

thereof should be avoided. If the person addressed has seen the painting or heard the music, he or she will of his or her own accord reply without having the annoying interrogative thrust upon them. — Why cannot people show themselves as they are, be honest, instead of this pretence, this vanity which is so transparent. — This defect in social life is far more developed in unmarried than in married women, — marriage rubbing this vanity off to a great extent when life becomes real.

Monday 29
fine

In forenoon visited the despatching office if possible to gain information about rheostats and other matters pertaining to electricity. The chief despatcher Mr. Woodruff apparently knew little about what I wanted & so referred me to Mr. Hallat. Although he was very willing to show me everything & did so, yet he was unable to explain to me any reasons why this should be done & not that. He knows the instruments by the rule of thumb, can attach wires, shift plugs and work the line. How much easier a man can or could do work if he knows the reason for every step and what self-satisfaction and gratification it is for one to work intelligently.

— Absence at night and leave a sigh of relief when I hear the Winnipeg Chronicle beating on the wire, heavily finishing the longitude for Peter Arthur.

Tuesday 30
fine

Take down the transit and around the zenith to escape preparation to beginning observations for latitude. Absence at night till midnight when it clouds & I had to desist.

Wednesday 31
raining

Copy copying & observations. Had an interesting chat with Mr. C. S. Edmister M. E. of the Badger Mine. He expects his mine to pay \$100,000 profit per year, the Beaver

September millionaire (was his) is he says he ricked in the woods, it is already clearing from \$60 to \$70,000 per month. Peter the millionaire of Marquette Mich. is the owner of the latter.

I had Mr. W. Scott the (my) speaker to dinner this evening.

Thursday 1
fine

At noon went to station to meet Mr. King who arrived from Winnipeg. At night observed for latitude eight hours getting 24 pairs, being one of the most successful latitude nights I ever had.

Friday 2
fine

The weather is most delightful, & if in Germany today is similar the anniversary of Sedan will receive a grand celebration undoubtedly.

A glorious night, quietly the moon rose over the head of the sleeping giant and a broad silvery band fell upon the placid waters. The town folk hurried out and boarded one of the pleasure boats and undoubtedly had a delightful moonlight excursion which was enlivened by strains of music from the band, which listening to it from shore was well heard & sustained by the distance.

I was in my glory for I got the complete programme of 24 pairs of stars.

Saturday 3
fine

In forenoon began packing. In evening called on Mr. & Mrs. Zimmerman or rather intended to but met them on my way accompanied by the Misses Nixon. I returned with them to town. Later I was busy writing.

Sunday 4
rainy

In forenoon I finished packing in the observatory. Upon invitation I dined at Mr. Zimmerman's at 5-30 P.M. where the Misses Nixon are on a visit. After dinner the ladies went to church, Mr. I. & I smoking & chatting, with them on their return came Mr. J. S. Wiley & the evening was pleasantly spent chatting & with music, the Misses Nixon being stiff Methodists only played some hymns, and when I played a Polka