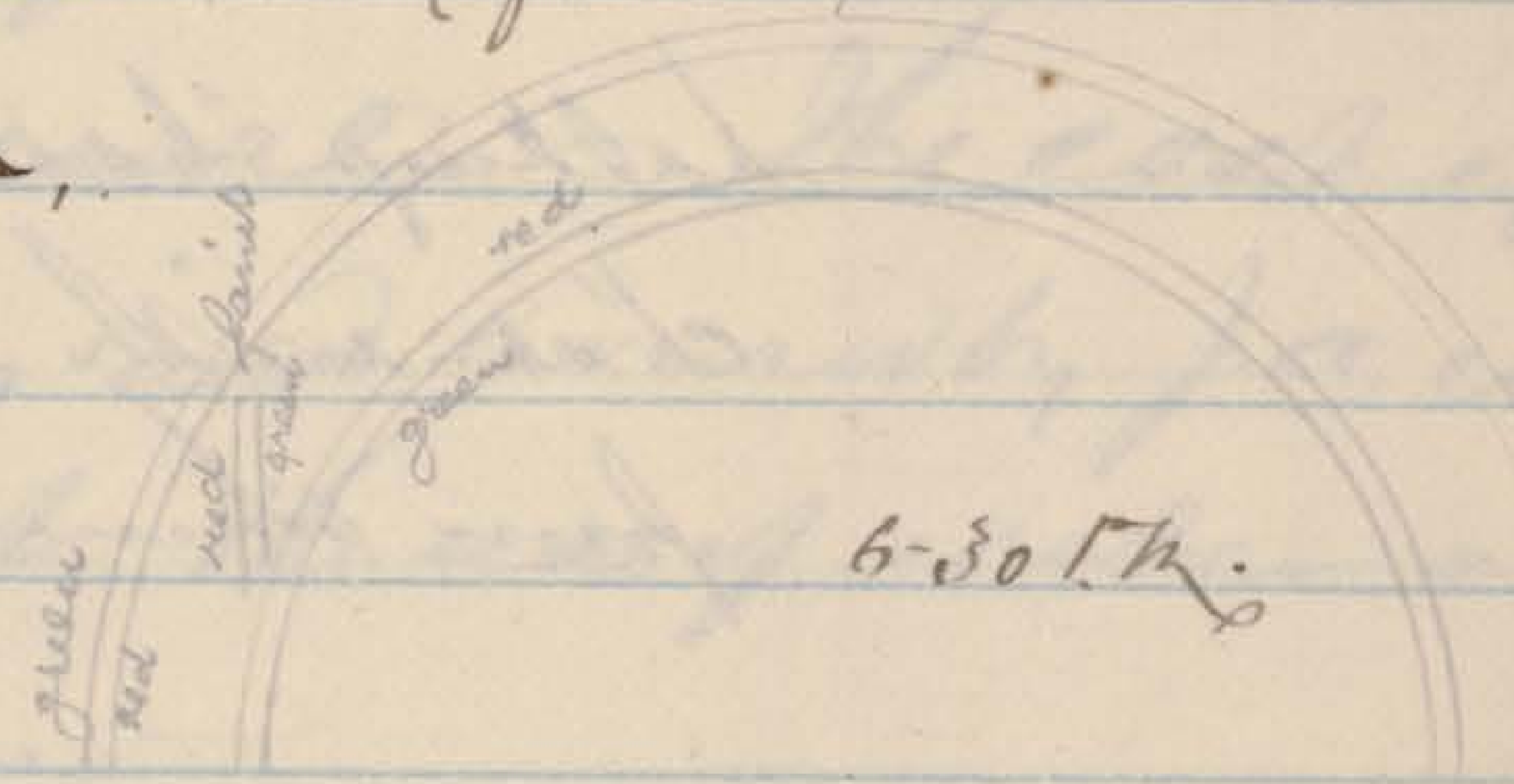


so he requested my assistance. — Within five minutes I had one written, handed it to him. That read smoothly, he said and thanked me. — And this resolution was presented by him to the meeting today and adopted, to be sent by telegraph to the member J. A. Mason to be presented by him to the Cabinet and also to Mr. White. —

— Indian Agutell May who was at the meeting had considerable (of little consequence) to say; he read over the resolution carefully — in fact several times — spoke about grammar, lexicology, impressiveness — and expressiveness (Scholastic style) and finally came to the conclusion that it was about as good as he could make it.

— I sat behind him and felt like sitting on him but such would have been extremely out of place.

— The clouds they prevented observation tonight. It was a pretty sight late in the afternoon when raining to see the neighboring hills or mountain tops having a white cap sifted on to them. Shortly before sunset a beautiful rainbow stood against the dark blue eastern horizon. It was a double one, and had a peculiarity which I never before noticed — a very faint streak between the two as shown in the diagram, and leaning at little to the left of the perpendicular.



Saturday 27
fine

The morning greeted me with the most translucent sky and a beautiful invigorating air. To me the former characteristic was especially welcome as I believed ^{to have} a similar sky for the night to follow. —

Bury myself studying etc. — As the day advanced clouds sprang up & increased. I got several trains of stars but just as the moon was within 20 seconds the first threw a heavy black cloud completely obscured it, in fact one could not tell there was a moon in the heavens at all. My choice of such luck may be imagined. — Jupiter's satellites

April were out of the question.

Saturday 28 Busy computing and studying. The night was cloudy and although I remained up till 3-30 AM I could do no observing.

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Sunday 29
fine

Busy writing, reading and finished a "paper" I wrote on "Descriptions" which I intend presenting at the meeting of the Association of P.L.S. During the day the sky was fairly clear but as evening and the night advanced the clouds gathered & thickened, and by 1 a.m. it was raining. Another night lost. — I am extremely disappointed with the weather here — regarding cloudless skies — and had such beautiful nights here in Sep & Oct 1885. — Some of the older residents tell me that rain is far more prevalent this year than for many years past. — An American book agent Charles Gualeau is "doing up" the lawn handwriting, he is at my hotel, but up till last night had not dared to address me, when he did so he widely repaid for talking books. He is a German Jew — I had quite a chat with him. — He must be a poor man from whom ^{one} can not learn something.

Monday 30 A blue sky with a balmy breeze was most cheering on arising, but here nature generally reverses the order of things as accustomed to see in the East, there clouds generally disappear with the approach of night but here the contrary obtains. — Busy reading, studying. — No observations — too cloudy.

May
Tuesday 1
fine
a little rain

May Day was ushered in with a bright & gladdening face. A gentle breeze wafted perfume from the new leaved cotton woods along the river, that reminded me of camp on the plains in the spring, especially when to it was