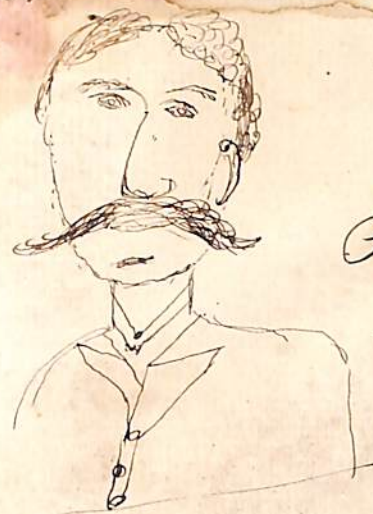


John Fitzgerald for Morgans.



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Myrtle Cottage, Pines

Dec 9th 1889.

South Australia

John Fitzgerald

Morgans, Askeaton P.O.

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Saturday Nov. 30. 1888

Cool Weather with a light breeze from the South or South-West.

I sent Oscar up to Patt Finigans place for the Lend of his Pumping machine he got it all right. Joe and myself was fixing the Breeters of my own machine

The Mr. went to Port Pirie this morning with butter.

Sunday No December 1st 1888

Beautiful and Cool to day with a light Wind from the South-West.

Joe Bannigan Oscar and myself went down to the Pirie beach to day to go Boating and Fishing and Swimming we had a real nice day out on the Gulf there was 3 other men out also we caught between 50 & 60 Fish

there don't seem to be any fish in the Creek at all. I suppose it is on account of so much Fresh Water coming down this year

Monday Dec 2nd 1889

Possibly Cool to day there was a light breeze
From the South all day

Joe went Reaping with Potts machine to day
He finished the bit of Croffice and then commenced
on the Piece at the Latta

The M^{rs} went to Crystal Brook to day

I sent the Spindle of the Beaters to the Brook
to get fixed. Morgan charged 12/6 to do it.

She also bought an old Side Saddle from
M^{rs} Able the Sadler for 10 or 12 Shillings

Tuesday Dec 3rd 1889.

It was a bit warm to day with a light breeze from the
South. East. Joe was Reaping again to day
and I was doing up the machine. I started
to reap with it in the after noon it goes very well
now.

Wednesday Dec 4th

Warm in the fore noon and Cool in the after
noon. Myself and Joe was Reaping in the fore noon.
But the wind shifted to the South and came up Cool.
So we had to knock off

Joe then went to Port Pirie and I went to Dalmore
for a Tank of Water

The M^{rs} & Oscar went to Butters for a Sheep
but there was no one there so they could not get any
they then went down to Stephensons and got one.
there Oscar is on the Sick list yesterday and to day

Thursday December 5th

Very hot and sultry to day with a light Northerly
Breeze we were Reaping again to day but we
knocked off early as there was a Thunderstorm coming up
It blew pretty hard while it lasted and a good
Shower of Rain fell also.
The wind then shifted to the South.

Friday Dec 6th

Cool this morning with a light Breeze from the South West. we Brought in 2 Loads of Hay this morning. So it Came out warm then and after dinner we went Reaping. it was a splendid after noon for Reaping too.

Saturday Dec 7th

Nice and Cool all day with the Wind from the South. but it was warm enough for Reaping we finished in the House Pastock at dinner time.

So after dinner we Commenced in the Mullinsing.

I think that will turn out well. it is a nice Even Crop and the grain is good.

The Int. went to Port Pirie to day again. and when she Came home Joe & myself went over to Walshes near Warnertown to see old Mr^W Walsh. we Stopped there all Night as Mr^W Walsh was much worse.

Sunday Dec 8th

Very warm to day with a very light Breeze from the North. it went Round Bore to the South in the after noon.

Joe & myself Left Walshes at 4 a.m. this morning and got home at 5 a.m. we turned in to bed then and slept untill noon at 5 p.m. Joe & myself got Ready and went to Port Pirie. I had to Leave him in to go to Work at the Refinery. he thinks it will Start Work tomorrow. I got home about half Past 9 p.m.

Michael Came here this after noon. he stopped untill 12 o'clock and then went home to Evening.

Monday Dec 9th

Very warm with a light Breeze from the North. all day. Oscar and myself were Reaping to day.

It is the first time with him steering a Reaping Machine. the Mr^W Sent Katy up to John Walshes this after noon to know how his Father is getting on. he told Katy that he was worse. so when she Came Back the Mr^W went over to Walshes to Stop with Mr^W Walsh for the Night as the old man was so bad.



Tuesday Dec 10th

Cool to day the wind was from the South-West. there was signs of a change in the afternoon. We were Reaping again to day in the old Mullinising it did not Trash very well on account of the Cool.

The Mr. Came home this morning from Walches Mr. Walsh is no better if anything he is worse.

Wednesday Dec 11th

Ice and Cool to day with the wind from the South. we brought in one Load of hay this morning and then went Reaping it turned out a good day for Reaping.

I think it will turn out well of course I cannot tell until I have it cleaned but by the appearance of the Crop on the Ground it looked good enough for 14 or 16 Bushels. The Grain also is pretty fair. Some of it is Pinched a bit with the rust.

Still I am thankful that it is so good.

My

My



Thursday Dec 12th

Warm Weather with a light little from the South. there seemed to be signs of a change showing in the afternoon.

We finished the old Mullinising at dinner time and Comenced the New Mullinising after dinner. I don't think it will turn out so well. Still I think it will turn out fairly well considering the refuges the Rust made.

The Mr. went to the Lime Kiln this afternoon for a Bushel of Lime she also called at Pat Finigan's before she went for the Lime. Oscar went for a Tank of water this morning.

Friday Dec 13th

Very warm to day from early morning until dark and even after dark. I believe it was the hottest day that came this year.

We were Reaping to day again.

Saturday Dec 14th

Nice and Cool today with a nice Breeze from the South-West.

The M^{rs} went to Port Pirie this morning she had M^{rs} Malone in and out with her.

We finished Reaping the Scotch Wonder today at dinner time we then commenced the Beady Wheat but it don't turn out so well as it was late and it was Badly effected with the Rust. . .

Sunday Dec 15th

Cool weather with a light Breeze from the South.

I went up to John Halches this morning so him and me then went to his Fathers Place to know how he is getting on. he was very ill in the after noon so ill that we thought he would die through the night so I stopped off night and John went home.

There was a good few visitors there in the after noon to see Halch. but they all left before Sundown.

Monday Dec 16th

Nice and Cool with a light Breeze from the South. I Came home from Halches this morning and soon after I came home the M^{rs} went up to Patt Finigans to ask her Father to Come here for Christmas. he Came with her. So after Comming they made another fresh Street and went to see Mr. Halch. and was home again at 11 P.M. I Cleaned a little today of the Troffie.

Tuesday Dec 17th

Cool with a nice Southerly wind all day Oscar was Reaping and myself and the old man was Cleaning Wheat again.

We got 16 full Bags besides the heads out of the Troffie I only Sowed one Bag of it I reckon there was about 8 acres under it.

