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Feb. 25 tons. Cwt

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John John Fitzgerald
Myrtle Cottage Pirie
Wandearah P.O.

South Australia
July 28th 1889

J. J. Fitzgerald

Morgan's Askeaton P.O.

Co. Limerick
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Thursday July 25th 1889.

Fine with a light Breeze from the North West.
There was a good frost this morning again we are getting
A good lot of Frost this year and it is keeping the
Late sown Crops a bit Backward but the Early
Sown Crops is making rapid growth.
There is some Paddock of early sown Bearded Wheat
out in Ear this good while but I fear it is rather
too Early to yield good wheat.

to take Everything right through it is the best year
I have seen since I came to the Country (12 years now)

I Went to Port Lirie to pay with a Load
of wood to Mr. ^{sons} ~~Geoffis~~ ^{Cut} (The Timber Merchant).
I only had 2 " 1 " on it was Light Wood
I met Dean Pincally in the Street he told me to
Go to Mr. Chapman and get a Pound from him
as Payment for the Load of wood which I took to him
Last week.

Mr. Chapman gave me a Cheque for
the Pound right enough

John Fitzgerald

Friday July 26th 1889

Fine Weather with a light Breeze from the South or South East. There was a frost also this morning

I Loaded another Load of wood this forenoon and Oscar went fixing the fence around the Wheat and myself went to Crystal Brook to meet my Brother Michael. I expected him to come from Adelaide in the Evening Train. but I was disappointed for he did not come

Saturday July 27

Cloudy this morning and showing signs of Rain. There did a few drops fall about half Past 8 a.m. but the rest of the day turned out fine but it was cold. The wind was from the North-East all day

I went to Port Pirie today again with a Load of wood to Welch the Fisherman in Port Pirie West. one Pounder I charged for it he was not home so I did not get paid. The man was in the Port also. She brought home a bag of Flour from Penrose. She paid £1.00 for it. The sun went down cloudy this evening

Sunday July 28th

There was a hard Breeze from the North-West this morning. There was also a lot of white fleecy clouds hanging about until noon. Then they changed to a smoky colour and showed signs of Rain. about half Past 2 or 3 o'clock it came up very cloudy all round and at half Past 3 it commenced to Rain. it Rained a few good Showers between that and Sundown. It Rained a Shower after Sundown also. and the Sky shows signs of some more before morning. a Shower of Rain will do good now to the late sown Wheat.

Ellen Smith. Praty and myself went to Crystal Brook to Mass. but we were disappointed as there was no mass. there. So we turned home again

Patt Finigan came here at dinner time. he is looking for a Plough to go following

Oscar and myself went up to John Walshes. this evening we stayed there until 9 p.m.

Sam Richardson called here today to see me about the Trees he was to go for to ~~Wentworth~~ Warralata

Monday July 28th

Cloudy and showing signs of Rain
but home fell save a few Drops at 10 a.m. and
at noon the day cleared up fine
there was a light Breeze from the North-West.

we loaded up another Load of wood to day
after dinner the m^{rs} went up to see m^{rs} John Walsh
she stayed there until dark m^{rs} Malone was there
also

Oscar was fixing the fence in the afternoon
and I was planting some Pines I planted
9 or 10 in the House Garden

Patt Finigan went away this morning
his Horse was going about the scrub all
Night with the Saddle & Bridle on.

Oscar took the Colter and Winkers
down to Thorpe yesterday but Thorpe was
not at home they told him he was gone to
Port Pirie so he did not get paid for his work

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Tuesday July 30th

Fine with a good breeze from the North-West.
there was not a Cloud in the Sky all day

I went to Port Pirie to day again with a Load
of wood I took it to a man that works in the smelters
and he lives at Port Pirie West. I got 30 Shilling
for this Load.

when I was coming home I met 2 Sailors
on the road coming out this way I brought them
to the House and gave them their Supper and a
Shake down. one was an Irish man and the other
was an English man.

Peter M^r & Charlie came here also Peter wanted
Thorpe's Bridle but I did not give it to him as he did
not bring back my own which he took 2 weeks ago

10 P.M. the Sky shows signs of
Rain and is very dark

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Wednesday July 31st

There was a good Breeze from the North West. and Showing Signs of Rain it Came up Very Black to the North West. at 10 a.m. and at noon it set in to Rain. I thought we would have a good fall this time but much did not fall until about half Past 4 P.M. when the Wind Shifted to the South-West. and then a good Shower fell. and Showed Signs of some more through the Night.

The Mr. and Katy went up as far as Patt Simjans to stay the Mr. went to see her father from there she went to see Mr. Shughnessy and stopped there until Dark.

The 2 Sailors went away this morning after they had Breakfast. I believe they went to the Whim Hotel.

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Thursday August 1st 1889

Fine but a lot of Clouds was hanging about all day the Wind was from the South or South-East. and only a light Breeze.

I went to Port Pirie to day again with a Load of Wood. I took this Load to the Mill. I had ^{Now Cut} 2.. 5.. 1 7/6 wood is at the Mill. I Brought home a bag of Screenings.

Friday August 2nd

Beautiful and fine with a light Breeze from the South-East.

Oscar and myself Loaded another Load of wood this fore noon and in the afternoon Oscar went Cutting wood and I was Fixing the Trap the front of it was Broke Down. So I tried to put new Irons in it.

10 P.M. I believe it is Freezing to Night again it is Very Cold outside.

Saturday August 3rd

Fine with a light Southerly wind and a frost last Night the Sky was clear save a few white clouds to the West.

I sent Oscar to the Port to stay with the Teem and a Load of wood to Port Pirie West. I and the M^{rs} went in also in the Buggy. I sold this Load for £1 over. and got orders for 2 more at the same price. The M^{rs} had 8 lbs of Butter in she got 1/8 a pound for it. though it is only 1/6 in the Stores.

Sunday August 4th

Fine with a light Breeze from the South the Sun set this evening behind a thick Bank of Clouds.

The M^{rs} and Oscar went to Crystal Brook to Mass. this morning they met Michael Thrushe came from Adelaide last Night. She came home with them. and after dinner they went on a Visit to Malones and I and Oscar went to Mr Naels. I got some Vines Cuttings.

Monday August 5th

Fine with a light Breeze from the North West the Sky showed great Signs of Rain all day but more so at Sundown as it looked very gloomy to the West and North West.

we loaded another Load of Long wood this forenoon so in the after noon the M^{rs} went up to see M^{rs} George Baker. She also went to H B Welch's for a Sheep she got one and paid for it viz 7/- or 10/- and kept the Skin she got some Vines Cuttings also from him.

Oscar and myself Planted about 50 Cuttings this after noon. and dug some of the Garden.

Tuesday August 6th

Raining this morning and the Wind from the North. it cleared off about half Past 8 a.m. but looked Cloudy and showing Signs of more but none fell all day untill about 9 this evening a good Shower fell then some Hailstones fell first.

The M^{rs} went to Bates's this after noon to see M^{rs} Hyggard & (Messrs & Statemans) came here this morning.)

Wednesday August 7th

Fine with a light breeze from the South-West
there was signs of Rain in the evening also there
was a good few white clouds hanging about

I went down to the Whim this afternoon
To the Council they held their first sittings
at the Whim to day

So I wanted to know if they would allow me to
Run my Cattle on the Road along my own fence
they gave me liberty on payment of 2/6 Per head
Per annum, but I don't know yet what I will
do.

