

January 1, 1885.

Peons of Wiggins left again this morning. Herman and Juan caught 4 gamas with dogs. Dug posts out at Tapera on other side. It was a warm day.

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Alfred came back from San Pedro today; had to swim both San Pedro and Espin rivers. Drove ^{for} 50 mae. from Johnson. Arranged with Benjamin the pulpier for 16 ^{for} gama skins \$41.00 / vale Manuel \$10.00. Johanne 5.00 Alejandro \$4.50 sugar \$6.25, and now bought 3 pr. bombachos & soup \$7.12 1/2 and he owes me yet \$5.18 3/4. Also paid setut \$2.12 1/2 on ac of Jose Maria, and 50 ^{col} bread and paid peon 3 1/2 for passing saddle over ^{river} San Pedro. Cash on hand \$81. mae. The troperos from Reconquista to La Rosa passed today. It was a warm sultry day.

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Whisky got 7 young ones last night. Killed two humbras. Alfred went to arroya Espin and killed ciervo macho. Benavidas pelaring Tijeras.

Walker began cutting down trees to make rama corral. It was a cloudy day and looks like more rain.

4.

Sunday. Alfred went hunting in monte eastward and killed a guasuncho, a gama and an ostrich. Had a terrific storm this afternoon and rained an awful lot.

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Juan pelaring tijeras today. Alfred caught a gama with dogs. Arroya Espin very crecida. Fine warm day.

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Laguna Jacari and arroyita very crecida. Walker cutting rama for his corral. Herman and Juan digging out posts at Tapera. Alfred shot two gamas. It was a warm day.

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Tying Tijeras on corral to secure posts better. It was a hot windy day.

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Arranged gate of corral for cattle. Herman and

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Walker chopping rama for his corral. It was a hot day.

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Gave Juan permission to go to San Martin for a few days. Paid him \$15.00. Alfred shot 3 gamas. Very hot and looks stormy.

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Had an awful storm last night, and rained a great deal. The Jacaracita is a regular arroya. Herman and Walker chopping rama for his corral. Sargento Benavides on way from Reconquista to San Pedro stops here the night. Reports the Toba very crecida.

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Sunday. Caught a gama with dogs. Warm day.

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Juan came back from San Martin. Brought mail. Alfred shot a gamita and Herman caught one with dogs. Two men and a woman came this evening looking for work. It was a very hot day.

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Hired the two men (Castaneros and Anazaris) who came last night @ 18 bol. a month. Juan and the two went over to Walker's place with 3 yoke of oxen to pull the rama in place for corral. Dogs caught a gama and Walker shot 3. Charqui came from Malabrigo looking for surveyor. Says he saw 4 indians twist here and Cass Marannd. It was a pleasant day.

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Walker and our 3 peones working at his rama corral. Alfred shot a venado. 3 peones of Wiggins came in today; going to take out more provisiones. Report everything under water outside. It was a hot day.

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Castaneros helped Walker finish his corral today. Butchered an ugly black novillo today, and gave Wiggins peones a costillar and about an arraba of charquesado meat. They left again this afternoon. Herman has gone with them to come back with Wiggins in a few days. Arranged carts to go to monte tomorrow. It

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was a very hot day.

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The 3 carts went to monte today and brought all the timber we had chopped for peon house. Pedro went along with all of Wiggins' men. It was a very hot day.

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Sent the 3 carts over to tapera of Eucalyptus trees and brought 90 posts. Alfred went to Espin pass this afternoon found it very crecida. ~~It~~ was a hot sultry day. Had all the skins out today. stock is 90 gama skins of which 14 are Walkers. Wiggins and a peon came tonight very late from outside, leaving rest of peones come on tomorrow. They left the Wampita this afternoon two o'clock. They are pretty well starved out.

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Sunday. Herman came back at noon with rest of Wiggins' men. They had killed a macho onule (white) and report the country full of water outside yet. Ramayon sent us two men with Correspondencia. It was a hot sultry day. Sold Wiggins a big ^{novillo} ^{18 mac.} ~~big~~ ^{crisp} ~~big~~ ^{crisp}.

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Walker left today for down south over land. He takes two horses and comes back with his cattle in about 2 months. Alfred went with him as far as the pass which is very crecida yet. Brought over two loads of posts from other side and this afternoon laid out peon house with Wiggins' aid, and arranged the orkonos and cumberos.

20.

Set the orkonos for peon house today 10 yds by 5. 2 Chasquis came from Malabrigo for Wiggins. stop the night. Sold Wiggins another novillo this morning (bays over) 14 mac. cuers novillo. It began raining very hard this afternoon.

