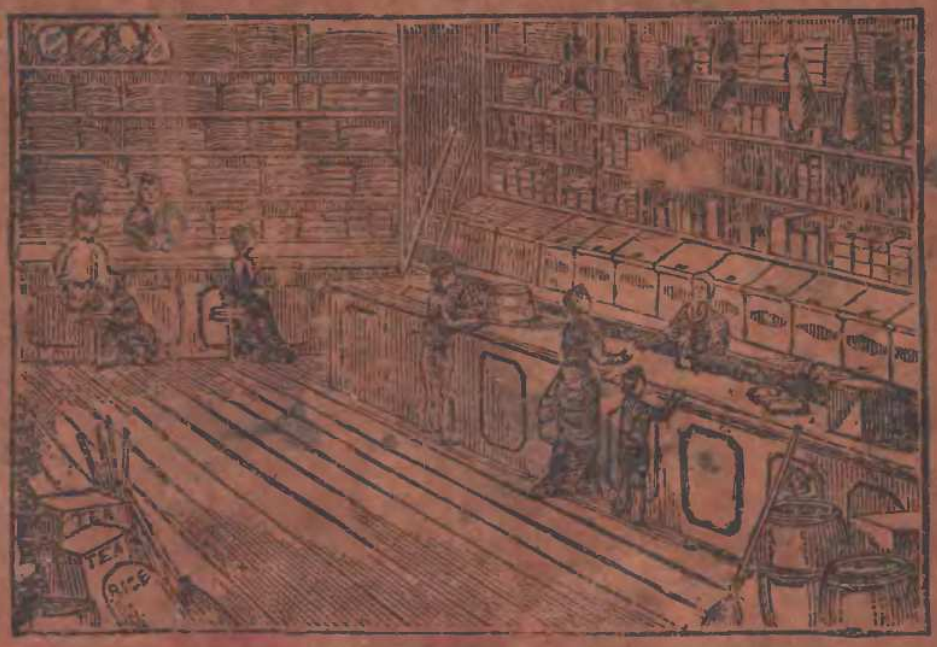
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The next president is a Democrat. Grover Cleveland

George M. Poulson

The thermometer is down to 20° this morning, about the coldest weather we have had this fall. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving. There is a great talk in the papers just at present over a comet which they claim will hit the earth about the 27 inst but I think there is no danger as it is not in sight yet. Jas Woods & Minnie Whitney were married ~~about~~ 2 week ago to-day & Wm Harrison & Ira Davenport were married 1 week ago to-day. We Boarders 13 boys calathumped them, both parties OVER

1892
November

25th

Friday. Yesterday was Thanksgiving. Wed night there was a parade to Peapack Als boys were there he and had quite a good time, the weather is still quite cold out

Miss Lizzie Conklin of Liberty Corner is School Teacher here this year Lizzie Huff is teaching at South Branch. We had 273 bu good corn from 251 Shocks in lower field a little over 1 bu to shock Michael Shay put in our Wheat this year. All the Democratic ticket was elected except Sheriff He was traded off. We got 2 pigs of Henry Emmons 16 wt. last

1892
November

George M. Poulson.
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25th

In this town-ship (Bedminster which by the way is the banner town-ship of Som. Co.) Cleveland & Stevenson received 163 Geo S Wetts. Gov. 154, Jacob Geissenhainer 160 (Congress) Gov Cramer Assembly 152. Abr Huff Surrogate 149, Jacob Stryker Sheriff 157 & John F Brady 154 majority, all were elected to their respective office except Jacob Stryker he was traded off in Raritan and a fellow by the name of Hills Pat was elected. Bert & I dug out a white skunk up the little hollow back of the woods this afternoon. It is snowing out to-night a little yet

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November December

27th We had a hen to steal her nest in the partition of the ice house & she hatched out 12 chickens from 14 eggs yesterday. Russie came home from Henry Ludlows yesterday 11 December 17th killed our hogs to day I weighed 349¾ green & the other 305 green. Abram Dunn helped 31 To day is the last day of 1892 to morrow will be 1893. Christmas was a white one this year. there was an inch or two on the ground and the weather has been quite cold for the last 2 weeks the river is frozen up and is quite good skating

The ice is 8 & 10 inches thick Mr Jo (Mr Thomas Walkes Jones is our new Minister he is from Chicago, The congregation gave them a reception ~~Wed night~~ Thurs day night there was 130 people there & they gave the Dominie $162.00 Carrie Dunn had a party last night Mable Lowe & I were there. Jas Dow Papa & I went for hunting Christmas we met Zach Smith & party up on Ed Height & started a red fox on Ann Winget which took a small circle and ran within 80 feet of Zach who shot it, our dogs ran it with the rest, Zack S. boy killed 1 the next day a red one also above Hub Hollow OVER