Thursday August 8th

It looked like Rain again this morning
But none fell until about 4 P.M. it came
Down then from the North-West in torrents
it lasted nearly one hour there was sheets of
Water on the Roads after it there was several
light showers through the Night.

I went to Port Pirie to day again with a Load to
James Crinell I got £1 for it & the M^{rs} was in also

Friday August 9th

Showing Signs of Rain again this morning
But it cleared up a fine Day afterwards the Wind
was from the North-West.

Oscar and myself put on another Load
of Long wood to day. and after we had
that done we Cut the grass in the House Garden
and dug some of the Ground. and Planted
a few Hills of Potatoes

M^{rs} Bates and her Sister Lizzy Fitzgerald
Came here this afternoon on a visit they stayed until
about 4 o'clock

A man from near Georgetown also
Came here leading an Intire, (called hard times)
he belongs to a man of the name of Sandow
I do his Business with him until the next time
he comes around

The M^{rs} Posted a letter for Oscar
yesterday to Sweden she Paid 16 for the
Stamp — she also Posted one for me
to the Editor of the Southern Cross and sent 4/.

Saturday August 10th

Fine with a light Breeze from the South West
I went to Port Pirie to day again with a Load of
Wood I took this Load to a Woman Named Mrs Bell
it was a Pound Load also.

when I had my Load off I Drove around to
Alexander St. to the Cabinet makers and Paid
him for a New Table he made for me 6' x 3' x 8'
£1⁰⁰ 7⁰⁰ 6⁰⁰ he charged me for making it
I Brought it home in the Waggon.

The Mrs was in the Post also and when she was
Coming home she met with rather a nasty accident
she was driving along by Mr Jones's farm when
the rear Wheel of the Trap went into a small hole and
threw the Seat and the Mrs out on the Road.
the Wheels Passed over her foot an Knee.

The Horses then took flight and galloped off in full
Speed untill they Came round Corner then James
Feely happened to be there with his Bullocks across the
Road as the Horses were stopped in their Speed
and he Caught them then and tied them up and
went Back along the Road untill he found the W^{rs} Simpson along

John Walsh Brought her home from
Bates's in his own Cart. then Oscar went
Back for the Trap and Horses. there was nothing Broken
but one Swingle tree and the front Splash Board

I Consider Both the Mrs and the Horses an Trap
Came off Very Lucky as they were not Injured worse
God alone Saved her from having her Legs or arms
or Neck Broken and the way she was thrown from the
Trap.

Sunday August 11th

Fine Clear Sunshiney Day with a nice stiff Breeze
from the South West. we expected Mr and Mrs
Langhness here to day but they did not Come
Oscar went Picking a young Horse for
Thorpe in the after noon
and I went up to Malones and stoped there
untill 11 P.M.

Patt Finigan Came here while
I was away he stoped untill 9 P.M.

Monday August 12th

Fine weather again to day but in the Evening there was signs of Rain

Oscar and myself Loaded a Load of mill wood to day and in the after noon he went to Crystal Brook to see the Post Master about some Letters he took Michaels Horse & saddle

M^r John Walsh and his Wife Came here this Evening they stayed for a few hours and then went home

Tuesday August 13th

Fine Weather with a light Breeze from the South West. I spent a Bad night with a Cold on my Chest. I have the Cold these 2 or 3 days But it seems to be getting worse

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Wednesday August 14th

Fine with a light North-West Breeze there was a good few white Clouds hanging about all day

I sent Oscar to the Post with a load of wood To day and the M^r drove me in to the Doctor I spent a Very Bad Night Last Night with a Terrible tightness on my Chest. I did not sleep one minute all Night & I thought I had Best see a Doctor this morning we had to get Thorpe Buggy to go in as our own is Broke

I went to Dr. Monnell and he sounded me he said I suffered from 3 Complaints Namely Asthma, ^(Dry) Pleurisy and a sort of Coating over the Lungs one of the three he said would be enough for me Blear the Pleurisy he thinks is the worst. he gave me a Prescription to the Chemist for some medicine

Whether he will Cure me or not of these Complaints is more than I know I have however I am not the least put out about it as Doctors make mistakes sometimes

Thursday August 13th

Showery to day the wind from the West.
I have not much to record to day as I have been
in Bed all day But I am a little better than
yesterday. Thank God.

M^{rs} William Walsh & M^{rs} M^cGuire Came here
to day they Came to see the M^{rs} after her accident

the Georgetown Horse Merlin
Called here again to day

Friday August 16th

Showery again to day with the Wind from
the South-West.

Oscar and Michael Planted some more
Potatoes to day Oscar fixed the Trap also

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~~Sunday~~ August 17th

Fine with a South-West Breeze all day
The M^{rs} and Michael went to Port Pirie to day
She went to let the Doctor know how I was getting
on. he gave her another Prescription to Stewes
for another Bottle of Medicine. This Bottle Cost 5/-
I feel a little Better to day Thank God.

Sunday August 18th

Fine with a light Breeze from the South-West
there seemed to be a good few white clouds hanging
off about all this after noon. I think we are not far
off from more Rain

Michael went to Crystal Brook to mass
and from there he went to Patt Evans's and
from there home again

Lizzie FitzGerald Came here this
after noon to know how I am getting on

Harry Bates Called also in the morning
and Patt Fingar Came here just
at dark he stopped here until 8 P.M.

Monday August 19

It is blowing a hard Gale from the North all this day. and in the Evening the Sky to West and North showed great signs of Rain. It came up very Cloudy to the West before Sundown.

There was another Council Meeting held at the Whim to day.

Tuesday August 20th

Clear in the morning but quite in the Day. a lot of Clouds seemed to come up to the West. and in the afternoon there did a few good Showers fall which caused the water to run on the Ground.

Oscar went to Port Pirie to with a Load of wood to the Milling Co. he had ^{tons} 2 ^{Cent} 13 7/6 Per ton it is at the Mill.

The Horse (Hard times) called here to day again. I gave him no more.

Wednesday August 21st

Showery again to day with the wind from the West. then did a good drop of Rain fall this afternoon.

Oscar and Michael put on another Load of wood to day. Thorpe's Charlie came here this evening with some harness for Oscar to mend he paid him one shilling for the job.

Thursday August 22nd

Fine Clear day with a light Breeze from the South-West. There was a good few fleecy clouds hanging about all day still no Rain fell.

Oscar went in to the Port again to day with a Load of wood to Port Pirie West to a man of the Name of Slater he got £1. 7. for it. The Mrs and Michael was in also the Mrs took Sissy to the Doctor her eye was Swollen (since last Night) Fern was here with his horse to day.

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Friday August 23rd

Fine with a light Breeze from the South-West. Oscar & Michael put on another Load of wood to day, So after dinner Oscar went digging in the Hell Garden and Michael sowed some Vegetable marrow in the afternoon.

Saturday August 24th

Fine again to day with a light Breeze from the South West there was a frost this morning Oscar went to the Port again to day with a Load of wood to the Milling Co. he had ^{some cut} 2.1.15. I myself and the two went in also I went in to see the Doctor again he told me I was over the worst of my sickness but to be Careful for a while Doctor Mossell I went to my Waggon Brought home 85 Bags of hay Chaff for Antony Malone (& Thorpes Team Brought 68) I Posted a letter to Sweden for Oscar (to Helmer)

Sunday August 25th

Beautiful and fine again to day with a Very Light Breeze from the West. I have not much to record to day as I went to where or no one came here save Michael he came Back from Davids place he went there on Saturday.

Monday August 26th

Fine Clear Sunshiny Day with a light Breeze from the South West.