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Put the cumberos and tijeras on house. It was a very hot and sultry day. Wiggins and company here yet.

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Rec'd 32 nacionales from Wiggins for ^{the} 2 novillas sold him. Took over from him 2 arrobas farinha 2 ar of rice, 1 ar. salt and 1 1/2 ar sugar and an iron olla. He is to send me the prices from Santa Fe.

Planting costaneros on house. Very hot weather. Valentin and Jose Maria and 3 women and lot of children came from San Martin today looking for work.

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Wiggins and party left again for their purrey to the north westward. They go 3 leagues west of west majon of Espin, and then 3 leagues northward, and then to the Waupita and then back again east ward to their majon and then northwards beyond Reconquista. Alfred went with Wiggins as the Espin which is swimming yet. Finished setting costanero posts on house and then put the 3 fence digging post holes on chaera. Lent 2 horses to 2 of Wiggins peones (Rui and Jose) who leave him to go to San Pedro with (the blanco and old alazan) Alfred shot a gamma this afternoon. It was a hot murky day.

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Valentin says an indian tried to drive off the horses that were left out side last night. (don't believe him) Gregorio who is fencing Levy's camp was here today. Wants to butcher on halves. offered to let him have half of meat of small novilla for \$6 nac. Paid Anazaris 2 nac. and Castaneros 5 nac. and Castaneros one of Walker's horses to go to San Pedro with. comes back again tomorrow. It was a hot murky day. Herman and Valentin went on a hunt today, unsuccessfully. Juan and Anazis digging post holes for fence.

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Sunday. Alfred shot a venado this morning. Butchered a little black novilla this afternoon. Herman went to let Gregorio know and he sent a man back to take his half of meat away. The Sargento from San Pedro stops the night on his way to Reconquista. He says the delijencia of safor same as for as the Espin and finding it crecida went back again. Gave him \$21.00 to pay

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Palacios for the wire bought of him. It was a
 tempestuous day but it cleared off again this evening.

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Juan and Gregorio charquaried this morning.
 Castaños came at noon from San Pedro bringing
 my alacaen mules along. They dug holes this afternoon.
 It was a pleasant day.

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Men digging past holes all day for chacra fence.
 It was a hot day.

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Herman went to San Pedro this morning on a
 pascua. Alfred and Valentin went as far as the pass
 which is still swimming. Alfred shot a oca on
 way back. The men this forenoon took the posts down
 the field and scattered them and this afternoon we
 began setting them. A chasqui came this afternoon
 from Pajaro Blanco from Wallace to Walker. It was a
 stormy day.

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Sent the 3 carts over to Tapera at rincónado
 and brought over 90 posts to finish the chacra with.
 It was a hot day. The sergeants came again this evening
 from Reconquista to San Pedro.

30.

Butchered a black novillo this afternoon and Juan
 and Nazario charquaried the meat. Began cutting
 paja this forenoon. Valentin and Jose Maria help cut
 on other side of pass of Espin.

31.

Men cut paja again today. It was a very pleasant
 day. Miguel Duran and a peon of Gregorio came
 this evening and stop the night.

February 1. Sunday.

Butchered a pampa novillo for Gregorio and
 Duran; they took all the meat except a shoulder
 loma, and part of back bone. Worth 12000.
 Went out with men this afternoon and ran en
 cerco toward rincónada. Botched a couple of
 games. It was a windy day.

February 2.

Men cut paja again today, which goes very slowly as only cut 40 bundles today. The cart from San Pedro which came last night left for Reconquista. I incargared 2 ar galletas, 1 ar. soap, 1 demijohn cana. It was a hot day.

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Men cut paja again today: goes very slowly as there is so much dry paja mixed with it. Alfred all alone as Herman is down at San Pedro yet. Two sheaques from Malabrigo looking for Wiggins stop the night. It was a hot day.

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Men cutting paja again today: Juan, Anazaris, Castañeros, Valentín and José María. A Correntino and boy from Urusaros passed on way to Reconquista. Alfred went to see Leyes alambrado, and also saw Miguel and Gaspar Duran. It was a hot day.

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Juan and Pedrito went to San Pedro with cart to get the frutas Jobson offered us. Also took 300 well bricks for Don Benito, and a dozen gamita skins for Mrs. Ramayon, and a quarunched skin for Jobson. Men finished cutting the 400 bundles of paja. Gave Pedrito \$1.00. It was a hot day.

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Men went this forenoon and brought the paja on this side of the arroya in 2 carts, and this afternoon went with one cart and brought the paja on other side of the arroya, also brought the canes Alfred and José María cut this afternoon. It was a pleasant day.