6 & 11

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January

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1st Sunday The new year has come with a drizzly rainy storm, which makes it a very nasty day to begin the new year with.
Last night a crowd of us boys started from the bridge by Jas Jerolimans & skated down to Henry Ludlows the skating was poor on account of the snow on it, it also snowed a little last night

2d Sunday. To day is very bright & pleasant the pleasantest day we have had this month We have had an old fashion winter ever since the 2 1/2 Dec The thermometer has been 10° below Zero quite a number

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January

of mornings, this morning it was 2° below, We have had but one break up on the river & that was the 2nd & 3d Jan Now the ice is 18 to 22 in thick, there has been good sleighing for over 2 weeks and is quite good yet, the snow is about 12 in deep on level, To day is Communion about 25 joined the Church Mable & Puss Poulson Mrs C Burkard Mrs Th Lance, Geo Todd, John Seals Ed Seals Angie Seals Geo Huff, Fred Waggoner, Wit Anthony, Margaret Selnes, Christena Jerolimon, Chas Welsh, Bertie & Alva Lance, Peter Sutphen, Florence Johnson Heller Casey, Annie, Kit & Ed Layton Mrs Seals, Irvie Gunnoe, May Nevins Chas Adolph Dalbon

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Wed.

22nd February

So day is the birthday of Geo Washington the "Father of his country and the first president of the United States" It is snowing and drifting out. It began snowing Saturday Friday afternoon & snowed till Sunday then the wind got up Sat night and blew a hurricane, taking the roof off Joseph Masters barn Mon & tearing up "Jack" allovers. Monday it drifted all day. The stage came as far as Bedminster and then as it could not get any further it went back to Peapack at noon. The roads were full from

George M. Poulson.

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22nd February

R R Services to Thos Thorn

There were 22 people shoveling snow Tuesday and got our district open. The stage driver (Chas Corsaten) went to Somerville Tuesday in a 1 horse sleigh he said he did not ride 3 miles in the road all the way there. Last night it rained hailed & snowed & is still snowing & drifting, filling up the roads again. The roads are full all over the country. When the ice went out the river the last time it blocked up against the bridge by Thos. Moore's & the river all ran in the road this side of the bridge filling the road with ice & debris.

OVER

5th March.

Sunday. The prices is passed. Grover Cleveland is now President of The United States & Benj. Harrison is Ex president.

Yesterday was snowy & it snowed at Washington nearly all day & the depth of 3 inches. The snow is 5 & 6 inches here. It is very cold this morning. In February there fell 29 inches of snow in 28 days. The round trip to Washington was $8.00.

There has fallen more snow this winter, so far, than had fallen in 6 or 7 years before. Sleighing has been good, (with the exception of a week or 2) ever since the first of Jan. John Seals has hired to Henry Dennis for $7.00 a month.

1st March

Sunday 5th

It has been raining for the last 3 days & the roads are in a horrible condition. I shoveled snow 5 hours Friday Thursday P.M. we had our Caucus & had quite a fight over town Clerk. Richard O Potter of Bedminster has been clerk for 2 years & ran again for the nomination this year. Asher Fleming of Gladstone ran against him. "Dick" was mis-represented by a party from Gladstone & that made bad feeling on both sides. When the 50 ballots were counted. "Dick" received 56 "Asher" 55. 1 maj for Dick "but one is as good as 56. ain't it?

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4 4 "

It is nearly 2 months since I laid down my pen. Nothing of much importance has occured. John Todd jumped on Os Sheir the other night knocked him down & kicked him up the hill; Sheir had him arrested & John is bound over to Court under $50.00 bail. While Edias Woods was going home with Augusta Card a week ago last Sunday night several boys followed him and stole his hat, John Todd had them (out of spite) all arrested on charge of swearing & disorder Sunday night John followed

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the boys part way & also was heard swearing terrible the next Monday night when the Sheir + Todd muss occured. The Squire (David M Todd) discharged them all. Their names are namely Theadore Stratten, Mark Lance, Vernon Bushnell, Harry Vanliesdale, Eb Seals, Chas. Emery, Abe Barrow, Fred Biggs. John Shay, John Seals, Ed. Hoffpack, & Os Sheir. The last 3 boys were not there at all but were arrested just the same. While under cross-examination, John Todd fainted away. Bert & Louis are both working to G B Schleys I am at D Dunmores day 4 to day yet 3 days so far this month. it rained 16 days in April and

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1893.