Oscar took the Load of Chaff to the Crossing this morning 85 Bags he had on when he came Back he went getting wood and I went to H.B. Helches's for a sheep I took home the skin of the other one I called to Malones as I was going up and coming Back Antony gave me some straps and files when I was coming home

I rose Oscar's wages to day from 12 to 15 shillings per week untill the Wheat Harvest comes in

Tuesday August 27th

Fine with a light Breeze from the North West. I think we will soon have some more Rain the Sky shows signs this Evening.

Oscar was cutting Wood to day again Michael was Digging in the Well harder.

I was Prigging my Ships and getting them ready to put in the Case.

Wednesday August 28th

Very Dry wind from the North all this Day and towards Evening the Sky became Very Black and Cloudy and showing great signs of Rain.

Oscar was mending the fence and fixing up the Pig sty he made a good job of it this time.

The Mr went down to the Whim this afternoon he got 2 letters for Michael one was from Dr. Hamilton in Adelaide.

Thursday August 29th

Raining this morning from the West or North-West. it continued untill about half past 2 or 3 P.M. it then ceased but showed signs of some more and a little before Sundown some more showers fell.

a lot of water fell with this Rain as there is sheets of water laying about on the ground Oscar was mending the Harness to day.

Friday August 30th

Showery again to day with the Wind from the South West. there was some heavy showers in the Evening. and about 9 P.M. it commenced to Rain nice and steady and heavy it rained I think untill about 12. then it ceased a bit but was showery from that untill morning the Wind freshened up a bit towards morning also.

Saturday August 31st 1888.

Showery again this morning with the Wind from the South West. and blowing a good Breeze too.

There was a good many Fluffy Clouds Driving along from the South West to the North East.

There was a Weather Gall Showing to the West this morning also

The Mr^s and Michael went to Port Pirie today

Sunday September 1st 1888.

Fine today with a light Breeze from the South. it turned a bit Cold in the Evening

Michael & the Mr^s and myself went to Port Pirie today to Mass.

we went the Sandy Road and Came home the front Road. and they are Both bad Enough after the Rain.

Monday September 2nd 1888.

Fine With a light Breeze from the South

I was fixing the Trap today I Put a new board in the Bottom in front and Screwed it up tight
Patt Finigan Came here this Evening to stop as he wants to go to Port Pirie in the morning

Tuesday September 3rd

This has been a regular Pet day it was Very Fine. I miled all day with a light Breeze from the South; Patt Finigan and myself went to Port Pirie today I went in to see about a mowing machine that is in Presto's yard

I got it in away I can first Bring it home and try it and then if it works all right I can make an offer for it

when we had our buisness done
Patt & myself went to have a look at the New Smelters on the Broken Hill wharf when we got to the outside of the Building we had to get a ticket from the office to admit us over the Building our Next step was to look at the Great Furnace,

on the Ground Floor 3rd November
and to describe their working. I could not because
I don't understand anything about them
but I must say everything is worked in very ingenious
Principally they are turning out a great quantity of
Lead there they are making a way of the Slag
as fast as it comes out. They wheel it away from the
Furnace in a sort of a 2 wheel Iron hand truck
one end made like the shape of a Pot.

when Cool it is very hard, having satisfied
ourselves with all we could see on the Ground floor
we next turned our steps to the Engine room where
there is a very large display of machinery of
nearly all sorts and sizes. It is a good large
Chamber and well furnished with Engines, wheels
Belts &c.

Leaving the Engine Room we ascended the stairs
that is leading from near the door outside to the works
overhead in this place we saw a good part of the
Process of Smelting, the ore, Coak, and Flux is
whuled along in wheel barrows and placed on a
weigh Bridge and weighed then wheeled to the mouth of
the furnace where men is ready with long handles

Shovels to shovel it in at the same time mixing
the ore and Flux and Coke as they throw it in
There is a good view from the Top floor.
we spent a very interesting hour looking over the works
we found the men very civil and courteous in all
part of the Building.

Wednesday September 4th

Fine this morning but there was a nice
lively breeze from the South-West.

Michael & the Mr. and myself went to
the Crystal Brook Show to day. There was
a good number of people on the ground, but
Cattle and Horses and Sheep were very poorly
represented. The Cattle were the fewest of any.

There was not a very great show of implement
or machinery either, the only thing worthy of any
notice (in the machine line) was a concern for
clearing off the Chokes from the Comb of the Reaper
it could be worked with the hand without stopping
the cost of it on the machine is £2.

I think it is a very good improvement and saving of
the Evening turned dusty. (Wheat
and showed signs of Rain ~ ~ ~

Thursday September 5th

Fine with a light Breeze from the North-West
and showing Signs of Rain
there was a lot of Dark heavy Looking Clouds
Coming rolling up from the West just before
Sundown.

I was making a New Pole for the
Buggy to day, Hard times and Merle's
Called here again this afternoon.

Friday ~~Saturday~~ September 6th

Very warm to day with a light Breeze from
the North-West the Sky was quite clear all
day. I finished the Pole and painted
to day I made a good job of it
and it was much wanted.

Saturday September 7th

Very warm to day with a Very light Breeze
from the South-West. in the afternoon the Sky
showed signs of a Change I believe we will soon
have more Rain.

I went to Port Pirie to day with the Horse and
Tray to Bring home a mowing machine from
Prest yard. It is an old one and I am going
to try if it is any good to Cut hay
if it is I might try and buy it and if it is not
much good, I can Leave it Back again
the m^r and Michael was in the Port also.

I Bought one bit of Iron 10 feet long at Giddes's
and also a bit of Timber 5 feet Long I want the
Timber & Iron to fix the Buggy.

I Paid 4/- for the Iron and 2/- for the Timber
the m^r also Bought a bit of Deal for 1/11.
to make a Dresser.

Sunday September 8th

Very Close and Sultry today and Showing Great Signs of a change there was just the sign of a Breeze from the South West.

Patz and and Ellen Smith and myself went to Crystal Brook to Mass we made no delay but came home straight from the Chepple

about half Past 3 P.M. some Dark Banks of Clouds came Rolling up from the West and about 4 P.M. it Comenced to Thunder there was also Very Severe Lightning

it kept Thundering and Lightning untill about 9 or 10 o'clock the Lightning was Very fierce there did a few light little Showers fall through the Night

Monday September 9th

Raining this morning from the West. the Breeze was Very light so the Rain came down Steadily and continued all day untill dark it was a good Soaking steady Rain and it will do much good to the late sown Crops as some of them are Very Backward the Early sown Wheat is growing Splendid and is coming out in Ear.

but there is some Bleardy Wheat out in Ear these 2 months.

Oscar was tending Harners all this day. Sam Richardson came here this afternoon to get his Coller from Oscar. But he forgot to Bring the money for it so Oscar would not give him the Coller without it which Lowered his dignity Very much on going away

the amount was only 2 Shillings

9 P.M. it is Comencing to Rain again and I believe we will get a good Drop more through the Night the Wind is shifted to the North West So that Speakes for more Rain

Tuesday September 10th

There was a few Showers to day again and a lot of Rain clouds hanging around the Wind was from the South West all Day

Oscar was grubbing today along the Wheat field (Parkers fence) Michael Walsh called here this Evening)

Wednesday September 11th

Possibly fine to day with a light Breeze from the South West there was one or 2 light little Showers during the Day, but there was Signs of heavy Showers to the West in the Evening

The Mr^s and myself went to Crystal Brook today I went to the Foundry to get a New piston for the mowing machine A Cost 12/6 I also took up the Rack of the Reaping to get mended
We met Patt Finigan in the Township he is on the Boss since this Day week. himself and the Mr^s and me went to Inquiries and had some dinner we left the Brook about 3 p.m. we brought Patt with us and left him at his own house

he offered me 10 acres of Day if I like to cut it

Thursday September 12th 1889.