- 7 -

Butchered a novillo this forenoon and the men charqueared it this afternoon. This afternoon a strong tormento came up and rained a good deal. Juan came back in ox cart from San Pedro with 57 gaballos, sandeas, melones, choelos, cabbages, onions, potatoes. The red novillo we were.

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breaking in, got impantanared at San Pedro and
got drowned. Herman is at Ramayons yet

8.

Sunday. Lorenzo and Gaspar Duran and a basque
who is thinking of fencing in Torres camp, came
this morning and stop the night. It was a pleasant
day

- 9 -

A tormento came up at noon and it rained a
good deal which continues tonight also. Herman
came back from San Pedro after a pasca of 12 days.
He brings the blanco and alazan I lent Wiggins
peones in a very sad state. Cart from Reconquistas
to San Pedro came this evening. Brought me
soap, caña and ^{8^{6.98}} galletas. Herman had paid
\$5.00 at Detent for potatoes and owe them
still 10 pl. bolivianos. Put canes on roof of peon
house to techar

- 10 -

Drizzled some this forenoon. Juan and Castañero
brought over a load of fire wood. Herman and
Nazaris bored posts for passing wire on chacra.
It was a hot sultry afternoon

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Men began thatching this forenoon but a heavy
tormento interrupted them this afternoon. Rained
an awful lot. Herman went hunting in quebrachal.

12.

Alfred caught 4 gamas with dogs; it having been
nice and soft to run with dogs after the heavy
storm. It was drizzling and wet all day long,
preventing all work - 13 -

Same weather again as yesterday, drizzling
and slushy all day long, and getting cold.
Alfred went out with Coy and caught 3 gamas
and a macho caudis with dogs. Anzaris
and Castañeros mouth was up yesterday, so
discharged but they are here yet.
Paid Anzaris \$9.52 and Castañeros \$7.21

February 14, 1885.

Anazaris and Castaños left this morning for San Pedro. Paid Valentín and Jose Maria \$5.00 for helping cut paga and the 7 rls. bol. I owed Jose Maria yet for the nutria skins. Herman and Juan bored holes on fence this afternoon. Alfred and Pedrito went punning with dogs and caught a little aguara and a little macho nandu. This morning it drizzled and a little also this afternoon. Haven't seen the sun for 3 days now.

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Sunday. Carnaval. It was a misty drizzly day and the sun only appeared a few minutes. Ran with dogs again this morning and caught 4 gamas and a fox. Espin is very crecida. We are here now - Alfred, Herman, Benavidas and family, and Valentín and Jose Maria and families. A great deal too many as it is hard to feed them all. but the work, that is processing house, fencing and planting chacra will soon be finished.

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Alfred caught an ostrich and a gama with the dogs. Juan and Jose Maria thatching warm days. Had all the skins out today and gave a good beating - 17 -

Herman and Valentín went boqual hunting and stop out the night. Juan and Jose Maria thatching; cut off 2 brazadas of Walters felasted. had used 1 1/3 rolls of his zinc wire for tying comes on. Alfred was down at Espin pass this afternoon and on way back boreared a charybon. 3 Carrentino's ponies from Malabrigo stop here this night to take away the 3 carts and things Wiggins left here.

18.

Dispatched Wiggins' carts and things this morning. Also send 9 hides to Dr. Romany to sell. I also sent Fredrick's boy with his things to

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Malabrigo to Wallace's charge. A mulch cow (a black one) died in the corral last night, guess from eating some poisonous weed or snake bite. Juan and Jose Maria thatching. Herman and Valentin's back from other side of Espin: report seeing about 40 boquatis, but could not shoot any. It was a very pleasant day.

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Butchered an ugly black novillo petiso as we are out of meat and don't want to stop work to go hunting. Herman began crop plowing the chacra. Juan and Jose Maria charquiarad this forenoon, and this afternoon thatched. It was a beautiful day.

20.

Herman plowing. Juan and Jose Maria thatching. Leon died today of a swollen neck, don't know whether eat dead cows meat, as some of dogs also have swollen necks. It was a hot day. Alfred hoed round ground in garden for potatoes.

21.

Finished thatching this morning. Afterwards turned over ground for pisadero. Put paja under shelter as there are about 100 bundles are left, and cleared place up a bit. It began raining this afternoon and looks as if it is going to continue. Herman plowed this forenoon and Alfred planted a basket full of potatoes in garden.

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Sunday. Alfred went into monte north west from here on Espin and shot an ostrich. Herman while hunting ducks in laguna killed a rattie snake of 14 rattles. It was a foggy cloudy morning and the afternoon was hot.

