

Thursday September 13th

This has been a Beautiful Day with
A nice mild Breeze from South-West
all traces of Rain seems to have gone again
Although it had a great appearance of it
Last Night about 11 P.M. a little Rain
at intervals would ^{do} now untill the Harvest
comes in and that wont be long so far
as the Hay is concerned there will be some
Good Hay Crops this year } -----

{ I Loaded up a Load of wood to
day I Coarted it out with the Horse &
Wagon Mr. M^r & Patt Started to Go
To Crystal Brook to the Doctor But they
only went as far as the School when they
turned Back, they met the German
Doctor & Harmer and Fred Grey coming
from William Walshes Sale at least the Hay
Stack Sale So the M^r spoke to the Dr.
at the Whim She is thinking of going in to see him
at the Rod

Friday September 16th

Fine & Warm To Day with a Light Breeze
From North-West But at Sundown
It Shifted to the South East.

I went to Port Pirie To Day with
A Load of wood to the Milling Co.
I had ^{3 = 15 = on} ~~3 = 15 = on~~ } ^{Handed}

I Paid the Cheque I Got
From Baker into the Bank To Day
and Subscribed 5/- to the Port Pirie
Show. For which I Got 2 Tickets of
Admittance to the Ground.

I was home about half Past 8 P.M. -
Ellick McQueen was here when I came
I Paid him some money which I owed
him I Gave him a Cheque for one Pound
£1 -

Michael Fitzgerald went to
Naffery to pay I believe to Madigan's
Place.

Saturday September 17th

This has Been a Very hot & Dry Sort of a
Day with a Dry Northerly Wind all Day
There was a touch of hot wind in it
Much of this Weather would not be Very Good
Because only for one Day things Looked Very
Dry after it

The Mrs. went to Crystal Brook to Day
To the Doctor with the Pain in her side he Injected
Some Stuff into it and also Gave her a Bottle
of Medicine to drink. Patt went her
They were home Early again

I Shave the 2 Sheep this morning
There was 14 lbs of Wool on the 2 of them
I went down to the Whim in the after noon
and cleared myself to the Whim about the
Lies with reference to Walter Brown.
Walter Proved the truth

Both him & me know
Who put the Story about him coming to work for me

Sunday September 18th

Warm again to day with a Light Breeze from the North But in the after it became Cooler and the Wind also Shifted to the South-West.

A Shower of Rain would be of Service now again

Myself & Patt went to Crystal Brook to day to Mass. I had a chat with Father Newbourn after Mass. Mrs Goulter was at Mass also To day The Chapple Looks a Lot Better now since the New Porch Built to it it was finished the Sunday Before Last it makes the Chapple Larger in the inside It cost enough to Build it too as I understand it cost £52 = Mr Ed Scottcher of the Brook that Built it

The Black Heffer Calved This morning She had a heffer Calf

Monday September 19th

Fine Clear day with a Light Breeze From the North East in the morning But in the after noon it Shifted to the South East.

We have a New Moon this evening and it seems Very much on its Back also.

The Mrs went to Crystal Brook to day To the Doctor again when she was going Myself & Ellen Smith went as far as the Whim as Ellen wanted to get a registered Letter that was there it was from John Finigan So she opened it and showed it to the Mr who recd it, there was nothing in it in our favour however there was also in the Letter a Ladies Watch Chain as a present to Ellen Smith, the same Chain my Mr had 17 years ago - and he by some foul means took it off her and gave it to his Wife, ^{then} how deceased, and now it has come to Ellen Smith's hand.

Tuesday September 20th

Very hot again to day with a hot dry wind from the North But the Sky was showing signs of a change and at 4 o'clock P.M. it darkened up and showed signs of a storm there was also a great lot of lightning and thunder at sundown the storm broke and blew a hurricane for about a half an hour a few drops of Rain also fell the storm broke from the North West But it soon shifted to the West and calmed down soon then in fact it got a regular Calm

I was cutting wood to day in the fore noon I went to Featherston in the afternoon I took Poll & Jessy to the horse Featherstone was not at home so I left them there in the yard

Muck came back again this Evening

Wednesday September 21st =

Cool to day with a strong Westerly Wind there was some signs of Rain about Noon But it cleared off again until after Sun down then there did a big bank of black clouds come up from the South and stretched along to the west and about 7 P.M. the broke and then it rained for about an hour it ceased again at 9 P.M. But it still shows signs of some more through the Night

I was cutting wood again to make the Hay yard; Pat went to Featherston this morning to see about the 2 mares they were all right so he left them there

Old Mr. Finigan came here this Evening he stayed all Night

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Thursday September 22nd

Nice clear day with a nice cool
Breeze from the West. all Signs of Rain
Seems to Be gone off again

it did not Rain much Last Night
after all though it showed Great appearance
about 10 P.M.

Still if Cool weather would
Keep on, Crops would do well enough yet for
another Bit. as the moisture is in the Ground
(yet), I was making a New hay yard
at the Back of the Stable to day
I Put Mick's Horse in the Bray and
Brought 2 fogs of Posts for it

Old Mr. Finigan went home
This afternoon

Mick Lent his horse to Paddy Shanahan
To day after I was done with him he Brought
him Back again before Sundown

Sunday September 25th

Cold again to day with a strong Westardly
Wind it Rained a Good Drop Last Night
And it was much wanted as things was looking
Pretty dry. it showed Signs of a Good Lot more
Rain to day But none fell save a Light Shower at
about half Past 11 a.m. the Sky Looked Very Black
and Rainey Looking to the South & South West
in the after noon it all Cleared off again

Myself & Michael and Patt went to Mass to
Crystal Brook to day we called at Wilsons
as we were coming home But we did not stop
Long we also called at the Whim as we were
Passing

Thorpe offered me £5 for Prence if I would
Like to sell him if he offered me £6 I would have
Taken it

Old Mr. Crough of Merriton was Buried
in Crystal Brook Cemetery To day

Monday September 26th

Nice Clear Day with a Light Wind from
From the East in the morning But towards
Noon it Changed to the West again there was
Signs of a change in the after noon
it was very dull & Camb. and showed signs
of thunder

Michael & Patt went to Adelaide
This morning To the Exhibition I drove them
To Crystal Brook we got to the Brooks at 20 minutes
To 8 a.m. and the train did not leave until
half past. She had a little delay on account
of the Bores of the Water Carriage becoming
over heated they had to leave it Behind
in consequence

I was speaking to Thorpe again
To day about the Horse he said he would
Let me know in a few days wheather he would
Give me 6 Pounds £6 or not
He parted at that

Tuesday September 27th

Fine clear Day But Cold in the morning
it is always cold when the Wind is from the
East it was From the East Last Night and
All this Day the Easterly wind rises up everything
Very soon the Sun went down red this evening

M^r. Miller from Port Pirie came here
This morning about 9 a.m. to Buy a cow
he Bought one { Bluey } for Seven Pounds ten
Shillings £7-10⁰ he had not taken her
Away. But he promised to come for her
Tomorrow.