Fine Clear weather to day with a light breeze from the North West. it showed Signs of Rain in the Evening again I was mending the Buggy to day again and Oscar was grubbing

Michael went to Davids Place yesterday Evening when we came home from the Brook yesterday Evening there was a Rumor here before me, but it was not for me. it was for another John Fitzgerald near Port Pirie.

Friday September 13th

Fine with a light South Westerly Breeze but there seems to be Signs of a Change coming on again

This year has been one of the wettest that the oldest settlers can remember there is hardly a week without Rain more or less and Every thing is growing Splendid
Hay Crops will be Very heavy this year

Saturday September 14th

Fine with a light Breeze from the South or South-West and showed signs of a Change. The Mr^s & myself went to Port Pirie to day. She took in 16 lbs. of Butter. She got 7 and 8 per Pound.

I Posted a letter to Sweden for Oscar.

I put a six penny Stamp on it.

I Bought 2 fork handles at 4/3 each to prepare for the Hay.

I called at the Police Station. to tell the Sargent of his mistake with regard to the summons which he left here on last Wednesday. (He made the mistake right).

Sunday September 15th

Weather Dull to day with a light Breeze from the South. I think we will soon have more Rain as there is a lot of Black clouds Looming up from the West.

Mr. John Walsh & his Wife came here this afternoon on a Visit they stayed until Sundown. Charlie Parker also came in the evening for some Cabbages.

Monday September 16th

I think it Rained nearly all Last Night. It did not clear up until about 9 a.m. this morning. A Came from the North-West. but later in the Day the Wind shifted to the North East.

Oscar was doing up the Dairy to day. He put some more Clay on it we will put a shed over it this time. I was painting and mending the seats of the Buggy.

9 p.m. the Wind is rising to a good stiff Gale and from the North East. and I think there will be more Rain out of this Wind.

Tuesday September 17th

Fine but showing signs of Rain in the Evening. There was a good stiff Breeze from the North-West. but before Sundown it went around more to the West.

The Mr^s and Katy went up to the Brook to day. The Mr^s wanted to see her father.

She also went to see Lizzy Walsh as he was going up. myself and Oscar was putting a shed over the Dairy.

Wednesday September 18th

Beaming again this morning from the South. it Continued nice and Steady untill about 1 o'clock P.M. It then Cleared up and the Wind Shifted abit to the West.

Oscar and myself was working at the Dairry to day again we were putting a Stake fence around it with a bit of porch in front.

Cow one of the Cows (Lacy) Calved this morning on the Road she had 2 Bull Calfs. Oscar brought the Calf in on the Horse Tray.

Thursday September 19th

Fine to day with a light Breeze from the South or South-West. there was a Clear Sky all Day.

Oscar and myself was at the Dairry to day again we finished Putting the fence around it. So I went mowing after dinner just to see how the mower would work. It did not do very good work. But I think that was on account of the Grass and Hay being

So wet. I broke the driving bar also the Cow that Calved yesterday is Very Bad to day I went to Noels to get some medicine for her I think she has got the milk fever.

I gave her one dose of it and some Salt peter But it did not seem to take much affect on her I sent Oscar up to Mr. Johns (at 12 midnight) to know if he knew of anything that would be good for her. It was half Past 4 A.M. when he came back.

Johns told him to give her hot drink and keep drawing the milk.

Mr. William Walsh and his son Johny came here this Evening they stoped untill about 10 P.M.

Friday September 20th

Fine again to day with a light South-Westly Breeze there was a fine Clear Sky all day.

I sent Oscar to Crystal Brook this afternoon for some Salts and to get the Driving Bar mended. It cost 4 shillings to mend it. Sayers that don't I was attending to the Cow all day myself, she is no better yet, she is Laying down since 7 P.M. Last Night.

Saturday September 21st

Fine clear sunshiny day with a light breeze from the south or south west.

Mr. William Walsh came here this morning to take out fire with my Mr.

I also sent Oscar in with a load of wood to Mr. Geddes (the Lumber merchant) he got it for ten for it.

I stopped home myself to attend to the cow. I kept giving her medicine nearly every 3 or 4 hours and then I could get nothing to pass through her. The Mr. brought home some medicine from the chemist and I gave her that and that did not move her.

Oscar got stuck going in today but Mr. Oats came along and put his horses with mine so they soon pulled it out. It was 8 o'clock when he got home on account of it.

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Sunday September 22nd

It is looking showery this morning again the wind is still from the south. There did a few light little showers fall. but about 9 P.M. a good heavy shower fell and there was great signs of more during the night.

I went up to Anthony Malone's this afternoon. I stopped there until half past 9 P.M. Patt Finigan was here before me when I came back he stayed all night. Mr. William Walsh came here also but went away again.

Monday ~~Tuesday~~ September 23

Fine clear day with light breeze from the south west.

Myself & the Mr. went to Mr. James Rowe's clearing out sale today. I bought nothing save one 6 Gallon Boiler for 3/6.

Patt Finigan found his horse at the P.M. this morning.

Tuesday September 24th

Fine Clear Weather with a light Breeze from the South West.

I went to Crystal Brook this afternoon for Alice Banyan she came down from Carleton in the Train she is going to stop here for a while on a visit the Mrs is her first Cousin.

Oscear was in the Port with a Load of Wood to Mr. Geddes. he had 2 tons on and got 9 shillings per ton for it.

Wednesday September 25th

Fine Weather with a nice lively Breeze from the North. there was a slight indication of a hot Wind in it. I think we will soon have a change again.

I went to Mr. Parkers Sale to day and it was a very large Sale too.

Every thing sold Well. I bought one mare (Jenny) for 15 Pounds ten shillings.

Thursday September 26th

Fine again to day with a Light Breeze from the North. until about noon when the Wind shifted then to the South West and freshened up then a good bit.

it showed great Signs of Rain also. We have steady rain to night but I think it will be a bit wet.

Patt Finigan came here this evening to stop for the night. he came to see Alice Banyan.

Oscear was in Port Pirie to day again with a Load of wood. he took this Load to the Brick Works to Mr. Kease. he had 2 tons on. he was home about half past 4 P.M.

I went up to Malones this morning to wash the Trap with the hose. when I came back I commenced to paint it. I gave it one Coat of Paint and will give it another and then Varnish it. the Colour will be between Black and Green.

Friday September 27th

Fine Weather with a Lively Breeze from the North in the afternoon the Sky showed great signs of a Change again the Wind also shifted more to the West.

I was Painting the Trap again to day we also Put on a Load of Wood and in the Evening we Cleaned up the Well a bit a Lot of Vit had fallen in. with the last Rain. Pat Finigan went home this morning.

Saturday September 28

Fine Clear Day with a light Breeze from the South West. we Loaded a Load of Wood before dinner and after dinner Oscar and myself Cleaned out the Well.

There seemed to be some signs of Rain in the Evening

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Fine again to day with a light Breeze from the South West.

Oscar went to Port Pirie to day with a Load of wood to Mr. Mann. she Paid the Mr. for £1- I went down to Thorpes this morning for his Spring Dray for the Mr. to go to Port Pirie I was Painting my new Buggy.