May.

19th (Friday) Planted corn for first
this afternoon in field below
orchard. Peter Vanderdale
harrowed & furrowed the
ground. Planted our
potatoes Last Saturday (13th)
I ploughed & harrowed and furrowed the
ground with David Dement
team in about 2 3/4 hrs,
planted 3 rows and about
2 bu seed: will finish corn
to-morrow if it dont rain.
Papa has 75 chickens.
Grandpa got a pig of Robt
Fleming Monday (8th) $2.25
20th Finished corn
Corn to-day.

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June

30th Had as Jehus
Papa Mamma Bert, Low, Mabel
Augusta, Annie, Gracie, Erne
Russle, & I went to Somerville
at Howard's studio and had
our pictures taken in a group
cost $6.00 for first picture
and $3.50 for duplicates of it.
Lead our dog that had
been sick for 3 weeks
died Monday night 26th
We think he had distemper
For he mattered at the eyes
and got as poor as (wood.)
Jim Davis down at sister to
Leed has the same complaint
& is just alive. several dogs
round have it. We had a fine
rain Last Thurs (22) the night of our
festival. it rained for 2 days of us
CXER

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July – September

2nd Sunday Frowns
Jas Dows dog is dead Dows dog is dead
still alive but
very weak. He thinks it will
get well if it hang on much
longer. It is quite warm to-day
Mable went to Graves end &
Hannah Van Ausdale & Maree Huff
went to Coney Island on Sat
24th & work for Summer.
Sept. 10th Dows dog is dead.
Two Months
have passed since I last
wrote in this book. The 4th of
July was as quiet as usual
Papa & I went fishing for
Jace, we caught 16.
I went to Somerville the 17th
August. While I was there on
Sunday a hail storm came.
(the hail stones were as large as
walnuts) & broke nearly

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Aug – September.

all the glass in windows in
Somerville. it happened about
6 P.M. Sunday 20th I was the
largest hail-storm that some
of the oldest people of Somerville
had ever seen: it reached about
2 miles above Somerville & 1/4 mile
below. it started above Lamington
& reached to New Brunswick.
Monday 21 I went to South Branch
& stayed till Thursday when I
came home. Uncle Stell Tingley
brought me to Raritan & I
road from Somerville with
Grandpa came after
ice. While at South Branch
Uncle S & I went bobbing 9
caught 30 eels & Uncle S about
10 eels (40) We set some bank lines &
caught 7 eels which weighed 6 lbs

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1893

Sept

10 4/11

The 5th of Sept The Reformed Church of Peapack had an excursion to Asbury Park Manna & I went. $1.60 round trip. there went 39 from Far Hills We started 7.09 A. M. & got home 9 P.M. It was a very nice day & all had a good time The 2nd of Sept was my birth-day I am 21 years old To day is Gussies birth-day. She is 16 yrs old. There are Th 1000's thousands of baskets of peaches shiped from Far Hills. one nigh there were about 2500 baskets But Peaches are hardly worth picking. The farmers realize about 10. to 20¢ per basket for them.

1893

November

19 2/11

Over 2 mo have passed since the last entry. Election has passed also & the Republican ticket was elected by a large magority. The reason for it was because H M S Beckman got the nomination for Senitor & all the other candidates were jealous and knifed him. I am still working for D Dumont. Bert is tending mason up at Mr Schleys. (Formerly Mike Donnivan place) Lou is home. Have our corn all husked had about 175 on good corn. I tended coal yard for 3 weeks while D D & his wife went to the Worlds Fair. They went the 9 of Oct

Beckman Democratic Cand

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November

19

& came home the 28th.
I went hunting the first
of Nov. & shot 5 rabbits
I have a dog (Sport) which
I got of Wm Hamilton. He is
1/2 hound 1/2 bird. & about a
yrs old 1st of Nov. he cost
me about $1.00. We had
1/2 lamb & Sheep hides stolen
out of the slaughter house
last week. I went to
Somerville Monday &
bought me a rubber
coat at $2.50 & an over coat (6.00
at Schwab Bro Somerville