I was Cutting some wood this morning
again for the Hay yard. and putting it
up in the after noon

Thorpes Girl came here to
Day for some cabbages which she got.

John Fitzgerald my Till Cottage Pirie Wandearah P.O.

Wednesday September 28th

Nice fine day right through there was
A Light Breeze from the South East in the morning
But it changed to the west in the after
Noon

The m^{rs} went to Post Office this morning
She wanted to go to Chemist to Get something
For the Pain in her Side She Got 2 Bottles
She Paid 4/- for them

M^r Miller came here this evening for
the Cow he Bought yesterday he Braught
Another man with him. Mick Earne
They took the Calf in a Spring Day
he Paid me he gave me a cheque for
£7-4- and six Shillings in Silver

All my Cattle were in Butters Wheat
Paddock this morning Charles Parmer
Turned them out

Thursday September 29th

Nice warm day again with a Light
Breeze from the South East.

There was not a signe of a cloude in the
sky all day a good Shower of Rain
is much wanted just now. to make the wheat
fill out better

Myself & the M^{rs} went to
Crystal Brook to Day I took her to the
Doctor he Injected something into her
Side twice and also gave her a prescription
to the Chemist. I Paid 3/6 for the Bottle of
Medicine

I Braught home a young Chap.
with me from the Brook his Name is
Richard Connors he is going to work
I Got 20 lbs of Mutton at Parkes
I did not pay for it.

John Fitzgerald

Friday September 30th

Dull & Cloudy all day and showing
Great Signs of a change for Rain.
There was a dry wind from the North all
day untill about 8 P.M. when it then
changed to the South-West and got
fine and Cool { 10 P.M. } There is some
Lightening going for the last hour.

There is also a Good appearance ~~for~~
of the Rain to the South.

Dick Connors was Cutting
Dry wood to lay in the fore noor.
And in the after noon he was Clearing
out the Hut and rearing up a Burnt
to himself he also drove the Cattle
to the Whim and watered them there.

I was Jobbing about the House
I put Leather washers in the 2 front
Wheels of the Buggy she wanted them
~~to be~~ ...

Saturday October 1st 1887. Rain

Cloudy Looking this morning again
And showing signs of some more Rain.
it did Rain a nice drop. Last Night
Something about a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an Inch it came from
the West. I went to Crystal Brook with
the W^{re} to lay again to the doctor.
it Rained a good heavy Shower as we got
in that was about 1 o'clock I Paid the Dr.
5 Shilling and 7/6 I paid the Chemist for
Medicine and plaster and powder.

I also Paid Parker's Man $\frac{1}{6}$ for meat I got
on Thursday Last. I got a tooth of the horse Parker
mended at Sayer's it cost me $\frac{1}{6}$
The Doctor gave me a Galvanic Battery
for the W^{re} to apply to her side if the Rain came
on again she spent a very bad Night last
Night with it as we got home the Rain came
down in torrents again and Rained for about an
hour and a half 11 P.M. it is still showing of some more.

Rain

Sunday October 2nd 1887

Raining again this morning
from the West I might say it Rained all
this day without any intermissions
It rained very heavy about one o'clock
& Very heavy clouds rolling up all day
in fact this day looked like a December
day in the old country So far as heavy
clouds heavy Rain and heavy wind
is concerned 10 P.M. it is still Raining
and has no appearance of stopping
the night outside looks very wet, cold and
winterish. It will be a wonderful lot of good
to the crops in general - as they were beginning
to feel the want of it

I went to Mass to Crystal Brook to day
there was only 5 or six persons there altogether
I had some at Mass as there was no
Car it Rained on me all the way
Both going and coming

Monday October 3rd 1887

Cloudy Looking again this morning
and showing great signs of some more
rain Still none fell all day But it Rained
a good bit last night so that there was sheets
of water Laying about this morning

The ground has got a good soaking now again
so far as the early sown wheat is concerned
this rain will do. But the late sown will
want a little more after a bit

I went to Featherstones this morning
for my 2 horses that was there (manes rather)
after dinner then myself & Dick Connor
loaded a load of wood on the dray
to take to the doctor to morrow
The Mrs went to Port Pirie this afternoon
she brought a Quarter tin of Tea and
2 new handles she was home about
seven P.M.

Tuesday October 4th

Fine clear day with a nice cool Breeze
From the West. There was not a sign of
A Cloud in the Sky all Day

10 P.M. the Moon Looks a Bit Cloudy
To Night and Showing Signs of some
more Rain

I was going to Go to the Brook
To Day with a bray Load of wood. But I took
the second thought and put it on the
Waggon I Loaded the Waggon

and after that we were Carting out
some manure from the New hay yard
so as to clear it

Michael & Patt came home
From the Adelaide Expedition
They came in to the Brook Last Night
and walked from there this morning

This Mrs. went to see Mrs. Penzel
This aft. Noon she did not stop long

Wednesday October 5th 1857

Fine Day with a Light Breeze from the
South-West. it is nice weather now after the
Rain the Wheat seems to freshen up. up a good
deal it was in the want of this last Rain

Old Mr. Finigan came here about
Twelve o'clock {midnight} he had some
Tiff with Patt so he left him

Thursday October 6th

This has been a nice clear Day also.
With a nice cool Breeze from the west.
The Mrs & Patt went to Crystal Brook
To Day to the Doctor. The old man went with
them as far as the Brook Creek he was

Going as far as JACK'S Place
Myself and Dick was making a manger
in the stable

Michael Fitzgerald went to the
Port Pine Show

Friday
~~Thursday~~ October 7th

Clear day with a Very Dry Wind from
The North the sky showed signs
of a change for some more Rain.