Monday September 30th
~~Sunday September 30th~~

Fine Weather with a Light Breeze from the South. there was also slight signs of another Change. Michael went to Crystal Brook this morning he went with the intention of going to Mass. but there was no Mass. So he called at the Horse Doctor for some medicine for the Cow. he got 3 Bottles containing medicine 7/- worth. When he brought them I gave half of it to the Cow. William Walsh came here this afternoon also. He got his Horse Collar from Oscar.

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Warm today with a light breeze from the North or North-West.

Oscar went to Port Pirie today with a Load of wood to the Milling Co. mill. he had 2 tons 2... it is 8/ per ton now.

The Cow Died Last night after all my Doctoring so Michael & myself skinned her this morning I was painting the trap the rest of the Day

Tuesday October 1st

Fine again today with a light breeze from the North-West

Oscar went to Port Pirie today again with a Load of To the Brick Mill (Hayco) 2... 2...

Mrs McQuinn came here this afternoon to see us she did not stop long she went from here to David's Place to stop for the night

It came up very Black from the west in the afternoon and at 5 P.M. the Rain came down in torrents and lasted about an hour. Toll foaled in the night of the Rain she had a Filly foal she is all right

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Wednesday October 2nd

Fine Weather with a light breeze from the South-West. Alice Bannigan and Paty and Lizzy and Michael and myself went to the Port Pirie Show. To Day. The Show was Passably fair what I saw of it. There was a very good display of Machinery and Buggies on the Ground. The Reaping Steel Binder seemed to be the most admired.

The Draft Horses also was very good. Carmichael Brothers took the first Prize for their 3 year old stallion and he well deserved it he was a regular Drum.

We went in the Evening to the Institute to see all that could be seen there. The Building all decorated with flags and flowers. In mistake there was some splendid flowers in Pots and Baskets.

But the most thing that drew my attention was a glass frame outside 6 or 7 different sort of Copies. One was a Copied Cheque on the National Bank another was a registered Letter and Telegram 4 or 5 Cards and some Birds they were all done with Pen and Pencil by a young Lad in the Port 17 years old. He got great Praise for his Cleverness for such work.

Thursday October 3rd

Beautiful and fine today with a light breeze
From the South-West.

Oscar took another load of wood to Port Pirie
today and Michael the ^{W^o} Alice Bannigan
and myself drove in in the Trap
when we got in I took the Team from Oscar so as
to let him have a half holiday and buy some
clothes.

I took this load of wood to Port Pirie West to
M^{rs} Trevascus for on Pound. (the pair did)

Pat Finigan went to the Port also
he rode home in my Trap and let Oscar ride
his horse.

he was well on the Barge too. he stayed
here all Night

Oscar went to the Likeness Takers to pay also.
to have his Likeness taken
he paid £2.8.10 for his New Clothes.

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Friday October 4th

Blowing a hard Dry Wind from the North
all day. With a lot of clouds flying about
the Evening showed signs of a Change again

Oscar was at the Brick Kiln today again
with a Load of Wood. When he came home himself
and Michael loaded up another load. for
tomorrow

George Finne called here this fore noon
with his Horse. I think I will give him Poll. he Promised
to come the 9th Day. he told me he would take 2 horses
now for £4 but I did not decide whether I will give
him the 2 or not

Edrick Mc Luen came here this Evening
also he was taking some Bread to the men that
is Quarrying the Stones in Thorpes Place

A man of the Name of German Peter that
has the Contract of being a Piece of Road
at the Cockies Crossing for which he is getting
£10 Per Chain

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Saturday October 5th

Fine to day again with a Light Breeze
From the North-West.

Oscar went to Port Pirie to day again with a
Load of wood to the Brick Mill he had

^{two cuts}
2 " 13 " 1 on the wash home early again

The Mr^r and Alice Bannigan went in also
and was very near commencing to grieve in
the Port.

Something frightened the Horses in the Trap
and caused them to Run away &

Fortunately the too of them was in the Trap and
Pulled hard on the Reins until the Horses became
Lame and manageable.

They Came home all Right without any further accidents

I Shorn my Pett Sheep to day (7 in all)
and got about 40 Pounds of Wool off them

Sunday October 6th

Stormy and Cold all day with occasional
Showers from the West.

The Mr^r and Alice Bannigan and Oscar for
their Drive, went to Crystal Brook to mass.
They Came by Patt Finigan's Coming home and
Brought Old Mr^r Finigan home with them.

I Went up to Mr^r John Walkes to day and
Stopped there until near sundown

Then when I was Coming home I Called in to
Madones, and Stopped there until half Past 8 P.M.

I then Came home, and encountered a Storm of reproches
from the Queen of the House. It went to the length of Locking the
Bed Room Door against me. The reason of it I will not mention
here. Suffice to say it is a suspicious mind grounded on
Empty Ideas, that sometimes affects the Brain.

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Monday October 7th

Nice weather to day there was just a nice Cool Breeze from the South West. There was also signs of some more Rain still have felt all day.

We loaded a Load of Stumps this morning and afterwards took it up to Anthony Malones. The price of this Load is £1" 5" Mrs Malone paid for one Pound.

I then came home and put on another Load of wood in the scrub and brought it in the street.

Oscar was cutting up all day.

I made a door for the Dairy this evening. Old Mr. Finigan went away from here this morning.

Tuesday October 8th

Fine clear day with a light Breeze from the South West. I went to Port Virie to day with a Load of wood to Pease's Brick Works.

I was home about half Past 4 P.M.

Wednesday October 9th

Fine again to day with the Wind from the North West. But in the afternoon it came up very Cloudy and showing great signs of more Rain.

We loaded another Load of wood this morning and then we fixed up the Sheep Paddock and put them into it and also the 2 Calves.

Then Michael went carting out wood from the Scrub and Oscar was grubbing.

I was Jobbing about the House I made a New door for the Dairy and put it on.

The Mr. and Miss and Alice Bannigan went away this afternoon on a visit to John O'Hollans in Naviddy. They did not say when they were coming back.

George Ferris came here this yesterday afternoon and took Poll away down to his own Place to put her to the Horse. £2" 10 he is charging.

Thursday October 10th

Fine Weather and Very Warm in the morning untill about noon then a light Breeze sprung up from the South West. when the sun set this evening this evening it showed fine weather also.

Lucas in Port Pine again to day with a Load of Wood to the Mill. I had ^{tons} 2 15 on — there was a runaway sailor home in the Haggan with me his Name is Edward Capfield and Belong to Draughted in Ireland. I told him I might get a job of work for him somewhere.

The Mr. & Miss and Alice Bannigan came home from Narried this evening they brought me a Telegram from Joe Bannigan in Broken Hill saying he would be in Crystal Brook yesterday evening but he has not turned up yet they called at the station yesterday evening and this evening but he never came.

Friday October 11th 1897

Warm again to day with a light Breeze from the North west.

I went to Crystal Brook this evening to meet the Last Train as I expected Joe Bannigan from Broken Hill but he did not come.

The Mr. and Alice Bannigan made a Start to go to Stephens for a sheep the took the Wool of our Pet Sheep with them and gave it to Mr. Butter as they could not go down to Stephens they also got a sheep from Butter at 6/.

Michael and Oscar and Ned Caulfield (the sailor) was grubbing to day.

Saturday October 12th

Very warm again to day with a nice Breeze from the North. I went to the Port with a Load of Wood to the Brick Mill. I squared up there to day I got £6 "14" 7 all that was coming to me.

Michael and the Mr. also went in the Sheep they brought home yesterday went away this morning and could not be found.

