. Four are suspended for two weeks. Coons came in the evening and jawed. I went to Hadley Hobson's and talked with him. I staid at his house.

Friday, February 25 We had school. Ex. Committee met at night. They sustain my Discipline. Morgan Rudolph gave his opinion favorable to me, So Denny, Hubbard, Berkley, McMillin, Hobson and Albertson were against me. Preston Glover is called to account and is expelled. (When converted, he greatly desired my forgiveness. Freely granted.)

Saturday, February 26 I went to Albertson's Store. Peyton Glover came in and cursed me. (I did not inform on him, as he had thought). I saw Adair and Berkley. I read Susan's letters. I called at Kenoyer's. There is egg-roasting at College.

Sunday, February 27 I heard Prof. Hoyt preach, Luke 12.40. Rev. Mr. Lewis is with him. (He, Hoyt, was, years later, the editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, when I heard him again.)

Monday, February 28 There were forty-seven in School to-day. Brooks and two or three others try to talk across the room. At night, there was a debate on Dancing. I ironically defended it.

Tuesday, March 1 I got a letter from W.H. Chandler. I called at Brown's and lodged at Wm. Pearson's.

Wednesday, March 2 Mr. Kirk came to board at Denny's. John Greenstreet calls on us. Rev. Berkley leads the prayer meeting this evening.

Thursday, March 3 The girls refuse to sweep the house at School—a trick. Ballou curses those who oppose the regulations of the College.

Saturday, March 5 Quarterly Meeting. Rev. P.C. Parker preached at 11:00, Prov. 23.23. We had a good time. Quarterly Conference in Aftern. Rev. Jer. Kenoyer preached at night, Rom. 12.1. Parker lodged with me.

Sunday, March 6 We had a love-feast—a happy time. Parker preached. Happy time, afternoon at lovefeast. Silas Williams happy. Parker pr. at night. I dine at Lowe's. Lodge at G. Brown's.

Monday, March 7 Rev. P.C. Parker leaves us.

Thursday, March 10 I ask the Scholars' leave of absence, and go to G.W. Hunts and lodge.

Friday, March 11 I borrow Hunt's young horse, but give out going to Rock Hill, south of Lebanon. Miss Condit and the Miss Pearsons, visit us.

Saturday, March 12 I change my mind and start to Rock Hill. I called an hour at Harriet Helms, in Lebanon. I fix her sewing machine. I pr. Rom. 6.14. Lodge at Gallaher's.

Sunday, March 13 I preach Gal. 2:20. Dine at Hiram Jackson's. Pr. 2 Cor. 4.3. Lodge at A.J. Richardson's.

Monday, March 14 I, with Wallace Hurlburt go to Wm. Pearson's at Sublimity. Lodge there.

Tuesday, March 15 I get a letter from Lewis Mobley, who tries to make me believe that Susan was caring for another man, but I knew he was treacherous. I went to G.W. Hunt's and lodged

Wednesday, March 16 We had school as usual. Wallace

Hurlburt preached at College at night. I lodged at Rev. M.M. Crow's, in town.

Thursday, March 17 We had Singing School at night. I lodge at Pearson's with Hurlburt.

Friday, March 18 Hurlburt starts over the Santiam. The Quarterly Meeting, M.F. Church, commences at the College. M.M. Crow preached.

Saturday, March 19 Elder [blank] Wilber pr. 11, Isa. 41.10. I exhorted. Rev. Taylor pr. at night, "Crying aloud." Rev. Ellis exhorted. I attended the meeting.

Sunday, March 20 Lovefeast in which Wilber and Crow gave striking experiences. Eld. Wilbur preached "born again," and sacrament followed. I called at Star's in the afternoon. Fletcher Denny pr. "Day of his wrath." Rev. 6.19.

Tuesday, March 22 Morgan Rudolph calls. I got a letter from Rev. T.J. Connor. Alberson, as wise as Solomon, talks on a platform & the admission of Oregon.

Wednesday, March 23 Mr. Benson called to-day at Mr. John Denny's. There is prayer meeting. I wrote a dialogue, to be acted at Sublimity, at the close of the term, by the girls.

Thursday, March 24 I lent James D. Brown, Merchant at Sublimity, Fifty Dollars. He is not a relative of Gabriel Brown.

Friday, March 25 I settled with J. Glover \$1.50 for services as assistant teacher, and (\$2.00) as a substitute. I went to James Campbell's and lodged.

