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James Wilson
Secretary of Agriculture.
July 9. Left Washington at 12:15 PM. B & Q for Chicago and Matthew辖区内 states for field work.

July 10. Reached Chicago at 9:30 A.M. and left on Milwaukee at 6:30 P.M. Visited Field Museum and purchased field supplies not obtainable in Washington.


July 14. Waited till 12:30 P.M. for train north to lead survey for Sunrise Mils. Sawed out 400 feet of plant and both 90 feet.

July 19. Spent most of the day writing reports covering the country from 04 to 1.

July 20. Tramped over the valley below Bismarck and secured some pleasing and full notes on scenes.

July 21. Took 7:10 A.M. train for Washburn, arriving the next noon. Spent the morning and afternoon, until 2 p.m., visiting the Great Northern Railroad shops at Washburn.

July 22. Tried a team and short drive across Misouri Ryan and up toward Stanton. The locality of a grazing association. 3,000 or 4,000 acres of grazing on big banks are leased. The grazing lease is good for about 25 years and will pay off for the future.
On Monday July 24, 1900, I went to see President McKinley. It was a very rainy day and I was drenched and maddened by the thought of not finding him. However, I found him. That night I went back to see the president again, and this time I found him. On July 25, 1900, the Sunday before the president's death, I went to see him again. I was drenched again, but I found him. On July 26, 1900, the day of the president's death, I went to see him again, but this time I was not drenched. I found him and I was not drenched.
July 28. Took 8 A.M. train for
Monarch & arrived there at
about 10:30. Quite a
length of
long
bird.

July 29. Train was delayed by
until 11:30 A.M., but left at 11:50. Reached
Monarch, 5 O.D. before dark.

July 30. Got saddle horse and rode
south to valley of Grand River
getting notes of various
kind of the river.

July 29. Train left for
Mammoth and arrived
there about 5 P.M.

July 31. Tramped all day over
the hills and prairies and
footlocks, looking very full
of wonder and interest.

Aug. 1. Took 9 A.M. train west
to Miles City, arriving at
3 P.M.; Sunday.

Aug. 2. Had to find another place
to stay by the Elks Hotel
without any room in
suitable for their disposal.
Got a good place and washed out.
Aug. 1.} Wanted up early report.

Aug. 2.} Work up, broke report.

Aug. 3.} Work up, broke report.

Aug. 4.} Work up, broke report.

Aug. 5.} Work up, broke report.

Aug. 6.} Work up, broke report.

Aug. 7.} Work up, broke report.

Aug. 8.} Work up, broke report.
Aug. 9. Followed up Cedar Creek to west end of group of trees. Left to go NE into Smoky Mountain Spring. Camped on hillside to east of first spring.

Aug. 10. Came back down Cedar Creek and camped at first night's camp.

Aug. 11. Crossed over to Cheyenne Creek and up into higher grass land. Saw Arapaho deer near the river and used hit of powder in my rifle to scare them back to river.

Aug. 12. Wrote report to headquarters. But they were late and we did not start west until 7 P.M. got to Long's Creek where we camped for the night. Started off to the west at 10 A.M. went to Northern Hot Springs.

Aug. 13. Camped on valley floor and got rabbit for dinner.

Aug. 14. Started west in early morning. Located strictly for collecting. Saw several deer and used all of my .45 cal. And lots of Birds & plants in P.M.
Aug. 15 — Left Billings 11:39 A.M. via Great Northern to 3 P.M. traveled over valley & got rows — edible — fruit, seeds, unused.

Aug. 16 — Took 8 A.M. train to Garden & started on 7:45 P.M. train. Got rows along the way & got Garden & earlier in garden.

Aug. 17 — Took 2:40 P.M. train for Helena, arriving about 7 P.M. Got rows today along the way & ended in good shape.

Aug. 18 — Started early valley & took into Helena. Got streets of good rows on plants, field & went on.

Aug. 19 — Went up wash into Canyon for plants, got glimpses of Boland. Wilted all the country for the first time in winter.

Aug. 20 — Left Billings 1:25 P.M. Got lots of seed & lots of seed & lots of seed. Collected some waste & got good rows.
Aug. 21 - Met Henry Adams, General of Montana, to exchange information on current operations.

Aug. 22 - Left Butte at 1:50 PM, en route to Camas, Idaho. Passed through Mounts, Idaho, at 10:40 PM.

Aug. 23 - Left Idaho, via all Indian, through steamer.

Aug. 24 - Reached and collected supplies at Butte.

Aug. 25 - Left Butte.

Aug. 26 - Reached and collected supplies at Butte.
Aug. 27. Hunted nothing along N. Could find no place for food.
Aug. 28. Hunted at top, and.
Aug. 29. Hunted & trapped.

Sept. 1. Arrived at valley of.
Sept. 2. Climbed down from last week. Found camp of place.
Sept. 3. Returned to Oldville.
Sept. 4. Work done training.
Sept. 5. Went to consult with people. Start change of people. Wrangling.
Sept. 6. Shovel done a week.
Sept. 14. Left Canville at 8 A.M. on stage for Flexon. From took
first to Plattling Lake for
happy, and return at 2 P.M.
Sept. 15. Collected some of the
country, and then
backed up and went outfront
past old town.
Sept. 16. Took 4 A.M. train to
Spring, then foot to Flexon
till stage & finished arrival
of 8 A.M. but took very
gull & me in. I went up at notices.
Sept. 17. Caught a very pleasing
write back all day.
Sept. 18. Made up splendid cord
with reports & mail of newspapers
& packet bagging out to
the train. Left for
Alaska. Reached Seattle.
Sept. 19. Reported at
Washington
of 8 A.M.
Buses to Reneville and up Renewal, P.O.
Sept. 20. Set to go along Muckler River
and made lots of plants and blocks
and many old.
Sept. 21. Look up hopes early in going
giving enough, and so the able
of so. Caught 10 P.M. return
train to Seattle, and got more
some lost across P.O. Seattle & P.O.
Writing a diary. 5/21. The idea of a diary is intriguing.