Sunday October 13th

Dull and Cloudy this morning with a Very Light Breeze shifting around from Point to Point and showing signs of a change for Rain

Alice Bannigan and Katy and Sissy and Ellen Smith and myself went to Crystal Brook to mass. we made to stay but came straight home again. So after dinner the Mr^s Michael Alice Bannigan and the 2 children went on a Visit to John Walshes But they were not at home so they turned back and called at Bates's to see Mr^s Bates

they did not stop long there either as there was Very Black Banks of clouds rolling up from the West and North-West. and showing of a coming storm. they were only just home when the Thunder and Lightning began it was Very vivid too. and at six o'clock P.M. the rain came down in torrents and continued until 12 (midnight) without ceasing that is 6 hours of heavy Rain all about the House was in floods,

Monday October 14th

Very hot and Sultry all this day there was a light Breeze in the Evening from the North.

I don't think it will be long until we will have some more Rain

The Mr^s and Michael and Sissy and Alice Bannigan went to Laura to Dr. Hamilton the Mr^s took Sissy to him to see if he could do anything for the swelling in her Eye. he did not understand what is the matter with her he put her under an operation and made her troth sore.

we found 11 Horses in the Wheat this morning 5 were belong to Pointon and 3 belong to Thorpe and one belong to German Peter I put them in the yard and put 2/- per head on them Pointon and Peter paid for their Horses but Thorpe was too stiff to come for his I will put them to Pound tomorrow morning

I tried the mowing machine this afternoon But it is no good. I will have to have it back again.

Tuesday October 15th

Fine but showing signs of Rain there was a light Breeze from the North-West.

I went to Port Pirie today with the old mowing machine which I got from Prest. it would not cut for me so I left it back as that was the terms I took it on. the Price of it would be £3-10- if I worked all right I bought a new syth and syth three to four paid for together. I also bought a new pair of Boots. 11/6. It

about 4 P.M. the sky showed great signs of a storm and Rain it looked so black to the South-West however it did not break until I was nearly at home that was about half Past 5. it then broke and came down heavy all through the night from the West or South-West.

It never ceased all night so there did a great quantity of water fall. the Best of it was there was no wind to do any harm to the crops still there is a great lot of wheat gone down already in some places the crops is almost too rank I also paid £6- on account on the mare I bought at Parker sale

Wednesday October 16th

the Rain commenced about half Past 5 P.M. Last Night and never ceased all Night until about 6 A.M. this morning this morning looked showery also still no more Rain fell all day but the weather was cloudy all day Oscar was mending harness all day he lined one old collar and a part of another

Thursday October 17th

Cloudy looking again this morning with a light Breeze from the South-West

I was very ill today and at noon the M^{rs} drove me in to Port Pirie to see the Doctor. he gave me something in a pipe to smoke and in a few minutes I got relief and could draw my breath more freely (Doct. Monnell I went to I feel a little better this evening thank God.

Friday October 18th

Ice and warm again to day with a light Breeze from the South.

The Mr. and Alice Bannigan went on a visit to Goulter's to day they stayed untill Sundown.

Mr. Joseph Bannigan Came here this Evening about half past 8 P.M. from Broken Hill he hired a Horse from Fred Lambert to Come out here we were in Bed when he Came as I was not Very well, however I had to get up and have a Noble with him so we stayed up then untill nearly 12 Listening to all his story from the great Broken Hill Mines he showed us some fine Specimens of Silver ore and Lead ore.

Saturday October 19th

Fine again to day with a light Breeze from the South West. Joseph Bannigan went to Crystal Brook this morning to leave the Horse Back and take the Train to Port Pirie and meet the Mr. and Alice there he Came home with them from the Port.

I feel a little better to day Thank God.

Sunday October 20th

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

Alice Bannigan and Joseph the Mr. Oscar Kenty and myself went to Chapple to Port Pirie to day.

after Mass we put the Horses in Presto yards and went for a Stide along the Ships we went on Board a Barque Called the Lucadia belong to Glasgow. - we also went on Board the It Master Ship Called the Wendures Glasgow we were down in the Cabin of Both Ships we found the Officers Very Civil and obliging to us we go home about 5 P.M. Michael was here also

Monday October 21st

Fine and warm again to day with
A light Breeze from the West.

Oscar and myself Loaded up a Load of wood
to day the Mr. Alice and Joe went to Crystalbrook.
To day Joe did not come back he got the Load
of a Horse from Patt Finigan and went to
Navidy to see the O'Hollans.

D I ran Oscar's wages to day to £1:5:0 per week
Tuesday October 22nd

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

I went to Port Pirie to day with a Load of wood
to Welch the Fisherman (this Load is one Pound)
the Mr. and Alice went on a Visit to the
Walshes near Warrentown they stayed there until near
Dark

Oscar was mowing with the Syth all day
when I came home I collected all that was raised

Wednesday October 23rd

warm again to day with a Very light Breeze from the West or
North-West.

I got the 2 Horses and went down to Wandearah to
Andrew Matsons for a mowing machine, I was Very
Glad to get it there too. I am to Pay him one Pound for
the Load of it and I can Cut as much as I like
I was quite Knocked up when I got home
the Mr. and Alice went Visiting to day again they
went to Featherstones first and from there they went to
Noals. Alice got a Very nice Bunch of Flowers
from Martha Noal.

this Ends their Visiting now for some time as Alice
is going home to morrow herself and Joe. but he has
not come back from Navidy yet.

I sent Oscar to the Plims this Evening for a gallon
of Beer and gave him the money to Pay for it (Vis. 3/-)

I thought we would have a little Bit of Jellyfication
on account of the Visitors going away in the
Morning

we stayed up until midnight and still Joe did
not turn up

Thursday October 24th

Very hot to day there was not much wind and what was there was shifting from Point to Point all the day. The M^{rs} went to Crystal Brook this morning with Alice & Joe. He came about half past 2 am. this morning. So the M^{rs} drove them to the station. She called at Patt Finigans as she was coming home and stopped there until 3 P.M.

I started mowing with the machine to day it is doing very fine work. I think I will get along with it all right.

Oscar was packing after me.

Friday & Saturday October 25th

Hot in the fore noon and cool in the afternoon. The wind was principally from the North West in the evening it shifted to South West and showed great signs of rain.

I do believe we will have some rain before tomorrow. I was mowing to day again with the machine and Oscar was packing and cooking.

Patt Finigan came here at dinner time to day to tell us that James Feely's little child was dead. It died this morning. It only took Bact at 11 P.M. Last Night. It will be buried in Crystal Brook Cemetery tomorrow.

at James Featherstones the child died as M^{rs} Feely stayed there last night. Jim is working at Featherstones.

Saturday October 26th

Warm again to day with a light breeze from the North-West.

The M^{rs} went to Port Pirie this morning. She got 10 lbs of Butter from M^{rs} Mc Nally to Sew her boots. She paid 6 P. Pound for it getting 8 herself for it. She was home again at half past 12 noon.

So then her and me went to James Feely's child's funeral to Crystal Brook.

what I remarked as very strange at the Cemetery was the child to be buried in the Protestant Part of the Cemetery. He must have made a grave mistake.

Just at Sundown as we were near home a storm came on from the South-West. It lasted for a few hours but no rain of any consequence fell. Though there was some very dark clouds looming up from the South-West all the evening.

Sunday October 27th

Fine again to day with a light breeze from the South-West. The Mr. and Oscar went down to Wandsworth to day to George Finner for Poll and the Toad they brought them home. Michael came here this afternoon he came from Crystal Brook he was at mass. he went from here to Davids Place.