Myself and Dick was at the mangle.
To day again

The Mrs & Michael and Ellen
Smith and Lizzy Harford and
John Vearice and his Wife
Started to go to the Port this Evening
To the Baby Show and when they got as
far as the old Pound the Rains came
down so the Horses took flight and
ran rings round in the Road
and all that was in the Trap was thrown
out the Trap went over Michael Leggs
it also went over Ellen Smiths Body
they were all more or less Shaken
They all had a Very narrow Escape

of Being Killed the Buggy was
Broken a good deal the 2 Seats was
Broken and the Front was Broken Clean
off the Side of the Trap was also Broken
it will Cost 4 or 5 Pounds to Put it
in Repair

Saturday October 8th

Fine Clear Day But there was a
A hard Dry wind from the North
it was very sultry after dark. But still
There was no signs of Rain

Myself and Dick finished the Mangle
this Evening

Old Mr. Finigan
Went away this morning But I do
not know when he went.

Sunday October 9th

Fine clear day with a good cool
Breeze from the South there was a Great
of Thunder this morning about 6 or 7 a.m.
and still there was no signs of Rain
all day however we are thankful for
the Cool change

Walter Brown & Lizzy
Garford came here this evening
They stopped until 10 P.M.

Monday October 10th

Fine Cool Day with a nice Breeze
from the South-West

I cut some hay to day in the
Scrub Paddock Dick ~~he~~ was Raking
after me with the hand Rake
I went up to William Walches in the
evening to know if he would come on cut.

Come for me he Promised to
Come on Thursday and give me
2 days cutting with his machine
I am to give him a few days
work at the carting of his hay

Mrs Pettallie came here
this after noon she stopped until
about 4 P.M. & she bought Michaels
Horse for eight £8 Round.

Tuesday October 11th

Nice cool day again with the wind
from the West or South-west
there was signs of Rain this morning
but it cleared up early in the day
Myself & Dick went to Crystal Brook
to day with a load of wood to the doctor
we had a Great job to get through Saints
Sand hill the three Saints helped us to get
through we broke 2 yokes & one start

Wednesday October 12th

This was rather a warm day there was a Light Breeze from the West.

I Fixed the Trap this morning and then the Mrs went to Port Pirie. She Brought home a Bag of Flour. She Paid 1/- for it. She also Brought a Coat and Trowsers and hat to Dick. She Brought a fork handle horse Rains and a half Gallon of oil.

I sent Dick to Featherston to day with Roll & Jessy to the Horse in the after noon. Myself and Dick was mending the Fence Between Myself & Thrope.

The young German Boy went away to day he came last Night at dark he was Looking for work.

Thursday October 13th

Very warm to day there was a nice Breeze from the North-West in the Fore Noon. But it got very calm & sultry in After noon. The sky showed signs of a change for some more Rain.

Mrs Walsh came here about 10 a.m. to day with his 2 Horses and Mowing Machine. he was mowing all day for me. Dick was Raking with Roll, and myself was Cocking.

Walsh took home one of his Horses after knocking off. he would not drink the Water here.

Fatt went to Crystal Brook to day to the doctor. I sent with him for a Fork handle which he Brought it cost 1/2.

I got one Gallon of Wine at the Whim this morning I Paid 3/6 for it.

Friday October 14th

Very warm again. There was a Light Breeze from the North But like yesterday it Got Very Warm before Sundown.

William Walsh was cutting Hay for me again to day he finished the 2 pieces that I had to cut he just had it finished at Sundown so he took his machine home. Then he won a Very Good Day work to day.

Dick was raking and I was Cocking all day.

Walsh's mare & 2 of my own and Mick's Horse were in the Wheat this morning. They Broke out of the hay yard how long they were in it I don't know. Walsh's mare Got into it at dinner time. Again

Saturday October 15th 1887.

Very warm again To day with the Wind from the North it is Very Severe Weather for the Wheat, as it is Nipping the Tops of the heads.

Myself and Dick was Cocking's hay to day again until dinner time. Pats Finigan Came here then with word that Mr. Shaughnessy's Child was dead so myself and the Mrs. Got Ready and went to the Funeral we were at

Shaughnessy's about an Hour before the Funeral Started it was a Very Good one too there was 20 traps and 2 Horse men it was Sundown when we left the Brook coming home.

I called in at the Whim as we were Passing

Sunday October 16th

Very hot again today with
the wind from the North as usual
and very drying. Still I think we
will have a change soon.

Mr. M^r and Patt & McEachern went
to Crystal Brook to mazo
today when they came home I went
down to Wandearah to Stephen Garford's
Place to see about an old Reaping
machine. But Mr. or Mrs. Garford was
not at home so I waited until Mr.
Garford came home. She was
at Chappel at Port Pirie and called
around at my place as she was coming
home. It was near 9 o'clock when she
came home we made a sort of a bargain
about the machine. I was home
just at 11 P.M.

Rain)

Wednesday October 26

Dull & cloudy today with a light
breeze from it showed great signs of
rain all day about 3 P.M. it blew a very
strong breeze from the North-West so I had
to knock hay carting. I only brought in 3 loads.
Patt came here this morning for the Lend
of the Horses & Trap to go to the Brook to the
Doctor. The Mrs. went down as far as McGuire's
to know if Mr. Guire would come up to cut the
Little Bull. he did come up in the evening and
cut him. I was going to kill a young Steer
also. But there was a few Peals of thunder and
some lightning so deferred it.

about 7 P.M. it commenced to rain and
never ceased until 10 P.M. it was the heaviest
rain I see for the last 3 years. I had a
400 Gallons tank full in one hour.

