

March

pushed the matter I believe the whole scheme would have fallen through, and for the sake of a few hundred dollars the 141st meridian remain practically undefined. — In afternoon had a committee meeting on Geodetic Survey, I being chairman.

Later King & I had a chat in my room of astronomical work re.

In evening called on Senator McClellan & with him met Dr. Munshaw M.P., Mr. Muma - Dominion arbitrator, St. Kraus & one or two others.

Left for home at 11 P.M. J.B. Abney, St. Kraus, J. Deafram & a number of other ^{now blockades} acquaintances were in the same train. This time the most were provided for emergencies, and frequently the riotous vessel unmoored. Kraus, Deafram & I chatted till 5 A.M.

Tuesday 18
fine

at 8 A.M. in Toronto where I had to remain till 2 P.M. at the Russian House met Gladis & Thomas Cherbach the former from Detroit, the latter from Ann Arbor. They are here for setting out to a Canadian Company chemical works in which they have an interest. — I took them to the University & about the city. At 3 P.M. I was off again, St. Kraus accompanying me. At Fall Street met me & at 5 P.M. I was at home and glad of the end of the snow blockade siege. — In evening Annie & I played with children Cris Cross.

Wednesday 19
fine
very mild

No more sleighing, altho' some still scrape about. Busy correspondence, visiting re. — chain & I took our walk after 4 in a balmy air. We called on Mrs. A. A. B. who has been very low of late.

Thursday 20
mild

Quay at latitude. In forenoon visited the school, in afternoon was at funeral (only at house) of Henry Walden, he was in his 87th year. In evening after boys had learned their lessons we had

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Some music, Lulu on guitar & Maria on the flute.
- Wednesday 21
snow more
cold
Busy at latitudes. - Spring was changed to winter again today.
- Thursday 22
cold
Busy at latitudes. In evening Marie & I attended the "Gedächtnisfeier & Trauerfeier" for the late German Emperor Wilhelm, in the Turmhalle. Father spoke, the Wankow Liederkreis gave several choice selections.
- Friday 23
cold
0° F
Busy at latitudes. In evening attended D.
- Saturday 24
fine
cold
In forenoon made a survey of Father's hotel property, especially for making a description of the vacant lot adjoining my property, which I intend buying if not too dear. - Father's price herefor to a stranger is nothing less than \$400. To me he want to be lenient, I offered him \$100, considering that figure a fair figure, probably a little low - but not much. - \$400 I think simply ridiculous, which he nor his heir would never get. As a building lot it is by no means a desirable location. He can never expect to get paid for his work thereon - making a hill, level, where numerous natural even lots can be had. - I principally want it that I have some place to remove the privy to, which is now in front of my house.
Busy computing occultations
- Sunday 25
cold
In afternoon was at Father's, where Mother, Father, Augusta Jacot & I discussed the "lot" question. - It seems to me that when a stranger wants to buy anything from Father, he is the next one always ready to sell, so Father's property is mostly a source of expense to him, but when I want to buy anything (as it was when I bought my house) there is haggling & haggling - restrictions to be made, price put high &c, & then sold to me as a special favor.