Monday October 28th

Fine weather again to day with a light breeze from the South-West.

Oscar was cleaning up the Well this morning the Mr. and Nelly was helping him. I could do nothing as I was unwell this morning again. However I went cutting hay about 10 a.m. and cut all day. When Oscar finished the Well he went cooking and baking the Mr. was helping also.

Patt Finigan came here this evening to stop for the night.

Tuesday October 29th

Possibly Cool to day with a nice light Cool breeze from the South-West.

I was mowing again to day and Oscar was Baking & Cooking. I was Cooking myself for a while this morning.

Patt Finigan went away this morning. I think he went to Port Pirie on Business with Gordon the Solicitor.

Wednesday October 30th

Fine weather with a light Cool Breeze from the South West.

I finished mowing the Self Sown Hay about 3 P.M. I went Cooking then with Oscar for the rest of the Evening. I will have a good bit of rice watered Hay in it when it is all put together. The W^m went to the Whim this Evening to know if there was any letters but there was none.

Thursday October 31st

Fine again to day with a light Breeze from the South. all day.

I commenced to mow in the House Paddock to day. I cut the Roads around it. It is the heaviest Crop of Wheat I have ever seen. It is between 5 & 6 feet high. I want to cut another Road through the middle of it. but I will have to cut it with the Syth as it is rather thick and heavy for the machine. The under growth of Clover that makes it so bad for the machine. Oscar was making up George Fimes. Horse called here to day. But he was not required.

Friday November 1st 1889

Warm to day again the wind kept shifting all day from Point to Point but in the Evening it seemed to settle at the South-East.

Oscar was Cooking hay to day again untill dinner time. then he put Dorkie & Jenny in the Dray and Carted out some wood from the scrub. We loaded up the Wagon. I am going to take this load to a Baker in the Port.

Saturday November 2nd 1889

Fine again to day. It was very close and warm all day. the wind kept shifting from Point to Point. all Day. the Sky showed signs of a change in the Evening.

I sent Oscar to Port Lins to day with a load of wood to a Baker named Vyes.

Myself and the W^m went in in the Buggy. I got 10/- per ton for the wood 2. 19. 2.

Patt Finigan was in the Port drunk since last Tuesday so we brought him home with us.

I bought a new hay fork for 7/- at Prests.

Sunday November 3rd

Warm and Sultry and Very Cloudy all day
and showing great Signs of Rain.
A Cloud of Very Black and Cloudy about half Past
4 P.M. and at 5 P.M. it Commenced to Rain
but light. It soon Cleared off again though.

The M^r and myself and the Children and Ellen Smith
Went to Port Pirie this morning to see Bishop
O'Reilly Laying the Foundation Stone of the
New Convent of Mercy it will be Built alongside
the Chapple

There was a good many People Present at the
Ceremony there was 5 Priests four of which assisted
at High Mass.

after Mass was over the M^r and Children and
2 of Malones Children Came home and Antony Malone
and myself stoped to hear the Bishop Preach in the Evening
at 7 P.M. As while we were waiting we whilst away
the time by going on Board the Big 4 Masted Ship
Laying alongside the New wharf and from there we
went to the Smelting and Refinery works. and had
a good look at all over the Buildings) we were home at 11 P.M.

Monday November 4th

Wet and Cool to day with a nice Cool Breeze from
the South-West.

I was cutting hay again to day and Oscar
was Raking and Cocking

Joseph Bannigan Called here this morning he was
Coming from John Finigan's Place and going
to Port Pirie the 2 Children were driving him in
at noon the M^r and Patt Finigan went to the Port
she went to Hetch the Fisherman to get Paid for the
Load of Wood that I took to him a fortnight ago.
but she only got 5/- from him which leaves a balance
of 11/-

Tuesday November 5th 1889.

Warm again to day with a light Breeze from
the South-West.

I was doing nothing myself to day as I was not well
Oscar was cutting with the Syth. he was cutting a
Track along the Profile

Old Maurice Fitzgerald Came here this morning
he was after Coming down from the North) Patt Finigan went
to the Port this morning again to day he was Back again at dinner time
and then went home to the Brook

Wednesday November 6th

Warm again today with a light breeze from the West or North-West.

I was hay cutting today again. I cut the roads around the Beards Wheat and the Mullinsing Oscar Raked and Coked it.

Mr. Frost from Port Pirie came here this forenoon to have a look at the Wheat he is having a look around the District to see if the Red Rust is injurious.

The Mrs. went to the Whim this afternoon to Post 2 letters one to James Fitzsimons and the other to Alice Bennigan. She got 2 letters also one from the District Council and one from Dr. Parkinson.

After she came back she put the 2 Horses in the Trap and went to Crystal Brook to get some Fingers for the mowing machine. She got 3 at one shilling each. She also brought home the Rack of the Reaping Machine.

2/6 She had to pay for that for getting 2 revits put in it.

Thursday November 7th

Warm today again it was very calm in the morning but at about noon there was signs of a storm coming up the wind was from the North until about 3 P.M. when it shifted to the West and blew very hard for a short time and turned calm in the evening again.

Oscar was cutting with the Syth today again around the Late Mullinsing he finished it and I went to Malones for a Tank of Water. The first Tank this year.

Mrs. Goulter and her daughter (Laura) came here just at dinner time they were coming Port Pirie they stopped until about 3 P.M. A fisherman called here also with some Snapper they were Splended Fish too. The Mrs. kept on at 2/-

Friday November 8th

Warm again to day with a light Breeze from the North-West. There was signs of a change in the Evening there seemed a good few heavy clouds looming up from the South West.

Oscar & myself put on a load of long wood this fore noon. and in the afternoon I was fixing the wheels of the Buggy and Oscar finished lining one of the Collars.

Saturday November 9th

Very warm again to day with a light Breeze from the North West. It turned Cool in the Evening and the Wind shifted to the South. It also came up very Cloudy and showed signs of Rain.

At 11 P.M. it came down in torrents and lasted over a half an hour. It blew hard at the time there was sheets of water on the ground.

I sent Oscar to the Port with a Load of Wood and the W^m and myself went in in the Trep. I gave the Wood to W^m Mann. for £1.5

Sunday November 10th

Possibly warm to day with a light Breeze from the South but it turned very sharp and Cold in the Evening.

The W^m and Siszy and myself went to Crystal Brook to Mass. to day. There was a strange Priest there his Name is Father Carroll. He came home with us after Mass. and after Dinner. I drove him to Port Pirie to the Priest's house.

I went inside with him and had some wine and then came away Mrs Walsh & Frank came here

this afternoon Just as I was going away W^m Malone also came here on a visit and Bill Jacobson came here with Oscar. Oscar went up to his Place in the morning so he drove him home.

Michael came here also from Mass he had dinner with us and then went away again.

Monday November 11th

Nice and Cool to day with a light Cool Breeze from the South. I started to mow to day again but I did not go far untill I broke a finger.

So I had to stop then. I sent the m^{rs} to the Brook to get some more. She also got a Chest of Tea at the Railway Station. She had to pay 3/- for the Carriage of it from Abbeville and £1.5 is the Price of the Chest.

I commenced to Cart in the Hay to day we got 2 Loads in.

M^{rs} Prest and M^{rs} Roseworth came here this afternoon he told that I could not get the Machine now that he Promises me.

Tuesday November 12th

The Sun was warm to day but there was a nice Light Cool Breeze from the South which made it just nice for working.