Somerville NJ

C H Soules

Son C B Edmunds

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December

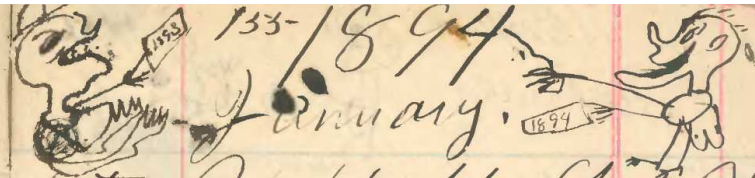
19th

I Suppose this will be the
last time I will write in this
book this year; The ground is
still bare & there has been
but 2 or 3 light snows this year.
To-night is cold and windy.
I am working over to D Dunnivats
by the day yet, Bert is tending
mason, and helper up to Wm Schleys, who
bought the Donnivan lot, and
Lou is home. Mabel is at
Gravesend L.I. N.Y. where she
has been all summer. Geo Todd
& Margaret Fahnly are to be
married to-morrow night at
7 P.M. Papa killed his
hog (killed the other one about 2 mo ago
because it had a lame back & could not
walk sold it to Somerville) 11 Dec last

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Monday + it dressed 365 lbs
Mr B Hommell had a
stroke of palsy some time
ago but is up around the
house now.
26th Christmas past and
gone for 1893 + nearly
a green Christmas too.
The weather so far this
winter has been very mild
only a light fall of snow
Geo Todd + Magaret
Felmly were married
Wednesday Evening 20th
The boys turned out in
full force + shot dynamite
+ burned kerosene bbls for
2 or 3 hrs; They were treated
to cigars + a sight of the
bride + groom.



1894 January 1st

1st A Happy New Year to all.
Jan 16 Tuesday. A terrible accident on the D L + W R.R. just this side of the Hackensack river drawn happened about 8.30 A.M. yesterday 9 killed 44 wounded is reported
On account of the fog the South Orange train ran into the rear end of the Dover Express: The Dover Ex. was running slow on account of the draw + on account of the fog it could not see the South Orange train which crashed into it at the rate of 40 miles per hr. The 2 rear cars which leave Gladstone 6.40 a.m. + arrives at Fairhill 6.30 a.m. then switch on the Dover Ex at Summit were smashed to splinters.

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1894
February





6th Tuesday

James J Corbet of California defeated Chas Mitchel of England in 3 rounds for Champion prize fighter of the world at Jacksonville Florida the 25th of January 1894.

The coldest weather we have had so far this winter has been the last 3 days. Yesterday the thermometer stood 4° (degrees) above Zero. The ice on the river has not been over 4 in thick as yet.

Of the late sail-road accident 4 more have since died making a total of 13 victims all on account of the carelessness of the Orange train. Wm Bartcliff a son of the freight engineer Oscar Bartcliff was among the last 4 that

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February

6th Tuesday

died. He was the only person in the rear end of the last car when the engine struck it throwing him to one side and scalding him terrible. He was not bruised at all but scalded to death one hand being entirly scalded off. He lived one week after the accident.

15th Thursday

It is raining and hailing this morning. Monday 2nd was the worst day we have had this year, it was very cold and snowed and blowed terrible, in fact it was a small blizzard. There is quite good sleighing out. I did not receive any vallentines yesterday but "Bussie" received four. Papa has 9 chicks 5 days old

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15th Thursday
I sent to the "New York World" this morning for a $6.75 22 cal. rifle which I expect in about a week. P. M. It cleared off about 4 P.M. and is quite cold and windy out and freezing up very hard.
16th It is very cold to-night in fact it has been cold ever since yesterday morning, and the thermometer was 4° above zero this morning and has not been above 12° all day. I received my rifle all right, it is a dandy. Joseph Meeker has fixed up the "old Ogie house" that stands between Mr B Hemmell and E D Todd & a family by the name of Sheets (Tom)

24th
That lived over to Mr B Schley, has moved in to day.
25th The thermometer was 3.0 below Zero last night, the coldest night this year.
Bert & Rodman Oakes went to Madison Square Garden N.Y. last night to see Corbett & Mitchell box, & several other noted pugelist including "Sandow" the strongest man on earth; They both box for the "World's Bread Fund" for the sum of $5000.
Bert & Rod went by the way of Somerville & must be back before to night or to morrow morning as they will have to walk up.
Quite warm out at present 12 P.M.

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February.

2d "
It has been snowing all day but has cleared off to-night, the snow is 10 inches deep on a level It is the largest snow storm we have had this winter, and commenced with a sleet last night turning into hail this morning, and snow about 10. A.M. Bert and Rodman Oakes came home from Somerville by stage this afternoon They left N.Y. Sunday morning and came to Somerville where they stayed all night. Sandow the strong man did not appear at the "Madison Square Garden".