Patt Finigan came here this morning
he was going to Port Pirie with a Rable to get his
(own put)

Thursday October 27th

Nice cool day with a cool Breeze from
the West. We were jobing about the House
So today we brought out some Rails from
the scrub we also erected a Gallows
to hang up the Steer. we ~~skinned~~ killed him in
the after noon Mr Guine came here and helped
me with it, he stayed here untill eleven pm

Friday October 28th

Cool again So today with the Wind from the North
West. I Cut down the meat this morning
So the Mr^s took a Piece of it down to Mr Guine
She got some Salt from Mr^s Thorpe as she was
coming Back. She went to Port Pirie in the after
Noon with the Skin and with the calf
She got 9/- for the Skin She gave the Calf to Harmer
She met Patt Finigan in Port he was on the
Booze so he came home with her Mr Guine &
Mr^s Mr Guine came here this evening for their salt
Mr Featherston came here this morning

When we were here Looking at the
Rake we went in to Liddell and had some
dinner and after that we went across the Street
to Mr^s Porters house to see him which we did
Patt told him his Business about the Rake
and also that he understood that Mr^s Porter
Bought the Rake from Mr^s Harris for £9=
Porter Replied that he did not Buy the Rake
at all. he said Mr^s Harris spoke to him
about some Rakes and wanted to know if he
(Mr^s Porter) could Dispose of some Horse
Rakes in Narridy for him, Mr^s Porter made
answer to Harris that Possibly he might —,
Those are Mr^s Porters words to Patt Finigan
and me to say, he also said he would not
Give the Rake to any one unless he got an order
from Mr^s Harris or from the Court.

Patt asked him to come down to his Mill yard
to see the marks on the Rake But he utterly
Refused and did not go.
on Monday the Rake was sent to Narridy as Porter
(say)

Monday October 31st

Warm to day again with a very light
Breeze from the West. or North-West.

The Sun Came out Very hot in the afternoon
But it got nice and cool at sundown.

I sent Dick To Featherstone this morning
For the mares. I was tossing up the Hay myself
While he was away when he came back
we made a frame for the Hay and
Brought in 2 Loads of hay.

Patt Finigan was here when we
Came in with the Last Load.

Harford's Boy came here also I don't
know what he wanted or if he wanted anything.
Patt wanted to see Charlie Parker
to know what he had to say about the
Rake But he had not much to say
about it so he is in good to him.

Thursday November 3rd 1897.

Very Cloudy this morning with
A Light Breeze from the North-West. There was
A Great appearance of Rain.

I Just had 2 Loads of hay in when
it commenced to Rain it Rained heavy for about
an hour it cleared up again But it had a good
appearance of some more there was a Lot of Thunder
and Lightning all the afternoon.

I Painted up my Ship this
afternoon again I finished it this time.

Patt Hannan came here this evening
To see me about some Bullocks he wanted
To make a chop with me for some of his Horses.
I Promised to go up to his Place tomorrow
So we Parted at that.

he came out from the Port with
the Bentzen (Mr. Upton).

Friday November 4th

Very Stormy this Morning and Great Signs of Rain the Wind was from the ~~North~~ East. the Thunder and Lightning was also very vivid.

I was Bad all Last Night and to day I got up out of Bed at 10 a.m. myself and the Mrs then got Ready and went up to Nafferby to Patt Hannan to see if I could make a deal with him with my Bullocks But we could make no deal as he wanted to Give me Horses for the Bullocks. I did not want that. he wanted £15 Per head for his Horses a Price I would not Give as they were rather Light to Suit me So we Came Back as we went Patt was here minding the Place while we were away.

The Cattle Got into the Wheat to day before we went away.

Saturday November 5th

Fine cool day with a nice Breeze from the South West. it was still showing Signs of Rain it was Showery in the fore noon But it cleared up in the after noon. The Mrs went to Crystal Brook this after noon to see Mr. Sincular about the Bullocks. She took 14 Pounds of Butter to Claridges she only got 15 Per Pound for it.

Sincular would only Give 6¹⁰ for them. So I am to Let him know tomorrow wheather I would let him have them or not.

Myself & Dick was making a manger in the stable for Foll.

old Maurice Fitzgerald came here this after noon he did not stop long he was at the Whim for Letters.

Sunday November 6th

Rather cold and cloudy this morning
With a strong wind from the South West
it was showing some signs of Rain also
it did Rain a Shower about half Past 10 a.m.

Myself and Dick went to Crystal Brook
To day we were going to Mass But
we met William Walsh as we got outside my
own Gate he told us Mass was to Be at
10 o'clock so we would be Late then

However we went on to the Brook as I had
A note to Leave them for Mr John Sinclair
I picked up 2 Sheep Drivers as I was
going up so I gave them a Ride in to
the Brook I met Bill Morton at Wilsons
so we had a few drinks Together and then he
came home with us, I brought a man
to William Walshes to Leave him there for a
Week instead of myself I engaged him for one
Pound Per Week. I will pay him for one week
Pat Finigan also came here this evening
Walter Brown can also

Monday November 7th

Nice Cool day with a ~~Light~~ Stiff Breeze
From the South West. all day there was a lot of
White clouds flying about all day and in the evening
some Very Black clouds loomed up from the
South and South West; the wind got strong also in
the after noon so I had to Knoff. Day Carting we only
brought 3 Jags in the day

William Morton went away
this morning he went to the Brook and from there
to where he was working (at Duffields)

and got Paid off so he came Back again
this evening at 9 p.m. to stop all Night

Mr John Sinclair and some young Chap.
came here this after noon to Buy the Bullocks
off me I sold him the six Bullocks at Six Pounds
Per head £6-10 Per head

I also sold him the old Bull Stag (old Paddy
for 4 Pounds I am to take them
to Crystal Brook tomorrow

Tuesday November 8th

Fine cool day with Wind from the South-West it was a nice Breeze also.

Rather too much for Hay Carting Still I Brought in 3 Loads. William was helping me after dinner I yoked up the 6 Bullocks and drove them to Crystal Brook I took the Bull Steag also I got into the Brook at Sundown so I put them in Lamberts yard at the Royal Hotel, and gave them up to Sinclair But I had to send a Telegram to Port Pirie for Sinclair it was about 8 o'clock then when we got an Answer Back. A Ferguson Paid the money for Mr. Sinclair I understand he took his Bill I met Patt Sinigan at Lamberts afterwards so I did not leave him there Long we were together as far as his own Corner I parted him there and came home I had a private Chatt with Ferguson before I left the Brook

Wednesday November 9th

Nice cool day again with a nice Breeze from the South.