I expect to get Perhaps more than another Bags out of the heads when I will trash them.



Wednesday Dec 18th

Warm again today but Cool in the Evening
the Wind was from the South.

We brought in a Load of hay this morning
we also shifted the Winnowing Machine to another heap of
Wheat. after that Oscar went to Reap
and I Carted off the heads of the Phosicks
and when I finished them I went for a Tank of water
Nelly finished the White washing to day

Thursday Dec 19th

Pretty warm to day the Wind was from the
North. untill about half Past 2 P.M. the Wind then
Went Round to the South-West. and blew a regular
Storm which lasted untill nearly Dark

there was thick Clouds of dust driving along before it
it carried away a Part of my hay Stack I had to put
some heavy logs on it

we were Reaping again to day I commenced to
Reap the bit of fall the Bag and Oscar finished
the Velvet Pearl.

Friday Dec 20th

Cool weather all day the Wind blew Pretty stiff
all day from the South. it showed Great Signs of
Rain towards Sundown.

we commenced Clearing the heap of Wheat near
the old Barn to day I think it will turn out fair
Patt Finigan came here about 11 A.M. with his
Cart to take his Father away
although his Father did not want to go still he persevered
on him untill he had to go he first threatened to Pound
the old man's Horses and Pounded him in every way
then when he saw that would not do. he had to
Calm down and act the Pet Lamb.

he came here in a tearing rage on account of
his Father being here

Patt is just only coming out of another
Drinking bout.

he also gave me strict orders to leave his
Reaping Machine home as we did not thank him
Enough for the lend. of it.
So I sent Oscar home with it at half Past 5 P.M.
it will be a long time again untill I will ask Patt for anything

Saturday Dec 21st

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

Oscar & myself was cleaning wheat all day.
The Mrs. went to the Port this morning she was home again about 3 o'clock

Sunday Dec 22nd

Pretty warm to day there was a light Breeze from the South.

The Mr. and myself went to Crystal Brook to Mass to day Michael came home with us as we were communing

Monday Dec 23rd 1859

Warm again to day and the wind from the South-West still

I was Reaping a half a day Oscar Brought out some wood out of the Scrub to Load the Wagon he Brought a Tank of water also

I lowered Oscar's wages this morning to £1.5 Per week

Tuesday Dec 24

Very warm with a light Westerly Breeze
The Mr. and myself went to Port Pirie to day
I sent Oscar in also with a Load of wood he had 3.. 3..
I sold it to Mr. Geddes the timber merchant

I got 1/6 Per ton for it.
When I was going to come home I Bought 7 gallons of Beer at Pinesas at 2/6 Per gallon he lent me a Jar to Bring it home in

Wednesday Dec 25th (Christmas Day)

Very warm with a hot Northerly Wind all day
I have not much to Record to day
I have that Michael came here from
Patt Evans's to spend the Christmas with us
We all Stopped home killing about and drinking Beer



Thursday Dec 26th

Warm with a light Breeze from the North but in the after the Wind Shifted to the South-West and got nice and Cool. Oscar was Picking to day and myself was Carrying water from the ones I brought 3 tanks I put one in the House tank and one I put on my trees in the garden and the other I left at the Trough for the Horses Michael went away this fore noon



Friday Dec 27th

Fine and Cool all day with a good stiff Breeze from the South West I was Cleaning about of wheat to day again and O.S. Started to Pick the bit of barley wheat up near Parkers fence

Saturday Dec 28th

Cool weather to day with a good breeze from the South-West.

The M^{rs} Went to Port. Pirie this morning With butter and Eggs. She was home again at half Past 2. P.M.

Oscar & myself was Cleaning wheat all day we trashed out the heads of all the house Paddock but we had not time to Clean them up.

Sunday Dec 29th

Possibly Cool with a light Breeze from the South-West. I have nothing much to Record to day as we went in where or no one came here.

Monday Dec 30th

Nice and Cool with a light Breeze from the South Oscar and myself was Cleaning this fore noon and we loaded up a Load of wood in the after noon. Old Maurice Fitzgeralds Came here this fore noon and stayed for Dinner he went away then

Tuesday Dec 31st 1889.

Fair Weather with a light Breeze from the South-East. I went to Port Luis to day with a load of Wood I had ^{ton...} 3. I sold it to the Brickmaker for 10 Shillings per ton. when I had my load off I went up to the Port again to get some meat at hammers.

when I was coming home I overtook Mr. Tom Ball so we made a bargain about some wheat. he is to bring me 3 Bags of wheat called Steinweder and I am to give him 3 Bags of Scotch. Wonder in two days Oscar was knocking today.

This is the Last Day of the Good old year 1889. it is now in its Last stages it has only a Couple of hours more to live. I will wish it a hearty God speed one thing it has done. and that is it has left Plenty Behind for Man and Beast.

6 minutes to 12. Midnight we will now bid good by to 1889 and Welcome 1890. I hope it will bring good luck and Prosperity to all
God Bless us all this year and the year to come

All of us is together the Mrs Ingeff Patz Sieg Esther Alice Ellen Smith and Oscar. The Swedish Sailor he has spent 2 New year with me now I fare well 1889

1890

Wednesday January

Newyears Day Very hot all day with a
Light Northerly wind

The Mr. Party Ellen Smith and myself
Went to Port Pirie this morning to get on a pleasure
Trip to Point Lowly in the Schooner Nelsieba

But when we got in there she was away somewhere else
so we had to wait untill 2 P.M. and go in a small
little Stearn Launch called the Promise

She made one trip in the morning out as far as
the Anchorage and Back with ~~Passenger~~ Pleasure seekers
So we went in at 2 P.M. She went straight to
Port Germain from Port Pirie. She Landed some
of her Passengers there and took on Board some more
we then made a start for Point Lowly but
did not Land there as the Captain had to go
a Long way Past it to look for a yacht Crew that got
Wrecked on the Rocks

we found them about 6 P.M. they were on the shore but their
yacht was Laying on her side on a sunken rock
with her Stern gone and a Part of her side stove in
She belongs to Mr. Harris the Storekeeper of Port Pirie

him and his Brother and a Minister and
another man were Camped on the Rocks waiting to be
taken off. They had two Sailors to work the yacht
But they sent them with a little kingley to Port Pirie to
Report the accident and to send assistance to them.

The lot on the Rock had plenty of Provisions but
they had no water, they were there from Monday afternoon
untill 6 P.M. this evening

They had 35 Gallons of water in the yacht at the time she
Struck it all got Spoiled then. So that Evening they
had to walk 14 miles to the nearest Station to get water
and Bring back 5 Gallons with them

at the time the yacht went ashore the whole Party
were ashore shooting save the 2 Sailors
and they were fishing off the sides of the yacht. when they
Found her dragging her anchor ^{anchor} it seems they don't
all they could to save her but of no avail as the
Current of the Tide was driving her on to the Rocks

The New year and Christmas
Seems to be times for accidents Close to when
we Picked up the yacht Crew. There was a large
German Barge ashore, and her Captain and
an apprentice boy got drowned going to Port Augusta
the second mate of another ship got shot outside at the
anchorage a few days before his Name was Mr. Nijer

Thursday January 29th 1890

Very warm Weather with a light Breeze from the South North.