March

4th "
Sunday. It has been very warm for the last 4 days the snow is nearly all melted off.
I went to Somerville with Mamma and "Jane" (Grandpa Bowlsons wife) The 2nd inst and bought 750 cartridges for my rifle. I made $20.75¢ last month which I think was quite well for February. Papa has 18 chickens over two weeks old, and another hen setting.
We had quite good sleighing last week lasting from Tuesday till Friday. The roads are terrible bad just at present.

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March 1894

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5th Monday.

To-day has been caucus day for Bedminster Township. 163 votes were polled. Henry Kenedy of Perpack is nominated for Assessor in place of Wm. P. Snyder. Rich. Van Derbeck re-nominated collector "El" Tiger nominated for committeeman in place of Lewis VanDorn. David Philhower, Emanuel Woods & John J Poulson Commissioners of Appeal. Thos Moore Constable. The next election to be held at Bedminster. Chas Asher Fleming & Theo Allen tried to get the polls moved to Perpack (Apgars Hotel) but only got 34 votes out of 115 & 130 not voting either way.

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5th Monday

It has been very warm to-day, but looks like rain to-night. I worked in fore-noon but tended caucus this afternoon. Papa and Chas Jacob Goble went up to Barkers pond fishing; Papa caught 4 trout and Goble also four; they each caught there two largest fish in Barkers pond & were the trout must have lived during the winter. and then they fished up "Sturgis" Brook that runs in Barkers pond, and each caught two small ones. the largest would weigh about 3/4 of a pound and from that down to 1/4 lb.

OVER

March

11th Sunday. It has been very stormy and foggy to-day It was cloudy this morning and rained this afternoon and is very cloudy and foggy to-night This morning Mr Alfred Johnson who rises before light got a dizzy spell and fell off the kitchen stoop and cut his face a little and bruised his side quite bad He thinks he is bruised internally

25th Sunday. It is raining to-day. It has rained every other day for about a week. To-day is Easter. Friday Thursday Patrick Belton of Seapack took a dose of Paris green or morphine to kill himself. But the doctor saved him he says he will try it again

21st Saturday.

I have not been working yesterday afternoon or to-day on an account of an attack of lumbago. this is the 2nd time I have had it.

Last week Tues 10th Wed 11th Thu 12th it snowed. It commenced snowing Tuesday afternoon and snowed till Thursday noon. On Wed. it snowed & blowed terrible, also rained a little, & it drifted in places 6 feet deep. There is still some snow to be seen on the mountain above Bernardsville. Grandpa Poulson is quite sick & has been for some time. His trouble is weakness of the heart caused by old age. He was 78 yrs old last May. Had a thunder

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1894

April

21st

storm last night, it rained quite hard. I have bought a 30 in. wheel Bacycle (pneumatic tires) of the New York Weekly World. for $57.00, it is a very fine wheel. Papa killed "Bessies" calf Thursday it weighed 1.40 lbs. It has been very warm for the last few days. The cherrie trees are out in blossom some peach trees also. I received my bicycle the 5th of this month and that night after I quit work at D. Dremont I learned to ride it. It came from Chicago & the Expressage was $1.60. It is a Rambler pneumatic tires Colours. Star Bicycle.

1894

May.

17 Thursday

Grandpa Poulson (D. Daniel Eastmen) died last Friday 11th morning 6.15 a.m. age 79 yrs 10 days. He was born May 1st 1815. He was taken sick about 4 weeks before he died. He was taken with weakness of the heart but the Dr. thought he would get around again until the Monday before he died (7th) when he was going from his chair (that he had been sitting in) to the bed his foot gave way and came near throwing him. he thought at first he had a stroke of paralysis. but as it hurt him to rub it he had to give that up. Papa went for the UNCLE

17th May

Dr. (J B Beckman) and when he came he told Papa it was a sure case of gangreen but that it would not do to tell Grandpa, as that decease could not be cured without amputation. So he told Grandpa he had Pneuralgia. He suffered terrible till he died, one leg was dead & turned black up to his knee & the other one had begun to die. But we never let him know what was the matter with his leg and he thought it was Pneuralgia. He was buried Monday at 11.30 A.M. Funeral text Psalms 8. chapt 4 verse Dominie J. W. Jones.