I finished hay carting to day I had but 2 Loads to Bring in so I put some Straw on the top of the Stack then But I did not finish it as myself & Dick went to Wandearah to Hayfords for the Reaping Machine I was to Bring the Winner also. But Mrs. Hayford wanted one pound for it so I left it, William was putting in a New Flower in the Kitchen while we were away

Patt Fitzgerald came here to day and went away again he took the Book that was here belong to him old Maurice Fitzgerald also came here also But did not stop Long

I Received a Letter from Ellic Banigan to day

Thursday November 10th

Possibly warm to day with a Light
Breeze from the South.

Myself and the M^{rs} went to Port Pirie
To day we took in 14 doz of Eggs to
Innosells and got 15 Per dozⁿ for them
I got a Bag of Flour at Darling^{ton}
and Paid 1/- for it we then went to
Prestons and Bought some things there
2 cwt Potatoes 3 Pair of Boots Spenners and a
few other Little things I was speaking
To Mr Bond about the Bullocks. He also
Promised to write to the Broker on my account

I got the Horse Collar at Forays^{ons} I Paid
6/- for getting it repaired we came home
By Mr Rees I met M^{rs} E Sinclair there
we had 2 drinks and then came along home

Dick was raking whatever hay was
Scattered about the Ground

Bill was Covering the Stalls with Straw. . .

Friday November 11th

Rather cool again to day with a nice
Breeze from the South - West. I sent Bill away
To Washes this morning to help him with his day
I went fixing the Reaper myself Dick Braught
in the Last of the Hay I was selling the Rotten
Floor after dinner and before I had much done
To it I had something more dangerous to attend
To as I went outside the door to get the Pick
I beheld a smoke coming from the ~~bottom~~
Leaning of the Road ^{above} ~~below~~ my own Gate
So I Ran up at once and there it was Burns
the Grass along the Road Close to my Fence
it would have Been in to my Paddock But
for the Track along the Fence my M^{rs} and Dick
and Ellen Smith help me to put it out with
hard work we put it out in about a half and
or perhaps more Just as we had it out
M^{rs} Butter & his 3 men came to us Thors was
coming also But when he see it out he turned

Back again I think it was about
half Past 2 P.M. when I first saw the Fire
how it started I don't know Save what I have
heard Rite in the middle of the Road there
Was the Track of Fire as if something had Been
Burned Such as some Clothing. as I afterwards
found out it was a Waiscoat Belonging.

John Whutton I met him coming Back
from the Whim in Company with John Grouse
With a Buggy and 2 Horses Belong to
the Beetaloo Water Works Whutton Acknowledged
having out his Waiscoat and the same on fire
he said he thought he put it out. But thoughts
must be cared Sometimes

This is as much as I know
at Present about the fire

Bill had a run away this Evening
as he was coming from Washers the mare
Ran away with him But he met with no more
accidents Save the Loose his Hat
I sent the man to Featherston this Evening

Friday November 18th

Pety. Warm again To Day with a Light
Breeze from the South-West. Bill Morton &
myself went to Crystal Brook this morning
again I wanted to see Mr. Ferguson
this morning again I just met him
in front of Wilsons Hotel so I went with
him to his office and paid him nine Pounds
£9.4.6 I also got my Bill from him

I met Patt Guire To Day again in the
Township his mate came with myself and
Bill as far as the Whim he said he would go up
to see David and Guire was at the Whim
also he offered me the Horse (Gouldiver) to Day
for 7 Pounds Cash £7. I said I would
see about him so we came home then and had
our dinner and after that we finished the Chaff
Sheet we put all the straw on it so I am well up
for Sheets now & Tengel was here to Day
again for some more Wood

Saturday Nov 19th

Passably cool to day with a Light Breeze
from the South-West.

I took the Comb off Harfords
Machine and took it across to Allick
McQueen to get 2 Fingers Put in it
he took it as soon as I went over I also got
a Pinion from him it was to be 5/-

John Kenny went with me he came
home with me when I was coming he stopped
here all Night

Mr Macklin also came here
this afternoon he wanted the Lenth of my
Winnow which I gave him for 2 Days

Patt Guare came here also this
Evening he stopped all Night

Sunday November 20th

Pretty warm again to day with the wind from
the North West. Old Maurice Fitzgerald came
here this afternoon he stopped until 3 P.M. he went home
then and Bill and John Kenny and Dick went down to
the Whim they stopped there until about 8 P.M.

The Mrs and the Children and Ellen Smith went
visiting to Noels I sent the Ship which I promised
to Fred Noel. — Just as they came home
Mr & Mrs Macklin came here they came for
Bill But as he was at the Whim I sent Dick
with them to give him a couple of bags at the
minning Machine

Walter Brown & John Harford
came here about 8 P.M. they stopped until
half Past 10 P.M.

Patt Guare went up to
Davids Place this Evening he stopped
there all Night

Monday November 21st

This has been a very nice day it was
Weather too hot or too Cold there was a nice
Breeze from the South-West all day
I made another start at Reaping to day again
I brought in 5 Boxes full. So I mean to keep at
it now as it is rapidly getting Ripe

John Henry went away this morning with
his Swag I think he went to Crystal Brook

I sent Bill down to the Whim this morning
With Thorpe's Syle and to bring home my own
Dough Chains and Swings But he only got
one Pair of Chains and 2 Swings

I am not sure how many Chains he got But
I think he got more than one Pair it was Walter
that got them and young Bill Mullins
that gave them to Walter

Patt Guare called here again this
evening he did not stop long as he wanted
to go off to the Rock River to James Pettiblers

Tuesday November 22nd 1887.

Passably warm to day with a Light
Breeze from the South East. The Sun came
out very hot in the after noon. But it got
cool again towards Sundown

I was Reaping again to day
I finished the Piece alongside the Stump
Fence and commenced the Piece near
Parkers fence But it was hardly Ripe

Wednesday November 23rd

Very warm to day with a Light Breeze
from the West and North West.
in the Evening it settled at the South West.

