

- June cloudy with F. Bentrüppel -
- Friday 1 cool windy
 all the work about the observatory lot was 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 Messerslein'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 Holt daughter & 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 on 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 on 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