17th May

It is very dry & has not rained any this month to amount to anything. It is a little cloudy to-night. The bicycle I got off the "Wall" is the "Monarch" made by the Monarch Cycle Co. 42 North Halsted St. Chicago Ill. C Masterson & I set up with Grandpa the night before he died, we left at 5 P.M. after we left ~~Jo~~ Papa went over and helped him up in the rocking chair and pulled him out in the sitting room by the window. He had not sat there long when he complained of feeling tired and began to go back to bed but before they could get him there he

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May

17th

threw his head back in the chair and died instantly. Aunt Ruth (Tingley) was there she had been up for 3 days. Grandpa's nephew Geo Doulton of Trenton was to the funeral also Uncle Jo Buck & Aunt Mary. Chas Eastman & his brother Frank & Joseph Logan & their wives & his wife Sarah Uncle Cornelius & Aunt Mary, Nellie & Hattie, Aunt Ruth & Uncle Stell. Howard Height & wife. Chas Height & wife and several other friends. Joseph Nevius Martin Mychoff Henry Demun Peter Melick Abr Dunn Cornelius Layton were bearers. Abe Smith was undertaker.

17th Thursday

The people of Fair Hills Bedminster & Pluckamin have a telephone wire from Fair Hill to Pluckamin running through Bedminster in working order.

25th Friday.

Bert and I went to Morristown last Friday to Barnum & Bailey's show. We went to Mine Brook by rail and from there with Thos Douglass by wagon. He charged us 50¢ apiece there and back. The show was good. It has rained 8 days. It began Friday night & rained some every day ever since. The first 17 year locust appeared Sunday 20th May 18 94 04 12R

16th Saturday night 11:15 PM
A word of the 17 year locust before I go to bed.
The 17 yr locust appeared first the 20th of May and began to sing about 10 days later. Th L come out of the ground + die the 4th July about sundown and have all hatched out by morning when they crawl up out of sight in the trees. They have about all come up now I guess. They are just commencing to sting the trees a little. The male locust does about all the singing and when several have

singing they make one sound like a whistle (Whistle (Whenever one continuous note of the same scale neither rising & falling and you will have the sound. When one whistles or sings alone it goes like whistling (Charrrrrr e e ch (Charoth) hence the name ~~the female gives like a sound produce~~ The female does not sing rubbing the wings together the males have bags under each wing which produce their music, they begin to sing early in the morning and keep it up all day

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16th

16th

June

some days. When they first hatch out they are white nearly in color, but as the get older they turn black. I dont believe they ever sting any body. They are fine thing to catch fish with. It stopped raining last Friday having rained a little every day for 22 days. I solved a puzzle in "Good News". a weekly paper I take. and received 3rd prize 2.50. in check. Papa has rented lot of Grandpas for $80. $80.00 this year and just planted corn (below house) Tuesday (12th) it having been too wet before

Clara P.

July 1874

3rd Wednesday.

The 17 yr. locusts have all died but a very few that are mournfully and lonesomely singing their last notes up in the mountains. I heard a solitary one singing above Daniel Bowlsons which I think is the last one I will hear. Uncle Stell & Aunt Ruth were up and spent the 4th at our house. I went to Peapack & road on my wheel in parade. It did not rain this year on the (Fourth). I helped papa draw our wheat this morning. Robt. Honeyman son of C.L. Honeyman lost his little girl (Gertrude) (died) 3rd inst. of brain fever it was sick 1 day. It was carried over to C.L. Honeyman Lawyer X roads.

July

26th. It is raining to-night, the first rain we have had for quite a while. Every thing is nearly dried up. To-day the thermometer at 11 A.M. was 102° in the shade. Papa went up to Uncle Cornell Tuesday afternoon and the next morning Uncle C. his son Charlie & Papa drove to Lake Hopatcong fishing. They started about 3 o'clock in the morning and got to the Lake at 6. They caught about 5 lb yellow perch. They only had one or two pickerel & bass bites and caught none of either.

10th. To-day is Augusta's birth-day, she is 17 yrs. old. My birth-day was Sunday (2nd) 22 yrs old.

Annie is 21st inst. 15 yrs.

Mable is 13 Oct 19 yrs old

Papa (William Cheney) was born Oct 6th 1847

Mamma (Mary Mellick) — — Feb 14th 1848

Bert (Elston) — — — 1871

I (Bee) (Mellick) — Sept 24th 1872

Lou (Vernon) — March 24th 1874

Mable Stelle — Oct 13th 1875

August (Schuyler) — Sept 10th 1877

Annie (Newman) — Sept 2nd — 1879

Grace (Westmann) — Oct 23rd 1882

Ernest (Hilton) — June 22nd 1886 1889

Frank (Russel) Russle — — Nov 19th 1889

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To-day has been very showery and the rain fell in torrents for more

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10th Monday September

than an hour: Saturday we had the first rain we have had in 3 weeks And the only rain that has set in to any dist since the 20th May. It has been the dryest year since 1877 Every thing is burned up. The corn crop is a complete failure, and some of the farmers have cut their's and fed it to their cattle as the pasture is also dried up. The rain of Saturday and to-day broke the drouth. There were over 2000 baskets of peaches shipped from Far Hill station to-night the

10th September

shipments for the last 3 Mondays have been over 2000 ar night each and an est of 1500 through the week, this storm will about clean them up. Bert goes down with peach train & gets $1.50 per night. I went on an excursion to Asbury Park in August (14)

Johnnie Dolliver son of John Dolliver of Pluckamin was accidently shot in the ankle by Ed Davenport a few weeks ago. He lived about a week when lock-~~jaw~~ lock jaw set in and killed him in two days. Coz Nellie Doulon is visiting over home (Grandpa Doulon's old home.)