I Reaped a few Rounds this morning But had
to knock off as it was not quite Ripe
So myself and Bill went Cutting Wood in the
After noon Macklin brought home my
Winnower this evening Dick also ~~came~~ home

Thursday November 24th

Very warm to day with a Good Breeze
From the North. at 2 P.M. it Veered round
To the North West, and toward Sundown
it Got Very calm and sultry there was
Signs all day of a coming Storm But
it did not come which is a Good job
too as it would knock down some Wheat
However I think we will have a cool change
Before Long as it Looked Very Gloomy
at Sundown also when the Moon rose
There was a Watery circle around it

Bill & Dick was Clearing wheat
To day and myself was digging
the Potatoes in the Scrub Garden
I dug them all, Dick had to go after
Doll this morning he found her
at in Featherston's Paddock.

She was in Noels Before that

Friday November 25th

Last Night was Very Hot all through the
Night But at about 4 a.m. a nice cool Change
Set in with a nice Cool Breeze From the South
11 a.m. it Became Very Sultry and Suffocating
the Sky also Looked Very dark and Gloomy
and Showing Signs of a Storm and Rain
At 5 P.M. it Blew a half Storm for about half
an hour the Wind dropped then and down
Came the Rain and turned a Good
Steady Rain until 7 P.M. it then Ceased
But is Showing Signs of some more through
the Night the Wind is still from the South -
West.

I was Reaping again To day But
I had to stop off on account of the Rain
Dick & William were Clearing
To day again they have to Run it
Several times on account of so much
brake & oats been in it

Saturday November 26th

Fine and Cool to day after the Rain.
There was a nice Breeze from the South East
all day at 8 P.M. there was a Large circle
round the moon. a sign of some more Rain.
Soon the clouds also were driving very fast
across the moon from the West.

Although the Wind was from the South East.

Bill and myself was cutting wood to day
in the fore noon Dick was carting it out
with Yoll. in the after noon we were putting
a Side Wall to the New Barn with it.
We also made a New Fowl House to Put in
some fowls to fatten.

Dick and Bill also carted
some mallee Stumps for the Barn.

After tea Dick went to the Whims
for a Gallon of Beer which he took in
a Pot with myself & William.

Sunday November 27th

Passably warm to day with a Light Breeze from the
East or South East.

The Mr & Lady and Ellen Smith went
to Mass to Port this morning so I had to see housekeeper.
At Bilt I dont much care about.

And when they were going in the Chuffle Gate the Horses
shied off a Bit and Broke the pole of the Trap.
So they came out with the Mr Nally to their place.
Then the Mr Nally went Back and Brought out
the Trap & Horses so they fixed it there sufficient
to Bring them home.

it Seemes Singular that when
The Mrs Goes any where with it something is nearly
sure to happen it still it is Better the accident
to happen the trap than to themselves.

Paddy Fitzgerald came here this evening
he stoped for a little while.

Patt Finigan also came
here about 8 P.M. he stoped until half Past 10 P.M.

Monday November 28th

Possibly Warm again to day with a Light Breeze from the North-East. in the after noon it came up very cloudy with around and showing Great Signs Rain the Moon was also hid in obscurity. Behind some heavy Rain clouds the Wind at Sundown dropped to a dead calm. if the Rain comes heavy it will be a lot of harm to the Ripe Wheat crops as Reaping now is in full swing in this district.

I was Reaping to day from 10 a.m. to 6 P.M. and it was a good day for Reaping too.

William & Dick was cleaning they finished the heap I reapt first and then shifted to the House Paddock they cleaned 8 Bags then they had to run it twice to take the oats out of it

Tuesday November 29th

It Rained heavy this morning about 4 P.M. There was Water laying about the Roads After it it put a Dray Back to the Reaping until about 2 P.M. But I did not Reap any to day I went over to the Crossing this morning With my Buggy to get it mended By (Scotie) I Stopped with him all day helping him with it. But we could not get it finished although We worked at until dark.

So I Left it there and came home he promised to have it done tomorrow Mr. Featherston was there also he wanted his Wagon done

Bill & Dick was cutting wood all day and mullinging it Pengel. Came here this after noon to say he could not do any more mullinging as he has sold his Horses & Dray he sold them last Saturday

Wednesday November 30th

Cool again To day with a nice Breeze
From the South-West. There was a Light
Shower Last Night. This after noon
it came up cloudy and about 6 P.M. it
Rained a nice heavy Shower
and had a Great appearance of a
Lot more I think we will get some more
Before morning

Dry Weather is preferred just
at Present. This Rain this Evening will
Put a stop to Reaping for a few days

I went across to Mr Queens. this after
noon again to see if he had the trap Finished
But he had not so I gave him a hand
With it; and then we did not Finish it
I Left one of the Seats Behind.
he fixed the front one

Bill and Dick was at the
Cleaning to day again they finished it
(what was said)

Rain

Thursday ~~November 30th~~ December 1st 1887

Raining again this morning
it Rained pretty heavy about 8 a.m.
and it looked as if we were going to have
A regular Wet day it Looked so Black
and cloudy all round But it cleared
off about 9 a.m. The Wind was from the
South-West. There was a Lot of white Clouds rolling
up from the South But in the Evening they
Changed to a dirty Black Colour, Like
Smoke ascending from a city on a calm
morning

I Was Cutting Wood with Bill
in the Scrub (or Mullinagging Rather)
Dick was Cutting it up until dinner
time he Broke his ax handle just before
so he Put Toll in the dray and Brought in
3 loads of wood

old Maurice Fitzgerald
Came here this after noon. he went away again

Friday December 8th

Shower again to day with a Good Wind from the South-West. it is rather Cool Weather this time of the year.

I was wood cutting again to day untill dinner time. Pat Finigan came here then he was going to Port Pirie to sell some Wheat. so we put 2 Horses in the Trap and the two of us went in. The Road was almost lined with teams coming out as we were going in. We got in about half past 4 P.M.

We went to Karlings first as I wanted to get a Bag of Flour. there I paid 1/- for it and Pat sold one hundred and fifty 150 Bags of Wheat there at 3/1. I be delivered the 31st of January. I sold 100 Bags to Priest Brothers. But I think I got more.

I bought 2 Pairs of Leading Chains of R. Brothers.

Wednesday Dec 7th

Cool this morning with a fine Breeze from the South East. But at noon it went round to the South-West again.

The Sun came out a Bit warm at 10 a.m. So I went to Reape then. But it came up cool again in the evening. I think tomorrow will be cool again as the Sun went down behind a Bank of Smokey Locking clouds.