Saturday, March 26 I went on to Salem, put up horses (M.M. Crow's and mine) at Samuel Pentar's, crossed the Willamette with Paynter in a skiff, to a quarterly meeting held by Rev. P.C. Parker at Harritt's. I preached at night, Rom. 6.14. Lodged at Harritt's.

Sunday, March 27 Rev. P.C. Parker preached at 11 o'clock, Prov. 23.23, "Buy the truth." Communion followed. I crossed the river with Penter, in Chitwood's canoe, and dined. I rode to James Campbell's. His chil-

dren: Price, Finley, Virginia, and Susan. Heavy show had melted.

Monday, March 28 Finley Campbell took me to Sublimity. I lodged at Hon. John Denny's.

Tuesday, March 29 It was mail day from the States, and I received a letter from brother Harvey. In the evening, we practise [sic] on my dialogue.

Wednesday, March 30 I was at prayer-meeting at night.

Thursday, March 31 David Hubbard, M.M. Crow, and I go to Hadley Hobson's, and I had a talk with him. He was hostile and obdurate, as these brethren adjudged. David Hubbard lodged with me.

Friday, April 1 Newson's close and exhibition (?). Dr. Adair lodged with me.

Saturday, April 2 I wrote letters to Harvey and William Wright and to my father and mother. I staid at home.

Sunday, April 3 I preach at Sublimity 1 Cor. 13.13. Read Miller dines with me [and] Rector Campbell. I visit Gabriel Brown's. Read Miller leads pr. meeting.

Monday, April 4 Miss Newsom visits us. I had a practicing exhibition in the evening.

Tuesday, April 5 The Sons of Temperance had the Installation of Officers, and Rev. Thos. Small delivered a lecture. I heard one talk very largely about What a transformation the Sons of Temperance had affected at Sublimity!

Wednesday, April 6 Prayer Meeting as usual.

Friday, April 8 This day closed my teaching in Oregon. We had examinations in the day and an exhibition at night. Rev. Maroon, a Baptist, was present. Alphin, and G. Patton. My dialogue went off well. *Mary J. Williams excelled on "Sorrow for the Dead." Palmer, Virgil Newsom, and Louis McMillin had farewell addresses. Charles Jones did well. *Probably at another date.

Sunday, April 10 I walked to Condit's Church, and

preached from Ps. 84.11. I dined at the widow Condit's. In afternoon, I attended the Presbyterian Prayer Meeting, and commented on the Lord's prayer. Lodged at Silvanus Condit's. The widow's husband was a Presbyterian preacher.

Monday, April 11 Silvanus and Cyrenius Condit each gave me gold as presents. I went back to William Pierson's and saw them start back to move beyond Corvallis. I carried a box of books up to Denny's. I mailed a letter to Susan, and one to Sarah Harris. I had a talk with Alberson.

Tuesday, April 12 I call at James Brown's (the farmer's), to see Robert Newel, who is sick. I dine at Casper Rudolph's. David Hubbard comes and I go with him to Brooks' and Gabriel Brown. No mail. I lodge with Geo. W. Husitt's.

Wednesday, April 13 I came home (to John Denny's) by Jer. Kenoyer's. I am auditing my accounts. Mrs. Berkley visits us. Prayer Meeting. I lodge at home.

Thursday, April 14 The College Board meets. A committee on Rules is appointed. I sup at Gabriel Brown's. I lodge at D. Hubbard's.

Friday, April 15 The Board, having referred the rules to a special committee, takes action on its report. Solomon alberson is displeased, and resigns from the Board. The Board is instructed its Executive Committee to reemploy me as the teacher.

Saturday, April 16 I went over the Santiam to Scio. I rode with Rev. McMillin (Cumberland Presbyterian) part of the way. I dined at Miller's supped at Samuel Fleenor's. I pr. at night 1 Cor. 13.13. Staid with Connor, at Fleenor's.

Sunday, April 17 We had a speaking meeting in the morning. Rev. T.J. Connor pr. at 11 o'cl. Sister Griffon's funeral, 2 Samuel 14.14. Dined at Wood's. I preach at night, Phil. 3.3. Thus there were three sermons in succession with the chapter and verse the same, all unnoticed till afterward. Six joined the Church: Sisters Miller, Connor, and Flenor, Lirel, and Samuel Fleenor, Jr. Staid at Wood's a merchant, in Scio.