Oscar was Reaping to day again I was cleaning a bit of wheat in the Evening when it was Cool.

Friday January 30th 1890

Possibly Cool with a nice Cool Breeze from the South all day Oscar was Reaping again to day and I was cleaning up the Flour. I finished it all.

Saturday January 31st 1890

Warm again to day with the wind from the South West Oscar was Reaping to day again and I was putting the Bags of wheat in in the old Barn out of the way of the Pigs.

The W^m went to Port Pirie this morning with butter it is 1/11 per Pound now.

She got 2 letters for Oscar at the Whim she paid 9/6 for them.

Sunday January 31st 1890

Hot with a hot Northerly Breeze all day untill about sundown the Wind changed then to the South and came up nice and Cool.

The W^m and Oscar and myself went to Crystal Brook to Mass. and when we came home Oscar and myself went to see Mr. Walsh.

I could not see much change in him since I saw him before of course he is weak and helpless and requires watching closely yet.

Michael came here this afternoon also he stopped untill near sundown.

I forgot to mention that myself and Oscar had with a slight accident when we were coming home from Walshes. When just near Lovelocks Place I happened to look at the rear front wheel of the Trap and just as I did it was within an inch of being off the Nuts had worked off the Collar Washer.

So there was nothing to keep it on then we got the lend of a Pincer from Harry Bates and put 2 Nuts on it again so that Braught is home all right.

Monday January 6th 1890.

Nice and Cool with a good Breeze from the South all day. Oscar went to Malones for a Tank of water this morning. So when he came back him and the M^{rs} and Sidy and myself went down to the River Beach to spend the day there. We got Patt Ranes Boat and went out to the Shelly Beach. We also spent a while fishing we caught about 4 dozen of trumpeters.

We had a good swim in the Evening before we left we got home about half past 10 P.M. after a nice Days Boating on the River.

Tuesday January 7th

Warm to day with the Wind from the South-West. Oscar and myself cleaned up the bit of fill the Bag Wheat I got only 6 Bags of Very bad Wheat. He went Pricking in the afternoon and I cleaned up the Floor.

Wednesday January 8th

Warm with a light Breeze from the North. Oscar finished the Pricking this Evening. So I am finished all the Pricking for this year. We brought in a Load of Hay this morning before Breakfast. In the afternoon the M^{rs} and Ellen Smith and myself commenced to Clean in the Scrub in the Old Millinery —

Thursday January 9th 1890.

Warm with a light Breeze from the South West. we were cleaning again to day we could not go ahead very fast on account of so much heads in the heap. I believe we only cleaned 14 or 15 Bags.

Friday Jan 10th

Cool to day with a nice Breeze from the South all day. we were Wheat cleaning again to day. we hauled a Pig up out of the Well this Evening he had fallen in.

Saturday January ¹²~~12~~¹³

Passably Cool with a light Breeze from the South
we were cleaning again and the M^{rs} went
to the Port. but when she was coming home
one of the wheels of the Trap got locked in the axle
so she took the horses out and let them go and
she came along on a waggon to Malone
she got the head of the trap from Malone to come
home so when she came Oscar & myself started
back again to try and get it home
we could not get the wheel to go around so we had
to bring it as it was it was 1 o'clock when we got home
we were all night humping with it

Sunday January ¹³~~13~~¹⁴

Hot again to day with the wind from the South West
I went to Port Pirie to Mass. I went in in Malone's
Horse & Cart. James Malone and Cor. Power
came out with me the Bishop was in the Port to day
and the 7 Sisters of the Order of the Good Samaritan
they are after arriving from Sydney and are going

& I open a Convent School in the Port
but the Building is not finished yet.
but until it is finished they are going to open a temporary
School they are understood to open that on tomorrow
Week.

The M^{rs} Katy Ellen Smith and Oscar went
in to the Evening & Vespers they were home again
about half Past 10 P.M.

Monday January ¹⁴~~14~~¹⁵

Warm with a light Breeze from the South.
we were wheat cleaning again to day
it is very slow to clean on account of so
many heads it was badly thrashed there is also
a great lot of white heads in the wheat this year.

Tuesday ¹⁴~~14~~¹⁵ Wednesday January ¹⁴~~14~~¹⁵

Warm again with a light Breeze from the South West.
we were wheat cleaning to day also
we put on a load of wheat this evening 30 Bags
to take to Port Pirie tomorrow.

Wednesday 15th Thursday January 16th

Very hot again to day with the wind still from the South. about 10 or 11 o'clock there was great signs of a thunderstorm brewing up from the South. Still it did not come. The Mr^s and Oscar and Ellen Smith was cleaning wheat to day.

and I went to Port to day with the first load of this years wheat 30 Bags. I only got 3/- per Bushel for it I sold it to Harting & Son.

Thursday 16th Friday January 17th

Very hot and sultry to day there was a nice drop of rain last night and also a lot of thunder. The Mr^s and Oscar and myself

was cleaning wheat to day we were cleaning the Beards wheat to day near Parkers fence we nearly finished the heap.

I got a letter from the Bank yesterday about George Firms Bill \$2.10.
John Fitzgerald of Port Pirie that gave it to me



Friday January 17th

Very warm to day there was a light little breeze from the South. we were cleaning the Beards wheat near Parkers fence to day we would have finished it but for the wind & was none in the morning.

Saturday January 18th

To day has been a regular scorcher all day it was the hottest day that came this summer there was a good strong breeze blowing from the North driving clouds of dust before it. The wind was that hot that it was like standing at the lee side of a large fire. The magpies and all other birds were flocking into every shade they could find.

The Mr^s went to Port Pirie to day she took in Butter and Eggs she got 1/- per pound for the Butter and 1/- per doz for the Eggs.

Oscar went in with 20 Bags of wheat he sold it to Cave & Co for 3/- per Bushel he gave the Chiquar to the Mr^s she paid George Firms Bill of \$2.10.

Sunday January 19th

Hot again to day with the wind from the North.
None of us went anywhere to day as it was so hot we stopped
Laying about all day

Michael came here in the Evening he stopped
until Sundown

Monday January 20th

Very Close and Sutting to day with
the wind from the North

About 3 P.M. a Thunder Storm came on from the
North. there was a lot of thunder and a few flashes of
lightning and then the Rain came down in torrents
It lasted about 3 Quarters of an hour.

there was floods of water running about the Street
we filled one 200 Gallon Tank off the Ground near the Middle
Gate. there was a strong Flood running into the
Garden I let some into the Well also.

We put straw around the trees in the Garden
We also weeded off all the weeds out of the Garden
we were cleaning a while in the fore noon

Tuesday January 20th 1890

Very warm with a light Breeze from the
South or South-West.

we were Cutting wood in the old Middle fence this fore
noon and we went Cleaning Wheat in the afternoon

Wednesday Jan 21st

Warm again to day with the wind from the South
East. we Brought in all the Bags of wheat that was
into. 15 Bags is all I got of the old Ground (Beardy wheat)
I loaded up another Load of 30 Bags this Evening
we also ~~Loaded~~ Cleaned 3 Bags in the New Mullinery

Thursday January 22nd

Warm with a light Breeze from the South
I went to Port Linn to day with a Load of wheat. (30 Bags)
I only got 3/- per bushel for this also.

