

Oct 1884.

San Martin Indians were here who go to nutria
in Caraguaty. It was a pleasant day.

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Sunday. Did not do much today, cattle looking
well.

6.

Alfred went hunting on Loba and brought a young
civro and a young lion the Indians gave him.
Herman and Walker arrived today with Pope
Virasoro and his jente from Reconquista from
where Virasoro brought them on his horses on his
way to his place 'La Sin Nombre'. Walker and
Herman came by way of Goya from Rosario.
It was a hot day.

7.

Johnnie and Herman went bagual hunting on
other side of Espin and stop out all night. Walker
cuped and the boy are here done.

8.

Johnnie and Herman came back from bagual
hunting this afternoon. Killed two, and brought
all the fat, and the mantle of but one. We let
out the fat this afternoon 1 1/2 perosine cans full.
It was a warm day.

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Two Indians came from their camp on Caraguaty
and brought us 4 doz nutria skins @ 12 r. the
dozen. They move their camp tomorrow across the
Caraguaty. Ramayon sends our cart back
with old Bienavidas who we hire. He comes
with his family. He also sent us an arroba
of sugar from Benjamin's pulperia.

10.

Bienavidas begins work today. He earns 20
bolivianos a month, and his wife has to
cook, wash and milk. We put the cattle on
video and parted out 27 bulls which we
locked in the corral and cupured this after-
noon. It was a very windy day.

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We parted out 31 bulls from rodeo and capared them in corral; finished about all the bulls. Making about 108 bulls capared up here. Cut up a hide this afternoon and made 6 cojuntas and a dorsal for the portigo. It was a cloudy day and this afternoon it drizzled some. - 13. -

~~Monday~~. Herman and Walker went to San Pedro today on a pascar, and Walker on some monetary business. Binavidas solarizing cojuntas and solarizing cart for hauling. Indian boy of San Pedro passed on way to Reconquista as chasqui. - 12 -

Sunday. Ramayon sent peon with correspondencia today. Herman went hunting in monte. Caught 2 gamas with dogs.

14.

Hauled a load of posts (25) over from tapira (eucalyptus) to fence in garden back of the house. It was a pleasant day.

15.

Hauled over a load of 25 posts for corral today. Binavidas digging post holes for garden. Johnnie caught 3 gamas with dogs. Camp getting very dry now.

16.

Hauled over another load of 20 posts today. It was a very hot day and looks like rain, which is needed very much. Man finished digging post holes for garden. Herman came back from San Pedro leaving Walker there.

17.

This morning we had a storm and it rained nearly day. Caught 2 gamas with dogs. 2 chasquis from Reconquista to San Pedro came in the night and left just before storm. It was a

Oct. 18, 1884.

It was a beautiful warm day, just the sort to make grass grow. Spading round ground back of house to make garden. Caught a gama with dogs.

19.

Sunday. Dogs caught a very fat gama today. Johnnie left for Estancia "La California" today on the two mules which are pig fat. He will come back in the fall very likely with more cattle. Alfred, Herman, Manuel, and Bienvenida and families here now. The cattle are looking well and getting fat fast. One of the bulls captured the other day died, very likely the effects of the rain. It was a warm beautiful spring day.

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Herman and Juan plowing: began today.

Chaque from San Pedro to Reconquistita passed today. Two men and a woman stop the night on the way to Valentins tolderia. Walker came this evening from San Pedro where he had been for last week. It was a splendid day.

21.

Herman and Juan plowing. Fine day, and looks like rain.

22.

Herman and the man plowing. Dogs caught 2 gamas today. Alfred and Walker went along the monte north east from here and killed a pig and a gama. It was a beautiful day.

23.

Dogs caught 5 gamas today. Herman went hunting up the tepic. Man digging around the garden etc. It was a very hot day.

24.

Man spading round garden. Two carts came this evening from San Pedro on way to Reconquistita. Our castilla goes along. Manuel picando. It was a stormy day but did not rain.

Oct 25, 1814.

The carts left this day break for Reconquista, and Walker and Alfred later on, to lay in stock of provisions, and to bring down Hermann's and Walker's things up there yet. It was a fine day.

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We took the dogs this morning and caught 3 deers. Planted posts around the garden and bored holes to put wire through for fence.

- 27 -

This morning it was fine morning for the dogs to run. Caught 3 deers and 2 venado.

Herman owes Walker ^{\$^m} 8.72. (paid)

30.

3 carts from Larquias came yesterday to take away bricks for brooding a well, but told them to wait until Alfred comes back.

