

Sunday 27
fine
Cool
Busy Computing & finished my observations of-
servations at Kamloops. - In afternoon George
Est was with me in my room passing several
hours in social chatting. - The evening I spent
with Mr. W. Kestler. - This date never passes without
memory relating to 1876

Monday 28
Cool
Busy about observatory lot. - The evening I spent
at Levi's. -

Windy
Tuesday 29
windy
we have rain
Busy about observatory lot, and the work is happily
drawing to a close. - In the evening Mr. Kestler hav-
ing received two complimentary tickets, I after his request
attended with him the lecture of Father Drummond upon
"Unreasonableness of Unbelievers." - My short criticism
is that he is a good & fluent speaker, but his arguments against
atheism & agnostics were very poor - indeed instances were
childish. His line of reasoning was to build a structure
of his own imagination, and then with a heroic process
to tear it to pieces most unmercifully - and even in this
he was generally unsuccessful. - No man can prove
the existence of a supreme omnipotent omniscient being,
and to attempt to convince being held an act so
redolent of mankind is playing on the credulity & ig-
norance of man. - Christ I respect as man for all
and any virtues he possessed as I do any other man of sim-
ilar virtues, but to give him any supernatural attributes
is totally beyond my conception. - Mr. Kestler
coincides pretty well with my views. -

When I returned to my hotel I found a
party in progress and the strains of music permeating the halls.

Wednesday 30
windy
Cool
Busy about observatory lot. - I spent the evening at Levi H.
Est.

Thursday 31
Cool
windy
The pier was finished today & I immediately mounted our
new transit, of 3 1/2" focal length & 3" aperture. It is by
Cooke Son - York - England. - I spent the evening being

- June cloudy with F. Bentrüppel -
- Friday 1
cool
windy
All the work about the observatory has now finished today. - In the evening I observed with the new transit for its adjustments. - The weather keeps very cool, there was a fire in the grate in the office this evening.
- Saturday 2
pleasant
Today I got the pier built in the basement of the hotel for the astronomical clock. - In evening observed for adjustment of both transits. - Leaving the observatory at midnight I called at Mr. Steptoe's to see Mr. Wm Pearce - it was near one when he came & we chatted till 1-30 a.m.
- Sunday 3
very warm
windy
Today is the first real warm day that we have had. - In evening observed for time. I invited Mr. & Mrs. Levi H. Coe & her father (Co) to the observatory when the usual questions & answers were gone through. - They had a little laugh at me for the first star that I wanted to show them, did not turn up in time. I said it must be quite hazy outside & beside, the star was small magnitude - in vain I looked for it - all of a sudden it struck me that I had not removed the cap which is inside of the balancing tube in the object glass. - All was well thereafter.
- Monday 4
fine, cloudy
windy
after & eve rain
Busy making arrangements for setting up the sidereal clock. In evening I went to hear the readings by Chas. Dickens. In a most lamentable manner Judge Abdy as President of the Historical Society under whose auspices Mr. Dickens came here, introduced Mr. Dickens. - Mr. D. is a little below the average in height, wears glasses, a moustache and has nothing of a prepossessing character about him. He nominally had a book lying before him from which to read, however he recited. He gave two pieces Dr. Manifold and Burdell vs. Pickwick. His voice is clear & distinct with a touch of "English". He mimics little yet his intonations & inflections are quite sufficient to establish clearly the various personages