William & Dick was cutting wood in the scrub again to day.

Old Maurice Fitzgerald came here again this morning he was going to the Whim. He called here when he was coming back again and had some dinner after that he went home.

or at least to Harry Bates Place.

Thursday Dec 8th

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It has been nice and warm to day there was a light Breeze from the South East. This morning about noon it was shifting to all Points of the Compass But at 3 P.M. it settled down to the South West

I Finished Reaping the House Paddock To day before dinner So I Started in the Scrub Paddock After dinner I Brought in 9 Boxes it was a Grand Day for Reaping Bill & Dick was Cleaning all Day the Mr^r helped them in the after noon they have to put it through the machine 2 or 3 times as it is so dirty with straw and oats

John Fitzgerald

Friday Dec 9th 1887

Pretty Warm again to Day with a Light Breeze from the North or North West I was Reaping again To day it was a real Good Day for it as it kept hot all Day even after Sundown.

Bill & Dick was Cleaning again

Saturday Dec 10th

Weather sultry to day it looked very cloudy all round it looked very much like Rain the Wind was from the North untill about 2 P.M. it then went to the South West. it Began to Thunder & Lightning then and showed Great Signs of a coming storm But happily for the Wheat crops it did not come just at Sundown a Light puff came on But did not last long it was very sultry up untill 2 midnight

Sunday Dec 11th

A Little Bit Cool this morning with
a Light Breeze from the North East,
it Looked Very Black and Cloudy
To the North West, and Showing
Great Signs of Rain

We had Breakfast at half Past 9 a.m.
this morning and after that Bull and
Katy Sick and Ellen Smith Got Ready
and went down to the famous old
Pine Creek or Beech we called at
Kains as we were going To get the
Boat tackle. But Mr. Kains was out
so we took an old Pair of oars
and then went on to the Beech
We were not long out in the Boat
until Kains and his Wife and 4 or 5
other Women Came out to us we Stopped
until half Past 5 p.m.
We came in then and I had a good

Swim before I left when we
were come home there was a Great Lot of
Thunder & Lightning the Sky also had
a Very Peculiar Colour to the North East.
it Looked like a Bright Flame with
some Smokey Looking Clouds Between
it did not Last long until it all
Turned a Smokey Colour

The Sun also was Very Red Going
down about 10 P.m. it had a great
Appearance of Rain But only a few drops
fell it was very Sultry all through the
Night.

Monday Dec 12th

Very Sultry again to day there was
just a sign of a Breeze from the
North West & the Sun went down
Behind a Black Bank of Clouds this
Evening I think the Rain is
Hanging about But I hope it will keep
away for another while until the Crops is off.

Tuesday Dec 13th

There was A strong Breeze from the North all day the sun came oute hot But Still there was a sort of dampness in the Atmosphere, Which made the Straw a little stiff for Reaping Ropes.

I was Reaping all day But it did not Trash Very well. Bill and Lick were cleaning at Sundown some black heavy clouds came Looming up from the West.

And very soon after it began to peal forth Low heavy Rattles of Thunder it also seemed to Be coming from the West.

it had a sort of Low Rumbling sound. it kept it up untill after 10 P. m. the Lightning Also was Very Vivid.

it was Showing Great sign of Rain at 2 P. m. (morning) it Blew a Terrific Gale from the South. it Lasted about an Hour and a half.

Wednesday Dec 14th

Cool this morning with a Light Breeze from the South. and Looking Very Gloomy all round the Horizon at half past 7 a.m. it commenced to Rain from the South and Lasted about an Hour and a half it then Cleared off again but only for a short while when it commenced again and kept Showery untill 11. Still it was Very cloudy all day.

While the Rain was there we cleared out the Stable after that Bill went at the Barn Putting an end to it. to help out the Food.

Lick was Carting out the Wood for it with the Horse & Bray myself was Whitewashing untill Evening I went to Give Bill a hand then.

Before Sundown this Evening again it commenced to Thunder and Lightning and Showing signs of some more Rain yesterdays Wind did a Good Bit of harm it trashed out a Lot of the Wheat that is Standing. it is still Very Sully. 10 P. m.

Thursday Dec 15th

Cool again to day with the Wind from
The South East. it was Very dull in the
morning But it Cleared up. and in the
Day there was a Shower about 11 a.m.
and it looked as if it was going to come
down in torrents But happily it did
not come

We were cleaning again
To day it is a terrible job to Clean it
it is so dirty with Drake and oats.

I went to the Crossing this evening
To see if Scottie had the shafts made
But he was not at home However, I don't
think he has them made, as I did not see
Anything of about the Place

Walter Brown Lugg Warford
and M^{rs} Thorpe have come here
this evening for 4 dozen of Eggs.
Which Mr. G. —

Friday Dec 16th

Hot and warm to day with a Light
Breeze from the North East. But it changed
Round to the South West. in the evening

I went across to Scottie's this morning
Again to see him about the shafts
He has nothing done to them as yet.
He told me he would commence them tomorrow

I was Reaping in the after noon
And Dick and Bill was cleaning

It is not Very good Weather for Reaping
Forsoes it is rite enough for cleaning

I have just 108 Bags cleaned to
Night

Saturday Dec 17th

Passably Warm again to day with
A Nice Breeze from the North-West.

I Was Reaping again to day & soon
To Reap the Self Sown Peas alongside
Parkers fence

I think it will go about
10 Bushels. But there is a good deal
of it Shook out with the Wind

Lick and Bill were in the Scrub
Cutting Wood or mullenizing

The M^{rs} went down to the Whim
This after noon she sold M^{rs} Thorpe
2 fowls she got 10 lbs of Mutton off
M^{rs} Thorpe

She also got a Letter from
A Friend of mine in Melbourne who is just
Arrived from America
There was a Lot of Lightning to Night

Sunday Dec 18th

It is weather too hot or too Warm to day
There was a Lively Breeze from the
South-West.