Alfred and Walker came back from Reconquista today. The carts come tomorrow. Alfred

bought goods borrowing 30 mac. from Walker, and buy 4 quintals of no. 7 wire on credit from Palacios. Sold 4 hides @ ^{\$^m} 3.70 la pesada. =

^{\$^m} 11.33. Bought Perosene ^{\$^m} 1.70. vinegar 60^c acetic 50^c mail 2.14 pava .50 encargos from peon 7.85 alpergatas 2.00 cigar 1.25 caña 1.70 flour 5.00 asucar 5.40 arroz 4.80 (alambre 21.03 credit) coffee 1.80 Barber, cig, strips, 60^c. anador & bolas 90^c Manuel 2.50 2 brooms .60 certificate hides 40 boots mended 1.70 2 rubber tits & pills .60^c canes .20^c ap mended .40 hotel bill 6.60. He had taken ^{\$^m} 12.00 from here.

31.

Caught 2 gamas this morning with dogs.

Juan and Hermann cut canes today to put around garden fence back of house. Bart came back from Reconquista today in company of San Pedro carts. Lost an ox at arroya Malabrigo.

Nov 1 1884.

Unpacked carts this morning and arranged load in house. Caught 2 gamas. Aoreglared cart this afternoon.

Windy dry day. — 2 —

Sunday. Caught a gama this morning. Two men passing from Reconquista to San Martin were here today. (afterwards found to be dentists) The cornman shot a venado today and killed a wild cat in monte.

Walker went to San Pedro this afternoon. A very strong north wind blowing and camp looking very dry.

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Juan left to look for the ox, Manuel lost at the arroyo Malabrigo. Got the load of canes from cana voral; Manuel driving cart. It was a very hot day and this evening a storm came up but rained very little. One of the nutriceros was here gave 2 venado skins for whisky in heat. Tigre has been. — 4 —

Dogs caught 3 gamas and a mandu. Preparing canes for garden fence. Valentin and Sanchez of the nutriceros were here today, gave them a venado skin and a bottle of cana. It was a cloudy day and looks rainy yet.

5.

It rained some today in a drizzly manner.

Caught a gama this morning near house.

Juan came back this afternoon having found the ox on other side of the Malabrigo.

Began tying on canes onto garden fence with potro hide.

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Alfred, Manuel and Pedro went to Valentin's tolderia near big laguna on Saraguata and were shown paso to Pajaro Blanco, at northern point of ciibos. Were given 3 young lobos by San Javier's Indians, also encamped at big laguna, also an aguara skin. Juan tying on canes on garden fence. It was a very hot day.

Nov. 7. 1884.

It rained some this morning, and this afternoon a very strong south wind came up.

A tropa of 200 mules of Santa Rosa came this afternoon and lock in here tonight on way to Reconquista. They brought the news that 30 horses were stolen from Jobson by Indians. They butchered a calf and gave us the bones. Alfred killed an ⁸aguaras. Juan and Herman went to other side and brought a load of fire wood. Planted an arroba of potatoes in little garden (afterwards dried up with heat) and continued tying canes on. An Indian and wife from Nutriceros were here this afternoon. It was a beautiful day.

— 9. —

Sunday. Caught 2 gamas this morning. Herman and Manuel went hunting this morning in monte. Valentin and 2 other Nutriceros were here today. Walker came back from San Pedro today: brought letters and papers from home. It was a warm day.

10.

Sent Bienavidas to the Nutriceros to see if he could find a peon to help Walker poblar. Caught 2 gamas on estero and a mulita this morning. It was a pleasant day. Finished tying canes on little garden fence. This evening two Indians or boquales scared the cattle and came close to other side of cañada. Walker, Herman and Alfred immediately saddled up to see what was, but it got too dark to see anything.

— 11 —

Walker and Alfred went to the coast of the monte to the east to see if they could find out what disturbed the cattle last night, but could see no signs. Walker shot 3 gamas over there. Herman following. It was a pleasant day.

The tropicos of La Rosa came back from Reconquista today, and stop the night. Gave them 2 fox skins for Luciano Leiva.

Nov. 12.

Caught a gama with dogs, Herman and Bienvenida plowing. Sowed pop corn in garden back of the house. A very hot day and looks stormy.

- 13 -

Herman and Bienvenida finished plowing today, a piece of ground $1\frac{1}{2}$ squares long by 130 yds. broad. It was a hot day.

- 14 -

Alfred went down to Virasoros today to get Papier to cover spikes with. Herman caught 2 gamas with dogs.

