

November San Francisco then to St. Catherine's.

Monday 3
very fine
warm
little snow at night
Made a survey for J. Kirchner & C. Schapke.
In evening busy at office work.

Tuesday 4
cloudy
windy, cold
Finished my observations today and set up the
zenith telescope, - but the night was too cloudy to
adjust it in azimuth so I spent the evening after
the children were in bed with mother and Augusta, re-
lating them incidents of my past season's work, to
their great enjoyment.

Wednesday 5
cloudy
cool
Busy in the office. - In the evening Mrs. Lubert
I went to the station for Maria & others who return-
ed from St. Catherine's. Observed azimuth for ad-
justment of Zenith Telescope in azimuth.

Thursday 6
fine
Father, Mother, just, Augusta, & Carl's wife were
in the observatory today, and the last two again to-
night also Maria & the boys "seeing" stars.
Later I made some time observations, and then
spent a short time at mother's playing cribbage.

Friday 7
very warm
windy, sunny
The weather is rather uncomfortably warm, the oppres-
siveness being heightened by the smoky atmosphere
and the dust. - Busy computing - Mr. &
Mrs. G. Patterson spent the evening with us; I took
them into the Observatory & showed them transits
of stars.

Saturday 8
Dorothea, Dora & Gustchen with her baby were down, for the
purpose of getting a photograph of four generations, in-
cluding mother. - Busy computing, at night ob-
served transits for time, and at 4 a.m. began observing
Polaris (near western elongation) for value of micrometer
screw, - altho' I was chilly yet Dora delighted with the
observations save one or two when there was a sudden

gust of winds and may have affected the level just I noted
the transit, & repaired before I could read it.

Wednesday 9 Busy computing. Immediately after tea I quickly
cloudy devote my time to Sulu with his school work. I find that
we rain his perception which has hitherto been rather dull, has ma-
terially improved. There is no greater pleasure to me than
to talk with and instruct my three good boys.

— Taking a walk before tea I called in at our new
'Mechanics' Institute which is about drawing to comple-
tion. When finished it will be the ornament of Pitkin,
both from an ornamental point of view and the not less
its intrinsic value as shown by the valuable library.
Now that the long desired building for a Mechanics' Institute
is an accomplished fact, the question is naturally asked
"To whom is the erection due?" The answer to this can not be
given in two words. This similar to a product of nature has
been brought about by a species of development, and in the
following manner. Amongst the directors of the Mechanics' In-
stitute there has been a desire to have rooms of their own
(instead of using the fireman's hall which also served as a council
chamber and was rather disreputable at least for a library).
This desire took definite form when I proposed and organized
the Mech. Inst. Building Club in 1883. The object of the
club was to agitate and keep alive the building scheme & at
the same time to begin a nucleus fund. Through the efforts
of the club the council was induced to submit a by-law
to the ratepayers for the erection of a public building
(town hall, Mech. inst. & fireman's hall). From certain quarters
there was opposition, one wanted a market, another set opposed
it because father was in favor of it, Sedgwick then came from
it his quasi support, altho' at heart against it, as the in-
tention was to put the building on either of the two corpora-
tion lots & he had hopes that at a later date he could
manage to get it nearer to his store. I may say the
opposition and indifference was general, with the ex-
ception of a handful of us. But this very indifference