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September

10th I shot 2 grey squirrels Saturday with BB caps in a 22 cal. rifle I also shot 2 before with a shot gun. The law is not up till the 1st of Jan but I shoot them whenever I think the are ripe or any time after the first of September. Miss Lydia Howell of Peabody teaches Bedminster school this year. We have caught quite a no. of eels on bank-lines this year. Papa & Steve Latourette went one night last week and caught 12 eels that ad a pound a piece I weighed 2 lbs each I weighs 2 lbs 9 (two hundred nine ounces

October

14th Sunday.

I have rode about 600 miles on my bicycle this year. Yesterday was a very rainy day but it has cleared off to-day very nice. Yesterday I went hunting for squirrels but only killed one. I have killed 14 this fall I took the dog (Sport) with me & he treed a number but they all went in holes in the trees so I could not shoot them. Lizzie D Huff & Isaac A Van Cleef were married (Oct 10) Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at Mechanicsville Mamma Lou Mabel Augusta Annie & I were there (the whole family was invited Papa is on the Board of Registers for Bedminster Township this year. Also District Clerk for Township over

October

14th Sunday

Mable came home from Gravesend L.I. where she has been working for more than a year to attend the wedding. she goes back on Monday morning. We had our first frost last Wed night. There are quit a number of weddings on the calender for this week. Jacob Kline had a sale of personal property at his place the VIth inst. He is very sick with a abcess on his foot and cannot have his head the wheet to move to. Somerville next week in a house. his son Jacob Kline jr. has rented for

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him. His son is in the furniture ~~business~~ business

The wife of Amos Sutphen of Lafayette Roads died at 12 o'clock last night, she had been sick just 2 weeks of congrecon in her foot the same deseare that Susanna Doulson died of. Clark Todd Cornelius Layton & Joseph Perrine were nominated by the Democratic caucus of Bedminster Township to attend the convention (Democratic) at Freehold to nominate a congressmen for this district. We hope he will get elected and think he will. or

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11th

Election went Republican all over the United State Hard times & the delay in the U. S. senate in passing the Wilson tariff bill were the cause of it. Andrew Laine for state assembly & J Weissenheimer for U. S. Congress Democratic nominees of this district were defeated by Abr Somers for Assembly & Benj. Hortell for Congress by a small majority. David Hill was elected in N. Y. state for Gov. by 155.000 maj. by Levi Morton Ex Vice President. Went to A Archer dentist Somerville and had 12 teeth filled & 50¢ for [illegible]

11th Sunday November

To-morrow is the first day for hunting this year the law reads "between the 10th day of November & the 16th " " December as the 11th is the first day of hunting it comes on a Sunday so Monday 12th is the first day. Yesterday two hunters came to D Gaskins who owns the hotel at Bedminster but lives in a house belonging to Joseph Wecker, went hunting and Cornelius Hennyman who is game & fish warden arrested one of them and took him to Squire Todd Davis & fined him $20.00 He could not get bail & the other

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one before he got to Gaffin and disposed of his game. The one Honeyman arrested admitted that he had one rabbit on his person so Honeyman did not search him but if he had searched him no doubt he would have found 3 or 4 as his coat was pretty well filled up with game and he had also been shooting in quail. I bought of H D Folsom Arms Co of N.Y. a target for $3.3. caps for $1.33. Rabbits are scarce this year & quail and partridge scarcer.

The twenty first of this (21st) Month (Nov) Wed. Papa sells the personal & horses & real estate of Grandpa Perkins

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To-day is Frank Russle Poulton birthday. he is 5 yrs old.

I went hunting the first day I hunting and only shot 2 rabbits 1 quail and 1 tame pigeon. The rabbits are scarce this year. To night it is very cold out and still getting colder.

The first snow fell Nov 8th about 2 in on the Mountain but it all rained off by night Papa Jas Dow and I went hunting Sat. We each killed a rabbit. we seen six or eight but three of them were

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24th Sat

Saturday night - 10. P. M.