The W.C. and Oscar and Ellen Smith
were Cleaning wheat all day
they Cleaned 15 Bags

Friday January 24th

Warm with a light Breeze from the North West.
we then loaded another load of Wheat this Evening
(30 Bags) this load is off the house Paddock
we loaded a load of Stump this morning for
Anthony Malone I took the load up to him after dinner
he paid me for it (£1.5) I also brought out some
Fork for a shed out of the scrub for Anthony
he wants 8.

Saturday January 25th

hot again to day with a light Breeze from the
West or South West. I went to Port Pirie to day again
with a load of Wheat. (30 Bags) I delivered it at Reddings
when I had my load off. I went round to James Neal
the Blacksmith to get the 3 wheel of my waggon cut
and shut. I left the waggon in his yard and then
went and had some dinner at Mrs Mann's.
after that I went down to the Refinery to see
Joseph Bannigan I waited there until 4 o'clock
when he knocked off work. then the two of us
the Mr Brought Oscar a pair of Black and White Boots

Came up the street to his Lodgings.
he cleaned himself and came up to the Blacksmith
with me and just as we got to the Blacksmith
Shop it began to thunder and lightning
and soon after the rain came down in
Torrents from the North West.

the Blacksmith thought he could not put on the
Tires however after a long Pause we all
got the fire on and and got the tires on
all right it was just dark then so
I put the horses in the waggon and went
to the Central Hotel to get a Bag of
Flour I paid £1.2 for it

I started home then it was half past 12
Midnight when I got home
there was no rain while I was coming home
but soon after I got home it came down
again heavy and continued until
Daylight it rained very heavy

Sunday January 26th

Raining again this morning it was a
Calm Steady Rain it continued untill
Late in the after noon and showed signs
of a lot more through the night

10 P.M. it is raining hard still it seems
to come from the North or North-West.
James ^{Handley} Longhain came here this afternoon & I gave him £1 for horse service

Monday January 27th

It was fine for a bit this morning but out in
the day it commenced to rain again it was
a very sultry all the time it was raining

It was showery all the after noon there was a
very sickening sort of heat from the ground

we went cutting wood in the after noon
Albert Gregg came here this after noon to buy
some Forks and Rails I sold him 8 Forks
at 2/- each but I don't know if he will come
for any Rails he thinks them two pence at 1/- each

Tuesday January 28th

there was a few good showers to day again
the wind was from North-West.
we were cutting wood again to day

Wednesday January 29th

hot and sultry to day there was a light breeze
from the South. we were cutting Green Wood to day
again the Greggs came here to day for the Forks
they took 8 Rails also. they paid me for the Lot viz £1 =

I killed a little Pig this Evening I got a letter from
Mr Parks, the Manager for Elder Smith and Co.
what I asked I could not get (that was money)

Thursday Feb. Jan. 30th

Warm weather still with a light breeze from the South East.

The weather is keeping very hot this good while now and scarcely
any wind. Oscar & myself were churning in the scrub. to day
there is a good bit of the wheat damaged with the rain
some of it heated around the verge of the heap.

The M^{rs} went to Crystal Brook this morning
to get some salt and also to pay M^r. Able for the
old side saddle she got from him some time ago.
13 Shillings was the price of it but she only paid him 10/- at
Present.

Friday January 31st 1890

Warm & Sultry with just the sign of a Breeze from
the North East. We were cleaning again in the scrub.
To day I have not much to write about to day.

Saturday February 1st 1890.

Hot and Sultry again to day with the wind from the
North East. We finished cleaning - all but sweep the floor
in the scrub. we worked until 9 o'clock P.M.

The M^{rs} was in Port Pirie to day again with butter & Eggs.
but is 1/4 now and Eggs 1/11

M^r. Andrew Matheson called here this evening he wanted
the money for the mowing machine
I told him I would give it to him the day of the Whim Races

Sunday Feb 2nd 1890

Hot and Sultry again with a light Breeze
from the North East.

The M^{rs} and myself went to Port Pirie this morning
to mess. after mass was over the M^{rs} went to M^{rs}
Mearns to have some dinner

and I went with Joseph Barrington to his Lodgings
and had some dinner. after that we took a stroll
along the wharf to see if I could get any sailor
to come out with me for a while to Carlin hay

we spent good part of the day in a ship belong to
Belfast Ireland there was 3 or 4 fellows from

Cork in her John M^r Grath was with us in
for a while he will sail tomorrow morning his ship
is bound for Queenstown

She is to come right back to Port Pirie again
we started for home about 5 P.M.

Joe came out a part of the way with us

Monday Feb 3rd 1890.

Hot and Sultry again today with a light Breeze from the East. we were Cleaning in the Scrub today again.

Tuesday Feb 4th

Warm again with a light Breeze from the North East. I went to the Port today with a load of wheat 2500 Bags 20th good wheat & 5 of inferior. I got 3/- for the good and 2/6 for the bad.

I then went to Presto and settled with him. I Paid him £6. 5. Cash for this year.

Just as I was leaving the Port a Storm sprang up from the North. and showed great signs of a down pour of Rain. there was a lot of thunder and Lightning also. however much did not fall at the Port but when I came out to Mc Nallys the Road was in one sheet of water. from there to Parkers white gate the Horses had as much as they could do to bring the Wagon along. there was such a lot of water on the Road I left the Port at 5 P.M.

Wednesday Feb 5th 1890

it Rained a lot all Night the ground was covered with water Every where about.

Oscar was mending some of the Harness today it was too wet to do anything outside.

Thursday Feb 6th

Hot and Sultry with a light breeze from the North-West. Oscar and myself cleaned off the Flower in the scrub. We brought home the white heads and removed the Bags.

Old W. Finigan came here this Evening to stop.

Friday Feb 7th 1890

Hot and Sultry with a light Breeze from the North we loaded a load of wood this afternoon and also finished Cleaning the beards Wheat. We left it on the cloth as it was rather wet.