- 15 -

Alfred came back from San Pedro bringing Papier. The nutricos have all come to go boqual running. It was a cloudy day and looks rainy. Also a cart came yesterday from San Martin bringing negocio for the paisanos, and is doing a good business in nutria skins.

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^{Sunday.} It began raining this morning and rained nearly all forenoon. A very good nice warm rain. Caught 4 gama with dogs; gave two to the indians. Gaspar Duran came this evening and stops the night. He comes for 3 horses which Jolmie found in monte Aug 27. Cow died, nutricos took all the meat.

- 18 -

Start today to run boqualis. Alfred, Manuel (3 horses) Gaspar Duran, and all the indians (25) and 5 or 6 women. Lent a horse also to Valentin Ramayon and some pipros were here today after Alfred had left. wanted to join him in the run.

- 27 -

Came back from Boqual running. Been gone 9 days. Brought back 4 boqualis and one horse

of Johnsons mark. Besides eating one mare and 5 potrillos. They went as far as Calchaqui.

Herman was alarmed at Alfreds long absence, so he took 3 paisanos and looked for him and luckily found him next day after going out. (2) When Ramayon came he sent chasqui on to Reconquista, and Herman sent Benavidas along as far as pass thinking arroya was crecida.

Juan Laryna and Levy were here to survey their camp to fence it in. Also Teniente Benavidas was here with 3 soldiers on their way to San Pedro. The indians of San Javier 250 of them passed through the camp yesterday giving Walker and the chingas of the toldos a good scare thinking they were wild indians. Butchered a mocho novillo and gave half to the indians this morning, so as not to have them run in our camp.

Indians leave here in a day or two to go out to nutrias at Monte Aguara. Pulperia out here yet. Cut hide to make dorsal with. Indian woman entregued guillapi of 16 nutria skins. gave her 3 lbs. sugar 3 lbs. yerba for solving the skins and sewing them together. We had some very heavy rains for the last 8 day and both the Espin and Loba are crecida. Nov. 28.

Teniente Benavidas and 4 soldiers passed today for Reconquista. say that Espin is very crecida yet. It was a very hot day.

- 29 -

Herman and old man digging out posts at top of Eucaliptus trees on other side. Caught a gamba this morning. It was a very hot day.

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Sunday. Alfred was down at Paso Espin and found it very crecida yet. Indians here yet. Herman hunting in banada.

Dec. 1. 1884.

Herman and Juan digging out posts at Tapera on other side. Indians left today - they say to go to San Martin by the outside way, hunting downward. It was a hot day. Gave them rapier and clums so as to get rid of them. - 2 -

Campos and Puerria's cart left today for San Martin. Manuel (the Station boy) also left. Gave him \$10 bol. and his seeds. In running gamas today, Alfred's alasan ~~started~~ rode and then cleared dropping seeds except such stirrups etc, and then took to the monte eastwards. Alfred and Juan looked for him all day but could find no trace of him. It was a very hot day. Fly dropped dead in the patio today from the heat. - 3 -

Caught a gamita with dogs. Alfred looked for the alasan all day in monte but in vain. Herman and Benavidas brought over a load of posts from Tapera for corral. Four soldiers passed to San Pedro today. It was a very hot day and looks stormy. - 4 -

Caught a gama with dogs. Herman and Juan brought over another load of posts for corral. It was a very hot day and looks rainy. - 5 -

Alfred and Walker went hunting on Caraguata for meat but were unsuccessful. Peon of Laguna brought 2 bags bitches to get covered by tiger. It was an awful hot day and the air is full of tormento. - 6 -

Dogs caught 2 gamas this morning early. It began raining this morning early and rained a good deal today. Herman and Juan brought over a load of posts in rain. Alfred making new saddle gear. 2 carts came from San Pedro on way to Reconquista. Brought mail

Dec. 7. 1884

Sunday, Herman and old man went bagual hunting on other side of Espin. Saw 3 cuadrillos but could shoot none. Walker shot 3 gamas on other side of Espin. Four novillos came today from southwards, very delgado - 2 have P. Verasoros mark ∇ and two have a boot mark Ⓢ . We believe they are from Laguna Blanca and escaped in the storm yesterday. It was a fine cool day.

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Alfred looked for the alazan again all day. Herman and Juan brought another load of posts over. It was a warm day.

9.

Alfred and Juan hauled another load of posts over. A storm came up this morning and it rained a great deal today. Walker went hunting with pack horse up in monte but got nothing but a wetting.