Yesterday we had Grandpa Poulsons sale of which papa is Administrator. Papa bought the lot for $2000.00 (two thousand dollars) It rained in the fore-noon but cleared off at noon. There was quite a crowd out. "Dick" the horse Grandpa drove to the butcher wagon brought $20.50 he was sold to Rod Cakes and was fifteen years old. The things sold cheap Jas Dow bought the old sleigh for $4.00 Austin Cook the horse sled for $8.00 Uncle Stell Tingley bought the buggy for $17.00 The butcher

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wagon brought $3.00 & the old stock wagon $2.75 Papa bought the cold carriage for $2.00 I bought Grandpas silver watch for $3.00, the gun was sold for $2.00 & diamond glass cutter $1.40 Jas Dow got the boreing machine for $1.25. We could not get a bid of the refrigerator. Jas Breece Hd Ludlow Papa & John Rhinehart bid on the place John Breece was the highest bidder below papa. his highest bid was $1805. Jane Uncle Cornell & Aunt Ruth wanted the place to bring $2 hiro. so papa had the bid that or one of them would have purchased it. The seat in the Church sold for $3.00 to OLIVER

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Cornelius Masterson. C. H. Schley has sold his place to Judg Dillon + they are putting up a nice house there that will cost about $4 000.00 Four thousand dollars. I bought Grandpa's silver watch for $3.00 (three dollars)

30th Yesterday was Thanksgiving it was very cold and windy in the morning but milder in the afternoon. In the afternoon Papa Steve Kabokrette + I went hunting, Steve killed 1 + we saw but one more along Schomps side hill which the dog run in a hole. It is snowing out to night but is quite warm

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Last Sunday night 8.20 P.M. Has cleared off to night. It snowed a little Friday night but turned to rain before morning and froze so that we could not track rabbits which was a good thing as they would have been slaughtered off by the dozen. Yesterday it was cloudy in the morning + rained in the afternoon + about all day to-day. I have 11 traps setting, the first night (Tuesday) I caught a mink, the next a black skunk, the next a rabbit + a red squirrel, the next two nights 2 muskrats + last night 1 musk-

2nd Sunday night 8.20
18½ lbs. I caught him in
Dennis's field where
the pond (near W Dennis
farm) runs in the river
I had caught a mink
there & had baited the
trap with a dead hen
for to catch another mink
when Mr Coon walked
in it, it is the largest I
ever saw before
9th Sunday. It has been
raining ever since yester-
day after noon, but looks
as if it would clear off to-
night. I caught 2 black
skunks this week, have
caught 3 skunks & all were
black. Papa is going to kill
his pigs to-morrow (3)

December

11th Tuesday. I have not
worked any this week as
yesterday I had no work
& to day it rained.
Yesterday Papa killed
his pigs & 1 for Mrs A
Johnson & 3 for Mrs J
Gold the hotel keeper
for A Dennis killed
him. I went hunting
with Stan Saturday &
we each killed a rabbit
The heaviest of Papas
pigs weighed 240 lbs
the next 127 & the next
190 making a total of
627 lbs pork which is
pretty good for three
pigs. It is stormy &
raining out & will to-night OVER

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New Years will soon be here & Christmas has passed and gone It was a bare Christmas, we had a X Mas tree in the school house X Mas Eve There was a large crowd there. Emma Welch & J Scott Dorcheer were married the 19th inst. a 12 M. at the residents of E & H Schley's formally owned by Peter Welch. in Schley's new house. Wed. night & all day Thursday it snowed & rained a little and has been as cold as I have ever seen. The sleighing is quite good I carted 60 sacks on a sled.

Lawrence Van Dever Raymonds father died suddenly of Brights disease Sunday as he was on his way from going to Church Raymond (Who has been telegraph operator at Fan Hill for 2 yrs) was at Somerville at the time so his death was quite a shock to him. He was buried Thursday. at Bedminster Church. The 8.16 train from Fan Hill broke down at Millington on a broken rail and delayed the trains all day, the first one up was 5.20 P.M. One man had a horse killed and the Conductor Van Pelt lost 3 teeth

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a few other persons were more or less injurd The man that lost his horse ~~his~~ was leading beer grains his wagon ~~he~~ was reduced to fire wood and he had his collar bone broken

The End

Latitude of Bedminster
40½ o. ~~Lat~~ Longitude
74¾ o.

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Rev W Polhemus
Bedminster
Somerset Co. N.J.

The End Dec 1

Dr Hills

N. J.

George M. Poulson.

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