Saturday Feb 8th 1890

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

The Mr. went to Port Pirie to day Oscar went in also with a Load of wood to the Buck maker (Mr. Petty) he had ^{two cuts} 2 .. 14 .. on 9/- him Shillings Per ton I am to get for this wood

Sunday Feb 9th

Cool to day again with the Wind from the South. I have nothing much to record to day as I went to where or no one came here

Monday Feb 10th

Nice and Cool to day with a light Breeze from the South. The Mr. and myself went to Gladstone I wanted to see Doctor Connor as I have been unwell these few days he sounded me all over he told me there was nothing wrong except my heart a little out of order, and a slight of asthma I got some medicine from him for which I paid 7/6

Tuesday Feb 11th

Fine weather with a light Breeze from the South or South-West. Oscar went to Port Pirie to day with a Load of wood to the Buck maker (Mr. Petty) he had ^{two cuts} 2 .. 11 .. on 9/- Per ton. he was home before Sundown. he put on another Part of a Load.

young James O Dea from Baratar came here. this Evening with his racer (Firefly) he stopt for the Night

Wednesday Feb 12th 1890

Nice Cool day with a light breeze from the South. there was races at the Whim to day the Mr. and the Children and Oscar and Ellen Smith went to them in the after noon I stopt at home as

I was not well. Old Mr. Finigan stopt with me James Dundon and another young Chaf came here before dinner they had some dinner and then went to the Races

James O Dea's mare won the hurscurry I st four Pounds. he stopt here again to Night

Thursday Feb 13th 1897

Nice Cool Day with a light Breeze from the South West.

Joseph Bannigan Came here this morning he was at the Whim Ball all Night he was going to go to the Port on Saturday with the M^{rs} but he got a Chance to go in in Thorpe's Trap

The old man and myself went down to the Pirie Beach this afternoon the M^{rs} drove us down then she drove the Horses Back again we will stop down until Sunday

Oscar was idle all day after the Races.

Friday Feb 14th

Nice and Cool with a light Breeze from the South West. We went out in our deep water today fishing we only caught a few small ones

The Whitbread's were out also in their own Boat it was a very Pleasant Day on the water

I think the Change down here will do us a lot of good.

Saturday Feb 15th

Nice and Cool again with a light Breeze from the South West. we only went Cruising about the Creek today in the Evening we went fishing we caught about 70 small fish in about 2 hours. we came ashore then and had our supper and made up our bed for the Night then was as one down here to Day

Sunday Feb 16th

Pretty warm today still there was a nice Breeze from the South West.

we went fishing this morning until about 10 a.m.

and caught nothing the M^{rs} and the Children and Oscar came down then so we all had dinner and after that we went out in the Boat for a sail

we were not long out when M^{rs} Malone and her Children came so we came in again and took them out for a sail M^{rs} Malone was rather frightened of the water we came in again and myself and Oscar had a swim and then we all packed up and came home Oscar brought a Tank of Water from Malone

Monday Feb 17th

Cool again to day with the wind from the South-West. we commenced to Cart in Hay to day again from Scrub Paddock we brought in 4 loads. it is damaged very much now from the Rain it is black and not much good. Still it is better than nothing.

Tuesday Feb 18th

Warm again to day with a light Breeze from the South-West. we were hay Carting again to day we brought in 4 Loads we finished what was in the Scrub Paddock.

Wednesday Feb 19th

Warm again to day the wind was from the South West. we were hay Carting to day again from the house Paddock. 2 men called here this Evening one was selling Pictures and the other was a Insurance agent they done no business with either of them.

as soon as I got up this morning I went out to the Tank to get some water and as I did so the first thing I found was Ellen Smith coming out of Oscars Bed room I asked her what she was doing there and she muttered something which I did not rightly hear when I spoke to her after that she said she only went in to call up Oscar a story I would not believe. I told the boys to take her away from here I dont want such a Cannyon in my Place, I spoke to Oscar about it also but he says it is her fault.

Thursday Feb. 20th 1890.

Warm again to day with a light Breeze from the South. we were Carting hay to day again we brought in 2 Loads we Carted in 3 Loads of heads in the after noon. I am going to trash them out when I have them all together.

Thursday Friday Feb. 21st

Warm with a light Breeze from the South. we were Carting in heads to day again and finished them. Oscar commenced to trash them with the 4 Horses Dracting them out. Pat Finigan came here.

This afternoon he took his father home with him
it was for him he came although he is not well in his
health at present.

I went to Port Pirie this Evening
Ted Manders and Annie Malone went with me
we went to the Great Fitzgualds Circus (50 Horses & 40 Men)
It is not wrong to call it a great Circus for it is one of
the Best that ever visited the North. It was the Best
I have ever seen however and I have seen
a good few now.

There was the Best trained lot of horses that
I have ever seen they could almost do anything
they could shove a Cart around the ring.

2 of them Played See Saw on a Board and takes
a handkerchief out of a Box and give it to his master
they also danced a waltz and numerous other tricks
that it would take me too long to write them
one rider leaped over 16 Horses. and jumped from the
Ground on to the Horses Back on his feet without the
aid of his hands.

The Circus altogether Cannot be too highly Praise
it merits all
there was close on one Thousand Persons in the tent

Saturday Feb 22nd

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

we carted in one Load of hay this morn and
after that we went ~~to~~ trashing the heads with the Horses
we finished ~~to~~ trashing them we went then and
shifted the Wheat that was Back in the scrub
on to the Floor and covered ^{it} them with Chaff.

The M^{rs} went to Port Pirie to day old M^{rs}
Fitzgerald was in with her it was near sundown
when she came home

I put 2 fresh Horses in the Trap and myself and
Ratzy and Dick and Oscar went to
the Port again to the Circus it is too tempting
to let it go without seeing all the Living wonders
of the World. and the Truck Ponies

Sunday Feb 23rd

Cool with a light Breeze from the South.

M^r & M^{rs} Watts Called here this latter noon to tell me to leave his Stump jumping Scarifier home. They did not delay long I went in the Trap with them to Lovelock's Corner I went to see Maurics Fitzgerald at Harry Bates's I Stopped untill Sundown.

Antony & M^{rs} Malone Came here just as I left they stopped untill dark.

Michael Came here also for a while.

Monday Feb 24th

Cool again with a light Southerly Breeze. We were Cleaning up the heads we Cleaned 6 Bags there is about 2 more on the ground.

Old Dan Ryan Came here this fore noon he Stopped and had some dinner and then went away M^{rs} O Loughlin gave him 10 for our Pound. I did not give it to him because I had not got it.

Thorpe Commenced to Cart Gravel out of his own Place to Day for M^r Stephens's Road Contract between the crossing & Malones.

Tuesday Feb 25th 1890.

Warm but there was a light breeze from the South East all day. we Commenced to Cart in some more Hay to Day from the house Paddock. Some of it is good and some Very Bad. Still it is better to bring it in than leave it outside.

Wednesday Feb 26th

Cool to Day with a light Breeze from the South. We were hay Carting to Day again from the house Paddock the M^{rs} Brough the Boring Machine from M^r Peck's to Day.

Thursday Feb 27th

Cool to day again with the wind still from the South. We were hay Carting to day again we brought in 4 Loads.

Friday Feb 28th

Pretty warm to day the wind was from the South East in the morning but in the after noon it veered round to the South West. Hay Carting to Day again.

Saturday March 1st 1890.

Cool to day with a nice South Westly Breeze
this year March did not come in like a lion it came
Pretty Caml. we finished the Hay Carting to
Day. The W^{re} went to Port Pirie to day she had 5
lbs of Butter and 8 Dozen of Eggs. the Eggs were 1/9 and the Butter 1/-
M^{re} Bates was in and out with her.

Sunday March 2nd 1890.