I was mowing all day in the House Paddock as the Frost is Very Bad in it so it will come in for hay.

Wednesday November 13th

Warm to day with a light Breeze from the North all day. There was Signs of a change about noon and at half past 4 P.M. there did a Breeze of wind spring and I made sure the Rain was going to come down but only a few drops fell. It got calm very soon again but still the Sky looked Cloudy and showing Signs of Rain.

I cut a little Hay to day again but I knocked before dinner to go Cocking. It was only getting dry on the ground. Nelly & the m^{rs} was helping us we got it nearly all Cocked.

Andrew Mathenson came to the Paddock this afternoon to tell me to take his Machine home. I brought it from him altogether for the Sum of Five Pounds to be Paid in February.

He is Cutting his Wheat down also for Hay on account of the Frost there wont be much Wheat in Handsworth this year on account of it.

Thursday Nov 14

Warm again to day with a light Breeze from the North. At noon it seemed to come up cloudy again and show signs of Rain.

at 4 P.M. the Wind went round from North to South and blew a regular Storm until dark a good Shower of Rain fell about half Past 5 P.M. and at half past 6 P.M. it commenced to Pour down again in torrents and did not cease for one moment and it is now 9 o'clock.

It has Every appearance of a heavy night Rain. It will do a lot of harm to hay that is cut and out in the Paddock.

I have a good lot cut and cocked but when the Wind came this Evening it scattered it all about so yesterday's and to day's work of Cocking is now all gone for nothing. but such is the Will of God.

I cut a good bit to day too. I was better I was uncut now.

Friday November 15th

Warm and Sultry to day with a Very light Breeze from the South. It stopped Raining last Night about 10 P.M. It Rained Very heavy while it lasted. There was sheets of water on the Ground this morning.

Patt Finigan came here this afternoon to see if I could give him the lend of my Waggon.

to Cart in hay but I could not as I wanted it myself. So he went away then.

Myself and the ~~W~~ went to see Mr James Walsh near Warnertown who is very ill and not expected to Recover. we stayed there until hear Sundown he is dangerously ill and in mistake he cannot see with his Eyes they are so Swollen.

Oscar and Nelly was Cleaning up the Well as a lot of stuff fell in last Night with the Rain. Oscar had a narrow escape from being killed in the Well. Nelly lit a Bucket full of stuff fall down again from the top it did not hit him.

Saturday November 16th

Nice and Cool to day with a nice cool Breeze from the South West. all day

Finished Hay Cutting in the house Paddock this afternoon we were cooking and Peking the rest of the Day

The Mr. and Betty went to the Port this morning with 15 lbs of Butter. She got 1/8 Per lb for it

I sent Oscar up to John Walshes this evening to know how his Father is. he told Oscar that he was about the same way.

Sunday Nov 17th

Fine weather with a light Breeze from the South. all day

The Mr. and Sisy and Esther and Oscar & myself went down to the Pirie Beach to day for the first time since last harvest. the Roads is Very bad in some Places but as bad as it was we got down all Right we called to Mr. Rames as we were going down and he went with us we had a nice day on the Channel With the Boat. but we caught no fish.

Patt Jimigan & Ted (his man) was here while we were away

Monday November 18th

hot weather to day with a light Breeze from the North I Cut some more hay to day it was some Beards Wheat that is gone with the Red Rust. there is a great quantity of Wheat gone with it this year and more is the pity as the Crops looked so well everywhere and people would have a chance of getting a bit strate this year. Some people in Mandurah will not reap one Bushell of Wheat it is all dued up with the Rust. in this Hundred (Pirie) there wont be a great quantity of Wheat. on account of it

Tuesday November 19th

Very hot to day with a hot Northerly Wind. I think we will have some hot weather now.

I commenced to Cart in the Hay to day I commenced in the House Paddock we brought in 6 Loads

I am building this Stock in the Calfs Paddock

Wednesday Nov 20th

The weather has been very hot to day again with a regular hot wind from the North until about noon when the wind shifted to the South and blew a strong Breeze too.

So it was fine and cool then from that until Night we were carting hay to day again but we only got in 3 Loads on account of the wind.

Oscar went making up what was left after the Cocks and I finished the Ladder and put a bit of Paint on it.

The M^{rs} went to see M^{rs} Walsh to day again. M^{rs} Bates went with her.

Walsh is no better he is just about the same way as he was when he took Ill first.

Thursday Nov 21st

Cool Weather to day again with a light Breeze from the South but it freshened up a bit at noon but at 4 P.M. it Calmed down again.

We were carting in hay to day again. We brought in 4 Loads.

Friday Nov 22nd

Cool weather with a light Breeze from the South and like yesterday it blew pretty strong for a while after dinner time and in the evening it Calmed down again. We were hay carting again to day we brought 5 loads.

The M^{rs} went across to Butters this after noon. for a Sheep she got a small one this time but it was very fat. I killed it after dark.

Saturday Nov 23rd

Possibly Cool again to day with a light Breeze from the South all day. we were hay carting again to day we brought in 6 loads.

The M^{rs} went to Port Linn to day. She went to see Walsh the Fisherman about the Price of the Load of Wood but she got nothing from him he told her he would not pay it until I summoned him for it. Joe Bannigan came here this evening. He is going to give me a weeks work.

Sunday November 24th

Hot and Sultry this morning but it
came up a bit Cool in the Evening
Joe Bannigan Ellen Smith and myself went
I Mass to Crystal Brook.
we had no delay but came Strate home again
Michael came home with us

Willie Mullins and another Boy came
here this Eveny they stopped untill about 8 P.M.
he is working for Mr. Wake near Red Hill

Monday Nov 25th

Possibly Warm to day there was a strong breeze
from the South-West all day

Oscar and myself was Hay Carting again to day
we brought in 3 Loads. Oscar was going to
go away this morning I offered him 30 Shillings Per Week
So he went to work again Joe Bannigan was fixing
up the Machine

Some old Man called here this after noon
Looking for work but I did not want him

Tuesday Nov 26th

Cool to day with a strong Breeze from the South
West. we only brought in 3 Loads to day again
Joe started to Reap this Evening he put in
the young Mare (Bess) for the first time she went
off all Right

Wednesday Nov 27th

Cool Weather with a strong Breeze from the
South-West. it looked like Rain early in the
morning but the Clouds all cleared off again
We got only 2 load of Hay in to day on account of
the Wind a few loads more will finish the Stack

The M^{rs} went to the Whim this after noon to
borrow some Flour from M^{rs} Thorpe we are just
Pun out she brought us a gallon of Beer also
to drink to the anniversary of our Wedding
to day, we are 12 years married to day

Joe Bannigan went to Port Line this after
noon but he came back again at Dark

Thursday Nov. 28th

Cool weather with a light Breeze from the South-West. We finished the first Stock of Hay to Day at dinner time. So after dinner we got the Horses ready to go to Peap but just as we made a start the Beaters got bint up and Broke the drum. So myself and Joe took it to Peaces and made it all Night again but it was rather late to start then.

Oscar went Peafking up where we took the Hay from

Friday Nov 29th

Cool again to day with a light Breeze from the South-West.

Joe made another Start to Peap to day again and Bint up the Beaters again so we had to put them Right again. Oscar & myself was Hay Carting to Day again

John Fitzgerald Morgans Blackrock P.O. Co. Limerick
Ireland
(October 10th)

Came to South Australia, in the Ship Lady Jocelyn, in the year 1876

No. of Loads of Hay in New stack

9
4
5
6
3
3

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