

April

entered into with Ince, Dowd & Co. His attack is obviously only on the height of 12 ft of the rooms mentioned in the contract whereas he wants it 13 ft - He can give no sound reason why he wants it 13 ft., altho' the reason of 12 ft. was arrived at by the other 5 trustees after due discussion with the two architects (Butley & Ince). The 5 trustees were first in favor of very high ceilings - i.e. higher than 12 ft. but after discussion & explanation saw that it was for ventilation just as good with 12 ft., it was cheaper to build too and there was an annual saving of about five tons of coal. - Clare acts the part of a pure obstructionist and unfortunately not one of the trustees here for they has the courage to act manfully towards him. It is a pity that there are so few independent men holding public offices. One is afraid of being censure at his store, one is under financial obligations to another, another is fishing for favors pecuniary or otherwise, another lacks backbone and is swayed like a blade of grass in a breeze by sentiment, - & so on.

Tuesday 9  
fine

We are having fine weather but all wanting rain badly. We commenced gardening today. -  
Mamie & I spent the evening at Mrs. A. A. Erb's where Mr. & Mrs. Dr. Goodale showed us their collection of curios gathered in their years absence & journey round the world. - They are highly interesting.

Wednesday 10  
fine

Busy in office & about the house & garden. -

Thursday 11  
mild, cloudy  
eve. little rain

Busy at latitude. - After tea spent the evening at Father's where a number of persons had gathered, acquaintances of his. Stahlschmidt, to meet her ere her departure for home. -

Friday 12  
fine

Busy at latitude. Orestes was shocked today by the news of the death of Mrs John Fuchs (Mina Clare) at Drayville.

Saturday 13  
Cool

Max is confined to the house by a bad cold. Busy at latitude & toward working in the garden.