Warm to day with a light Breeze from the South West.
the W^{re} and Oscar & myself. went to Port Pirie to Mass.
there was a sort of a Land League Meeting of the Mass
I attended it

The W^{re} and Oscar and myself went down to
the Priests House Oscar wanted to speak to him
on Private matters

Monday March 3rd

Warm again to day with a light Breeze from the South.
Oscar and myself was splitting up stumps this fore noon
we loaded them up in the after noon and some wood also
for M^{re} Ryan

(turkeys)

Tuesday March 4th

Warm again to day there was a light Breeze from
the South. I went to Port Pirie to day with a load
of wood & stumps to M^{re} Ryan £1.15 I charged
for this load. I went in to Presto and done some
Business with him I insured my Haystack for £50.
or 50 tons the W^{re} gave Thorpe 2 turkeys this evening -
I met M^{re} Gregg in the Port and she gave me an invitation
to Maryanne's Wedding which is to take place on
Thursday next.

Wednesday March 5th

Warm with a light Breeze from the South East.
Oscar was cutting wood to day and I was carting it out
we loaded it in the evening

Thursday March 6th 1890.

Possibly Cool to day with the wind from the South still
I went to Port Pirie to day again with a load of wood to M^{re} Petty
the Brickmaker I had 4^{tons} cut on it 1/9 per ton.
when I came home the W^{re} & children and Ellen Smith and myself went to Maryanne
Greggs Wedding she was married to Allen Goulter this after noon
they are both 22 years of age now?

Friday March 7th

Warm again to day with a light Breeze from the South East.
Oscar was Cutting wood to day again and I was
Carting it out and Loading it up

Saturday March the 8th

Warm with a light Breeze from the South East
Some Black heavy Clouds came looming up from the East
in the after noon about 4 pm there was a lot of Thunder and
Lightning for about an hour and then a good heavy Shower fell
it lasted for a half an hour

The M^{rs} went to Port Pirie to day with Eggs and butter
She took in a Pair of turkeys to M^{rs} Stuart she got 9/- for them
Oscar went in also with a load of wood to the Buckmaker
he had ¹⁰⁰⁰ 3" & on

Sunday March 9th

Warm again to day the Wind was from the South West
The M^{rs} and Ellen Smith went to Mass to Port Pirie
Michael came here this Evening for a while

Monday March 10th

Hot and Cool to day with the Wind from the South.
we were Carting Stumps to day and putting them around
the garden fence when we had that done we loaded up a Load
of wheat the Last I have for sale this year

I had Just about 200 Bags this year and the highest
Price I got for it was 3/- and some I sold for 2/6. Per Bushel
and only for the rest I would have 5 or 600 so it is a great blow
Back but still I am thankful to God for what I did get.
(I gave M^{rs} Priest 120 115 Bags)

Tuesday March 11th

Pretty warm to day with a light Breeze from the South West.
The M^{rs} and myself went to Crystal Brook my business
was to a Sale that was at the Brook the M^{rs} went to meet
her Aunt (M^{rs} Bannigan)

I did not buy anything a Stump jumping Plough
was the most thing I wanted it belonged to M^{rs} Peck
but it was not sold.

The M^{rs} took some ducks to the Railway Hotel and
got 2/- per pair for them) M^{rs} Bannigan came home with us

Wednesday March 12th

Warm again to day there was a light Breeze from the South. all day. Myself and Michael Comenced to Bore a hole for to try to get good water, he Left Patt Evans: yesterday for good.

Oscar went to Port Pirie with 33 Bago of Wheat on six horses. 2/8 Per bushel is all he got for it and it was a nice Sample of Wheat.

Thursday March 13th 1890

Warm again to day and the Wind still from the South we were Boaring again to day and Oscar was raking some Straw untill dinner time

Michael Oscar and Myself went to Port Pirie this Evening to hear the Irish delegate Mr. John Deasy he gave a good Lecture in the ~~Institute~~ Institute on home Rule for Ireland

The Price of tickets for admission was 1^o 2^o & 3^o shilling
there was about 150 Persons Present.

he is a good Char Speaker, and a young man fresh from the Fair fields of Erin

Friday March 14th

Hot again with a light Breeze from the North there was a Touch of hot Winds to day

Michael and Myself was Boaring for water again to day we put the hole down about 40 feet. but did not strike Water
~~Still yet~~ Oscar was Carting in Chaff to day he took in 3 Loads.

Saturday March 15th

Very warm again to day with a light Breeze from the North. the Mr. and Mrs. and Michael went to Port Pirie to day and Oscar and Myself was Boaring for water we struck the water at 40 feet. but it was Salty
So we Commenced to Put down another hole at the back of the Sand hills near the scrub garden. we could not make the head way on account of the rubble
we Commenced then to Sink a Part of the well. we put it down about 3 feet.

Sunday March 16th

Warm again to day with a light Breeze from the South-West. The Mr. M^r and Mr. Quey Barry and myself went to Crystal Brook to grass. We made no hay but came home again.

Monday March 17th St Patrick's day

It commenced to Rain heavy this morning about 4 a.m. and continued until dinner time there was also a lot of Thunder & Lightning all the fore noon. The Rain ceased about 9 a.m. the Wind was from the South.

In the after noon we got the Horses in the Trap and the Mr. M^r Mr. Barrigan Michael Oscar and myself went over to Walsh's near Warnertown. We stiped there about an hour when we were coming home we got some Mellons out of Mr. Lovelock's Paddock.

I Borrowed a Shovel from Henry Bates also.

Tuesday March 18th 1880

Fine Cool Day with a light Breeze from the South. Oscar and myself started to Bore Back in the Scrub to day again for fresh water. After Dinner the Mr. and myself went to old Mr. Lovelock's Sale. The Mr. wanted to get a Churn but she did not get it as it was not much good. Oscar was cutting up Stumps. Peter M^r Luire came here this after noon to see about his Plough.

Wednesday March 18th 1880

Cool again with a light Breeze from the South. Michael went to the Warnertown Races to day with his Horse (Faugh-Ballanga) he did not win he was not good enough. Peter M^r Luire that rode him.

The Mr. went to see Mr. William. Holsheto day. her Father came here while she was away. he wanted an old Tyer of a Buggy that I had I gave it to him, he Promised to give me another one in its place.

Thursday March 21th

Nice & Cool again to Day the Wind was from the South. we struck water this morning when we were Boaring in the Scrub. but unfortunately for myself it was quite Salty in fact I think worse than the old Well,

So Michael and myself Comenced to Put down another hole near Thorpes Fence

We put it down about 35 feet and struck water but as the Sand ~~and~~ not Come up in the Hole we could not get any water up but what I could get off the rods it seemed to be good water we went through about 12 feet of Coarse Gravel or Sand

I will sink the Well here however with the help of God.

Friday March 21st

Hot today there was a light Breeze from the South. I Comenced to sink the New Well to Day I put it down about 8 feet. Michael and Oscar Put on a bit of a load of Wood

Tom Ball Brought 2 Bags of Steinwed's Wheat I gave him 2 bags of Scotch Wonder in exchange to D

Saturday March 22nd

Warm with a light Breeze from the South. I was at the Well to day again I only put it down a Couple of feet. as it was too high for to throw the stuff up. I was fixing the frame over it also.