John Howell his Wife and
3 Children Came out here from Port Ar-
about 10 a.m. They Stopped until 5 P.M.
him and we went to the Whim before
dinner we had 7 or 8 Glasses of Beer
and then Came home But not before our
messenger was dispatched there for us -
I ~~sold~~ Got 2 Bottles of Beer when I was
Coming home

I sold one Bag of Wheat to John
Howell for 11/- he took it with him in the
cart I went to the Cockies Crossing this
Evening again

Walter Brown and
John Harford came here this Evening

Monday Dec 19th

Cool again this morning with
A Good Breeze from the South East-
I went to the crossing this morning
Again to help Scotter with the Sheeps
I took a Bullock Whip to Bill Gullie
that his man Lost on Saturday
Coming from Port Pirie
John Holwell that Ricked it up as he
was coming out.

I Stopped at the Crossing
untill half Past 12. I then came home
had some dinner and went to Reap
The Mr. went to Port Pirie
this aft. noon.

Bill an Dick. were in the
Scrub to day again
Bill, Dick. and myself went to the Whinn
to know about some Bottle of Brandy
that John Penny stole from them.

Tuesday Dec 20th

This has been a nice Reaping day
it was not too hot But still it was hot
enough to Reap there was a nice Cool
Breeze from the South all day.

Mr. Thoye came here with his Reaping
machine and horses to give them to me
to Reap. So after dinner I took Mr. Thoyes
Team and let Bill drive mine. Bill is only
a Greenhand at Steering as yet But
he will soon learn.

There is a Lot of Lightning
to Night in the East. it is also Sultry
inside to Night.

The Mr. sent Bill to the
Whinn. Linn. for a Gallon of Beer
I thought Thoye would be here so that is how
we sent for it.

Drumming Jack Penny
came here this aft. noon but went away
again.

Wednesday Dec 21st

Warm to day with the Wind from the South East. in the after noon it Looked as if there was coming up and at about 5 P.M. a dust storm came on But it did not last long. it came a bit cool for a little while But the Wind went to the East - Again.

I was Reaping to day again I had Thorpes and Bill had my own, and before dinner he put it out of order. So I sent him H. To Whim to see if he could get the Lend of John Trevasend's machine But he came Back without it. I would get it myself if I went for it. So I took the Fly wheel from the old machine and put it in the one I was working. I also settled the Pinion axle.

So I done with it then. There is a Lot of Lightning Going to Night. 11 P.M. the Moon is hid in obscurity Behind a Bank of clouds.

Thursday Dec 22nd

Very hot to day With a Light Breeze From the South East. in fact the Wind went round to all Points of the Compass to day.

At Sundown if the Sky Looked Very Gloomy Looking it looked Like Thunder & Lightning the Sun Went down Behind a Black Bank of clouds.

So I don't think a cool change is far off. it has been rather Peculiar Weather about harvest, one day Boiling Hot and the other Very Cool or Perhaps some Rain.

up to the Present it has been Very Changeable Weather. As far as my experience goes I have not known any like it since I came out here to this County - and that was in (October) ~~1876~~ 1876.

Myself & Bill was Reaping again to day. I think we will finish in another day Like to day and that would be a good job.

Friday Dec 23rd

Yesterday was a score to say is
showing signs of Rain the Wind is
From the South and Blowing a nice Breeze
Although the Wind Being from the South
in the morning the Effects of yesterday
was not altogether gone 8 a.m. it came up
Very cool. and filled up all Round as if it was
Going to come a down Pour

at 1 the Sun came out a Bit but again
So myself and Bill went to Reap then
We Braught in 4 Boxes each.

It came too Cold then so we had
to knock off, so I took Thorpes Machine
and Horses home then

I Got my Waggon shafts home from
J. M. Luens to say was the seat of the
Trap. But he done Nothing to that,
10 P.M. Wind from the South still Moon clouded
and Large Circle around it showing signs of Rain
Dick Braught a tank of water this evening

Saturday Dec 24

Nice cool Day with a nice Breeze from
the South. Early in the morning it looked Very
much like Rain it looked Very Cloudy
To the South West and North West.

I Sent Dick in to Port Pirie this morning
With a 20 Bags of Wheat I also went in with
the Mr. in the Buggy I sold the Wheat at
Darling I got 3s. Per Bushel for it
it came to £12-4-6 I wanted some Bags
But I could not get them as they have no Bag
in the Port. we Braught some things at
Rents Brothers and also a letter I Braught
a Large Lige doll for Betsy for 4/6 as a
Christmas Present. when I came I went down
to the Whims Hotel to get some Beer But as it
was Bad I did not take much only one Gallon.
Bill was with me I gave him a
Round

Sunday Christmas Day Dec 25th

Rather a Strange Christmas in this Country this year instead of heat and a scorching Northerly Wind we are favoured with a cool Southerly Wind with a Great appearance of Rain in fact it did rain a Shower about 3 P.M. and came up Very cold about six (P.M.)

The Mr^s and Children and Ellen Smith and myself went in in to Port Peru to spend our Xmas at Holwell's. we just got there at 1 o'clock so we had dinner and after that Mr^s & Mr^s

Holwell and the Lot of us went down to the wharf to have a Look at the Ships there was one Very Large German Barge the (Julia Thodora) which myself and Jack Holwell went on Board of the crew were having a Concert among themselves so we stayed about half an hour and then joined the Ladies on the Wharf and we all wandered our way to Mr^s Holwell's at the house in Park of some refreshments we started for Holwell's there and had Tea and then came home in flying Colours

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This has Been a Beautiful Day

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Myrtle Cottage Pirie
Wandearah Co.
South Australia
September 13th 1887

John Fitzgerald

W. J.

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Myrtle Cottage
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Thursday September 13th

This has been a Beautiful Day with
A nice mild Breeze from South-West.
all traces of Rain seems to have gone again
Although it had a Great appearance of it
Last Night about 10 P.M. a little Rain
at intervals would ^{not} now untill the Harvest
Comes in and that wont be long so far
as the Hay is concerned there will be some
Good Hay Crops this year }

{ I Loaded up a Load of wood to
day I carted it out with the chaise &
bray Mr Mrs & Patt started to go
To Crystal Brook to the Doctor But they
only went as far as the School when they
turned Back, they met the German
Doctor & Harmer and Fred Grey coming
from William Walshes Sale at least the Hay
Stack Sale So the Mrs spoke to the Dr
at the Whim She is thinking of going in to see him
at the Rot

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