10.

Bled a novillo this morning and charqueared the ~~meat~~ this afternoon. Juan finished the lasso derrida began some time ago. Some of the San Javier Indians were here today on their way in from outside, Matia, Jeminto Cruz, Pablo and 2 more. Gave them a shoulder of meat. They told Alfred where there was a nice pair of cervo horns on the Espin and this afternoon he went and got them. It was a pleasant warm day.

11.

Began pounding posts on corral; finished nearly a side. It was a very hot day.

12.

Alfred and Juan brought over another load of posts this afternoon and set them up this afternoon. The capataz (Amada) of Verasoros is here looking for work from Walker. Alfred's peccas threw him off today, loosing stirrups and breaking reundas in desperando. It was a very hot day.

Dec. 13. 1884.

Herrman and Juan brought over another load of posts for corral. Carts from San Pedro passed on way from Reconquista. Brought us the yesta. I sent \$5.00 to Palacios for - 43 lbs he sent. Set posts in corral this afternoon. It was a warm day.

14.

Sunday. A very hot day. Nothing particular going on.

15.

Herrman and Juan brought another over another load of posts. It was a very hot day.

16.

Juan digging out ditch for corral. Walker shot 4 deer this morning. Alfred went up to monte and saw cuadrillo of boquales. It was a very hot day and looks as if we were going to have a tormento.

- 17. -

It began raining this morning and continued until noon. A surveyor named Mr. Wiggins came this morning from their camp on other side of Espin and stops the night. He goes out to survey the Murretta Lands. He has 1 horse and 2 of carts and 12 men.

18.

Sold Wiggins a novillo to butcher; (price not settled yet); Alfred and Wiggins went to find the San Javier Indians in Canada but could not find them. Wiggins wanted to hire one as vaquero. Planted posts on corral today. It was a pleasant day.

19.

Sold Wiggins a fat cow this morning (cuerpo ovellto) price not settled yet. Planted posts this morning on corral. Herrman and Juan brought over a load of posts and firewood this afternoon. It was a pleasant day.

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Finished corral this morning. Chasqui came from Pajaro Blanco from Wallace to Walker inviting

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us over to Christmas. So Walker left with Chasqui to Bajard Blancos this afternoon. Wiggins measured up to east (north) margin of Espin's camp. It was a sultry day.

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Sunday. Herman went hunting and killed a gama. Rec'd 33 nae. from Wiggins for novillo and old cow (cuers oults)

- 22 -

Wiggins and party left westward today leaving 20 oxen, 4 horses, 2 carts and a lot of stores until he comes back again. It rained some this morning. Alfred took a turn round south of arroyo Espin and found a lechiguano. Juan found ^{horses lost yesterday} 4 of survivors

- 23 -

Herman and Juan brought over a load of fire-wood today; afterwards Herman found another one of Wiggins' horses along the arroyo. It was a warm day.

- 24 -

Alfred and Juan went to monte and began chopping timber for peon house. Alfred shot a deer and Herman killed an agua. It was a hot day.

- 25 -

Christmas day. Did not know it was Christmas day until this afternoon. Herman and Juan went to monte today and chopped some more timber for peon house. It was a hot day. Wrote letter to Johnnie.

- 26 -

Cured some animals today by becharred, by cutting out track of hoof. (Juan's remedio) Chasqui (Elario) from Reconquista to San Pedro passed today: lent him a horse as his mule was pretty tired. Herman went hunting this afternoon (unsuccessful). Palenque and a big Colorado novillo this afternoon to tame in for an ox. Alfred shot a gama today. It was a windy day.

27

Alfred and Juan rodeared the timber in monte today with old mare. Afterwards each shot a gama.

Alfred also chased 2 baguales unsuccessfully.

The troperos from La Rosa came today and look in tonight 300 novillos. They butchered a vaquillona and gave us a lot of meat. It was a warm day

28.

Sunday. Charquiara the meat the troperos gave us. It was an awful hot day.

29.

Herman and Juan went over to monte in two of Wiggins carts and brought over some of the timber for house. Charqui (Elaria) passed on way to Reconquista. Walter came back from Pajaro Blanco: had a grand bail etc, but did not find a peon. Had a dust storm today.

— 30. —

Alfred went to San Pedro to visit Jobson and Ramayon. 3 peones from Wiggins came back from Wampita (Calchaqui) with horse cart as they cannot go on with cart. Indians stole 5 of their horses from estaca.

31.

Rained last night and nearly all day very hard.