Oscar went to the Port. with a half Load of wood to the Sisters of the good Samaritans Convent the M^{rs} was in also she got Paid for the wood 15/- Oscar Brought home 360 Bricks to do the Well.

Michael went to the Port also with the M^{rs}.

Sunday March 23rd

Warm again but there was a light breeze from the South West. Michael and Katy and Ellen Smith and myself went to Mass to the Port. we made no delay but came home again

Monday March 24th

Pretty warm all day there was a light breeze from the South or South-West.

Michael and myself commenced sinking the Well to day again we made a new frame and windlass for it so it was dinner time when we had that done and after dinner I put it down about 3 feet.

Tuesday March 25th

Warm again to day but there did a nice breeze spring up from the South in the afternoon.

Michael & myself was at the Well sinking to day also we put it down about 8 feet to day.

Wednesday March 26th

Possibly Cool to day with a nice breeze from the South... Michael & myself was at the Well sinking again to day... and Oscar went down to Mr. Grege's (with the Sow Pig. to the Hog)

Thursday March 27th

Cool again to day with the wind from the South. we were at the Well to day again I struck the water this evening before I struck the water I went through a bed of soft white sand for about 8 or 10 feet. I am well pleased with my work as the water is good. it is not altogether fresh but it very near it the Horses & Cattle likes it well.

when I struck the water I did not do any more until I would make a frame to put in the bottom to build the Bricks on it as without the Brick the sand would be coming in at the Bottom.

Michael & Oscar killed a Pig this evening while I was making the frame.

Friday March 28th

Cool again to day with the wind from the South West.

Michael & myself finished the sinking of the Well to day we also finished Bricking it I put 500 Bricks in it so it is finished of now the dept of the Well is about 32 feet we done the Lot of the work in one week, so we have done a good weeks work thank God

Bohlin a R.C.

Saturday March 29th

Warm to day the wind was shifting from point to point all day but it settled to the South in the Evening. The Mr^s and Michael went to Port Pirie to day.

I settled up with Oscar this morning he has left me now for good. I paid him fifteen Pounds £15.

Leaving a ballance of eight Pounds £8. 2. 4 Comming to him. he has been with me ever since he came to this Country that is now over 16 months. he is going to try for work in Port Pirie

Sunday March 30th

Proty warm with a light Breeze from the South-West.

Oscar & Michael and Ratz and Sisy and myself went to Port Port Pirie to Mass

after Mass we went to the Priests house as Oscar wanted to see the Priest he changed his Religion to day from a Luterain to the Roman Catholic

It was his own wish. Father Musher that Christened him. in the Presence of Michael and Ratz and Sisy and myself his Name is now Oscar Joseph Bohlin

Monday March 31st

Possibly Cool with a light Breeze from the North-West. until Evening when it then went round to the South-West

Michael and myself was carting in straw and covering the Sheds.

and when I knocked off. I went over to Mr James Featherstone to see if he would lend me his Team of Bullocks to shift my Trough from the old well to the New one he promised to send them on Wednesday morning

Tuesday April 1st 1880.

Possibly Cool with a light breeze from the South.

Michael and myself was carting in some straw to day. and in the afternoon I went to Malons for a Tank of water. I wanted to see Jim Feely also to tell him to come down to shift the trough for me. he had only six Bullocks in so he could not come until morning he wants all of his Team for to shift it.

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Wednesday April 2nd 1890

Warm again with a light Breeze from the South.

I went up to John Walsh's this morning to help Jim Leely to get the Bullocks we got them and yoked them up and came and shifted the trough. They had as much as ever they could do. although the distance was short. they had to make 7 or 8 spells of it.

Michael and myself fixed the trough in its place.

Mr. Priest. Called here this after to tell me I had to record my vote in Wandarah on this day week.

Mr. Peake came here also. for the Little Lovelock's Boaring Machine he took them home to Lovelock's.

The Mr. & Mrs. Fitzgerald went to William Walsh's this after noon. to see Lissy. She is no better.

Michael & myself finished covering the sheds this after noon.

We then put the 5 Horses in the Waggon to Load up some wood but there was no wood cut so we had to take the Horses out again.

Thursday April 3rd

Warm with a light Breeze from the South East all day untill after Sundown. it then veered round to the South again.

Michael commenced to Plough for me the day, and I went to Port Pirie with 2 Horses in the Waggon to help to Shift the Sisters of the good Samaritan to their New Convent. I shifted the wood for them also.

Mr. Killeher was helping also.

I got a Bag of Flour at Pines as I was coming home for £1.10.

Good Friday April 4th

Warm with a light Southerly Easterly Breeze.

Michael was ploughing again the day and myself was cutting dry wood untill dinner time. I loaded it up then. I carted it out with the Horse & Dray.

Saturday April 5th 1890.

Warm to day with a light Breeze from the North-West but it veered round to the South or South West. in the Evening I went to Port Pirie to buy with a Load of wood ^{logs cut} 3" 3" 3 1/4 to the Buck maker (Mr. Pettig).

I wanted some money from him but he could give me none the Mr. and Michael was in also.

Sunday April 6th

Warm again with a light Breeze from the South West. The Mrs. Fitzgerald & Michael and myself went to Mass to Port Pirie we made no delay but came home again Mr. Fred Clapper came here this afternoon to see about Mr. Guin's Plough & Land roller while he was here we killed a big black snake in the Barn.

Monday April 7th

Warm again with a light Breeze from the South West. Michael went to the Port Pirie to buy and I was

Putting a fence around the Hay Stack German & German Harry came here this Evening Peter wanted to see about some hay I wanted to make a Bargain with him for a Stump Jumping Plough. We did not come to any Conclusion about it he promised to come on Friday or Saturday for some Hay.

Tuesday April 8th

It commenced to Rain at one o'clock this morning it rained heavy at intervals untill day light I seemed to clear up a bit then but at 9 a.m. it commenced again from the North or North-West. It continued untill 12 noon then it ceased but not altogether as it kept dropping all day but only light I think about 2 inches fell this time.

Michael and myself finished the fence around the Haystack.

Wednesday April 9th

Cool to day with a light Breeze from the South. I went down to Wandersick this morning to give my vote to the Members of Parliament I gave Mr. J. H. How a plumper there was 4 Candidates viz. How & Catt and Denny Murry.

When I was coming home I met a young
Sailor at the other side of the Wandsworth Bridge he was
looking for work so I brought him home with me
I have a mind to keep him to help me to put in the Crop
Michael was ploughing from dinner time until
Night the ground is a bit wet though.