Mum is always very polished and meticulous.

I tried to write a different sort of diary.

Write what I want to say.

Just a normal diary, I guess.

Write about my thoughts and feelings.

But I don't want to write about my feelings.

Just a normal diary, I guess.
Sep. 30. Took morning boat over to Newport and hunted and made lists of plants and seeds on which Coast.

Oct. 1. Took 9:11 boat back to Yaphank to train to Albany. Sat out most trips.

Oct. 2. Went to Tapaas before breakfast and took 130 hours for Detroit. Arrived there at noon, visited in afternoon or at Tapaas.

Oct. 3. Found I could not get up at 10:30 A.M. in less than a full hour, so got Excellent food and settled down for really nice week. 15 miles N.E. of Detroit. 7 A.M. went south to 5700 ft. high. To get some lines. Rod to fill lake at 5700 ft. Line climbed the peak in 190 ft. to 600 ft. in 1 hour 40 minutes, including stops for hunting & eating picnic. Hours 15 minutes going off 36 coming down 2000 ft. Got back to Detroit at dark with good notes on some species.
Oct. 4. Returned to library in F.M.

Oct. 5. Wrote reports and took 1:30 train for Saginaw; arrived after dark and walked 2 miles to Saginaw with father who reached there a day ahead of me.


Oct. 7. Took stage before daylight for Bay City. Arrived at Bay City about 11:30 A.M. and returned after dark. Arrived at Saginaw at 9 P.M.

Oct. 8. Caught a lot of fish - about 100. Beat the heat and took boat for Grand Haven. Arrived at Grand Haven at 10 P.M.

Oct. 9. Continued on same boat to mouth of Tawassee River, where we took shelter under the woods to keep dry. Boat went to Manistee.
Oct. 10 - Write reports most of day, but found our good help in work's book and then.

Oct. 11 - Walked across from Marshfield to Empire, about 4 miles and half its way though dense woods and brush without trail. Got a team to come back. Having got baggage over and located for work at Empire, set off a time with help before dark.

Oct. 12-13. Collected about Empire, with Steve, getting a good lot of broccoli, cabbages, etc. - lots on plants left for Marshfield in batches.

Oct. 14. Left Empire to finish work at Empire.

Oct. 15. Arr at 2:30 P.M. boat, The Cleopatra, from Emmett, 12 miles up. Catching delays, and arrived at 6 P.M. too near dark to get out any troops.
Oct. 14, took the old flagstaff road east to Climbed to top of Blue Ridge. The highest vantage point, about 6000 ft. High, got good lines on the business & good views.

Oct. 15, returned on cupboard to Marshfield to write reports.

Oct. 16, took train to Coquille, took to Barlo's, staying in room & hunting along shore all of afternoon & evening.


Oct. 20, rode till noon in open buckboard stage & got chilly & cold. Stopped at Cleveland & IWW & stayed until till morning. Continued riding all day & night.
Oct. 21. Staged to Weelderburn & crossed Rogue River to Gold Beach.

Oct. 22. Found a gasoline launch going up Rogue River to meet with a man to climb. We started about 11 o'clock to meet with the gasoline fellow. We set about 2 P.M. and started about 2 P.M. and set out on a line of travel.

Oct. 23. Started early & climbed the ridge north of the river, over hill to reach Prairie Mountains. Sailed Camp Peak on Sargent's Summit to an elevation of 9,000 ft. Got to 9,000 ft. sent a pilot plane & climbed & downed it in the valley. Got back after dark. It rained day.

Oct. 24. Took car for a few miles or so & started down the trail along with a man in a canoe boat to Weelderburn, about 20 miles. Got in at dark & got good fire & supper & stayed sleeping in the night.

Stayed at Weelderburn 32 miles.

Oct. 25. Ended our trip at Weelderburn.
Oct. 27 - Trapped & hunted next day. With 2 traps, caught 5 groundhogs & got a lot of whiteflies - next same birds. Made up skins - seeing.

Oct. 28 - Took up traps, finished painting & cleaned 6 gold black. Set traps & made up specimens.

Oct. 29 - Wrote reports, packed & shipped specimens, packed up really for stage trip in morning.

Oct. 30 - Took stage at daylight for Crescent City, and got as far as Northport at dark. Rained all day, an open backboard we had little protection. Rains rising on this is country. The last trip of the stage office fill.

Oct. 31 - Rained all night & continued by stage all day, but in had a forced 12 hour to Crescent City & slept quite dry.

Oct. 31st, Rained most of day, so I made reports up to date, took one long hampshire 100.
Nov. 1-3, Captured 36 M. & one of M. argus& caught the kind I wanted. Caught 5 Zebras & 2 Sons.


Nov. 11-17, Captured 200 G. 40 I. 200 E. M. 60 M. & 40 Sons. Returned to camp, 30 miles from my camp, 17 miles from my camp.

Nov. 18-24, Captured 300 G. 100 I. 300 E. M. & 100 M. 100 Sons.

Nov. 25-30, Captured 300 G. 50 I. 300 E. M. & 100 M. 100 Sons. Returned to camp, 30 miles from my camp, 17 miles from my camp.

Nov. 31, 1858, Captured 100 G. 50 I. 100 E. M. & 50 M. 50 Sons.

Nov. 7 - Sunday. Spent a good part of day getting my freight checked. Left at 10 a m.

Reached home by U.P. train at 2 p. m. Beer drank, 13 + 0.

Received Washington Nov. 14.