Thursday April 10th

Cool with a light breeze from the South.
I commenced to do to day I sowed some Scotch Wonder
up near Parkers fence Dan Walsh (the Sailor) was
Harrowing. Michael was ploughing.
The M^{rs} and Betty went to Port Pirie to day I sent a bag
of Beards Wheat to the Brickmaker (Patty)
She went about 3 miles outside the Port to a woman of the
Name of George to see about some buggy wheels that
we heard was for sale but they would not suite our
Buggy so she came back without them.
She called to Gerald Fitzgerald for the wheel of
of the Scarifier that I left there to put a tire on it
She paid for it 2/-

Friday April 11th

Cool with a South West Wind there was a nice
Drop of Rain this morning and it was showing
Great signs of some more all day.

I was sewing again to day and Dan was harrowing
and Michael was ploughing.

Saturday April 12th

Fine Cool day with the wind from the South-East.
The M^{rs} went to Port Pirie to day with Eggs & butter.
She also took in a Pair of Turkeys she got 8/6 for them.
She paid M^{rs} Duncan. one Pound on account of the
Bags which I got there this Harvest.
Oscar Bollin came home with her he is nearly sick
of the Port

M^{rs} Fitzgerald went away from here this
morning to Harry Bates's

Dan Walsh was Harrowing to day and
Michael was ploughing in the House Paddock
I Burned the Stubble in this after noon. and also in
Some of the Mullinizing.

Sunday April 13th

Nice mild day with a light breeze from the South-East.

Oscar & myself went to Crystal Brook to try to bring home Lizzy Fitzgerald. She was to meet me at Mr. Guine's. But she was not there so went to Mr. Jozman's to see about some Buegg wheels but he had none so we came straight home again.

Monday April 14th

Fine with a light breeze from the South.

Oscar went to Port Pirie this morning he took in 9 Rigs for me to Mr. Harmer. he took them with the horse & dray.

he brought home 2 Swedish Sailors with him to help him with the grubbing he took from me he took 10 acres at £1.10 per acre.

The Sailors Names are John & Johnson. Their Sir names I don't know at present.

I was sowing again to day and Michael was ploughing.

Tuesday April 15th

Fine Weather again to day with the wind from the South-East. I burned some more stubble this afternoon. I was fixing the Scarifier in the fore noon.

Oscar & his 2 Chaps were getting things ready to day so as to be able to start work tomorrow. I am to board the three of them at 10 Shilling per week each. They have commenced to board to day.

Wednesday April 16th

Fine again to day with the wind from the South-East in the morning but in the afternoon it went around to the South-West.

I was sowing again to day and Scarfing and Dan was cutting some brailly shoots.

Michael was ploughing.

Oscar and his two men commenced the grubbing to day. Old Maurice Fitzgerald Carrow here to day.

Thursday April 17th

Fine with a light Breeze from the South East
I was sowing again to day Dan was scaring
and Michael was ploughing and Oscar &
his men was grubbing

Friday April 18th

Fine again to day with a light Breeze
from the North or North-West there was great
Signs of a Change all the fore noon
but in the after noon it seemed to clear off again
I finished sowing the bit near Parkers fence
I sowed it with Scotch Wender

Saturday April 19th

Warm to day with a light Breeze from the South West
The Mr. went to Port Louis today and Oscar went with her
Lizzy Fitzgerald went home to Harry Bates's
I brought a Tank of water this morning from Malton
The Mr. sent home a Bag of Flour from Kinross by
Harry Parkes

Sunday April 20th 1890

Warm with a light Breeze from the North West
it was showing Great Signs of a Change all
this day.

Tom Broomfield sent me word this morning
that my Pigs was at his place and to take them
home or he would shoot them. So I sent Dan Walsh
up for them and he brought them home

Master Fred & Martha Noal came here
this after noon. they stopt until near Sundown

Monday April 21st

Warm again with a light Breeze from the North
West and showing Signs of a Change all day
I was harrowing again to day and Michael
was ploughing Oscar went down to the Whim this
morning for the Bag of Flour that Charlie Parker left
there for so he was mending his clothes all the rest of the day

Sam Walsh (the Sailor) went away to day
his eye was very bad I believe he went
to Crystal Brook at least he said he
would

Tuesday April 22nd

Warm with a light Breeze from the North-West.
I was harrowing again to day I finished
the Bit I was at. Near Parkers fence
Michael was Ploughing

Wednesday April 23rd

Warm with a light breeze from the North-West.
and showing signs of a change

I sowed one Bag of Stienweidel wheat to day
in the House Paddock along Thorpes fence
I harrowed it in in the after noon.
Michael was ploughing to day again

Thursday April 24th

Warm again to day with a light Breeze from the South
West and showing signs of a Change all Day

I sowed another Bag of Stienweidel Wheat to day again
but I did not finish harrowing it in. Michael & Oscar went to Port Pirie to day
Oscar Posted 2 letters to Jo Bannyan to Broken Hill

Friday April 25th

it was a little bit cooler to day the Wind was from the
North-West and showed great signs of rain all
day I was harrowing for half the day and burning
scrub the other half. Michael was Scarfing along Thorpes
fence to day. there was a lot of oats growing up through the
Ploughed ground that I wanted destroyed
I had John & Johnson helping this after noon at
the Burning and cutting the young shoots) —

Saturday April 26th

it looked gloomy this morning and showing
signs of Rain the Wind was from the South or South
West. it commenced to Rain about 3 P.M.
and Rained a good steady rain for about an
hour when it then ceased but showed great signs
of some more through the Night

the Mr. went to Port Pirie to day Oscar went
also. John & Oscar Johnson were burning
scrub for me to day until the Rain came on.
Oscar won a lot of things at the Port for 7/- the Waterbury Hatch

Pain Vases 2 Knives needles.

Sunday April 27th

Cool with a light Breeze from the South.
John & Johnson went in to Port Pirie to day and
got lost when they were coming home however they
turned up about 11 P.M.

James Guen came here this afternoon and
stopped until 4 P.M.

Monday April 28th

Fine day after the rain with a light Breeze from the
South. I sowed some more wheat to day and
Oscar was harrowing and myself was doing some
gardening I fixed the Gate in the after noon
and we took 2 Bray loads of manure to the garden
and brought a half a Tank of water from my New
Well.

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£3-10-0 This is the Balance that is coming to Oscar
from April 28 to May 31st at 15 Shillings per week

Tuesday April 29th

Fine weather again to day with a light Breeze from
the South. I was sowing this morning again
and Oscar was harrowing myself was gardening
in the after noon.

Merheim Trading Agent called here
this after noon to collect some money.

Lizzy Fitzgerald came here this evening
to stop for a day or two.

Wednesday April 30

Dry weather with a light Breeze from the South East.
I sowed some more Tropic to day and Oscar
was harrowing in the after noon. I went to the Whim to
see Mr. Butler to know if he would let me cut some
hay with his Chaffcutter he made me welcome to it for
nothing.

To day was Council day at the Whim

Thursday May 1st 1897.

Fine with a light Breeze from the South East. I finished Sowing the House paddock to Day and Michael. Commenced to plough in the Big Paddock. Mary & John loaded some hay to Day. Lugg & Fitzgerald went away to Day.

Friday May 2nd

Fine with a light Breeze from the South East. I finished the harrowing this fore noon in the House Paddock. Oscar was cutting wood all Day.