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Juan and Jose Maria got pisadero ready and cut grass for tomorrow. A heavy tormento came up last night and rained an awful lot, and this forenoon some also. Alfred caught 4 yamas

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with dogs this morning. Weather got quite cool again
this afternoon

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Alfred caught 2 gamas with dogs this morning. Herman
went hunting on Caraguata and went to where Grigorio was
fencing. Juan, Jose Maria and Valentin began revocaring
peon house. Did south east, south and 1/4 of south of
west walls.

- 25 -

Alfred caught a venado this morning with dogs,
and this afternoon released a trandee with wild alacas
in rincónado. Men made another pisadero today
to river near the peon house. Herman plowing.

Wallace sent chasqui from Sajard Blanca for Fredrick's
rifle, and Whisky and her pup. It was a fine day.

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Sent Fredrick's rifle with chasqui (Ramoncito) to Wallace.
Whisky would not follow him. Men finished pisadero
and revocared house. Alfred went down to Benito
Ramayon's this forenoon after the correspondencias, and
came back this afternoon with Benito and Domingo
Ramayon, who stop the night. The latter was
lost in camp for going from Chilcas to San Pedro
was without food for 4 1/2 days. It was a pleasant
day.

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Sent Domingo Ramayon Walker malacasa to go to
Reconquista. A lot of Carrentinos and families came
in the night on the way to Sarreleguis estancia
(San Antonio) some one stole Alfred's new rebuque
guess it was Domingo's Carrentino's peon. Don Benito
stopped until after siesta. This afternoon Alfred went
to run boquales on other side of the Espin with
Juan, Pedro, Jose Maria, Valentin and wife and 2
children, and stop out until Sunday.

28.

Herman home all alone with women. Nothing going
on.

March 1.

Sunday. Alambadores sent boy to let us know they
can't come to run boquales with us. (anyhow too late)
Don Benito came this morning with a tropa of about

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40 novillos for Reconquista. They butchered an awful fat calf carne con cuero. Alfred and men came back at noon from running baguales. Juan only caught a little potrillo. Report having seen 4 cuadrillas. Put the cattle on rods and parted out the 4 novillos of Virasoras mark and entregared them to Ramayon. One of their novillos died here over heated, and Valentin appreciated of the meat. It was a very pleasant day. Herman shot 6 ducks in Tacurusal.

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Don Benito went running en cerco towards Rinconada. Herman and Pedrito went also: report Don Benito having a bad collision with tree. Sent Juan with tropa as far as Pass Marianna. Paid Jose Maria \$4.00 to thatch and revocar (to help rather) 10 days work. Beat out skins this afternoon. Jo and Geo Moore came this evening and stop the night on way to Manducitas. It was a hot sultry day and looks as if we were going to have some rain.

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The 2 Moors left this morning south wards, leaving a lame horse. Don Benito sent indian boy with mail. It rained nearly all day. Caught 3 venados with dogs this afternoon and a fat mulita.

4.

Caught a little venado with dogs. Arriglarad the rinconero posts of alambrado this afternoon. Hot day and looks like more rain.

5.

Butchered a little ovoro negro crespo and charguinin the meat. Had row with Juan's wife, and they leave tomorrow. She is too mantenido by half.

Was a hot sultry day. - 6 -

Arriglarad with Juan. Gave him \$9.35 cash and a vale for \$30 on Jobson. Gave Pedrito \$5.00 for the work he done here. They left this morning, also Valentin and Jose Maria and families. Paid Valentin \$1.00. The troperos who took Ramayon's tropa to

May 1885.

Reconquista passed on way back to San Pedro this morning. Brought us the 6th sugar and packet of envelopes Don Benito encargared for us. Herman and Alfred are all alone here now. The last few nights we have been very much troubled with mosquitos.

Rest day. 8

Sunday. Began raining this morning and drizzled most all day. The two Moors were here for breakfast on way back from Manducitas. Gave Geo. Moore 3 game skins. Report that Agustín Frinco is at San Pedro.

9.

Alfred killed an aguara with dogs. It drizzled some this morning early. Alfred went down to pass Espin this afternoon where José Lorenzo and Ovidio are going to cut pajá for Ramayon.

10.

Old mocho cow died empantanada in cañada. José Lorenzo was here today; gave him some yerba and tobacco. It was a pleasant day.

11.

A peon of Wiggins came in the night and stopped until this afternoon on way to Santa Fe. It was a pleasant day. Poisoned some of best hides, trotting going on.

12.

Ovidio sent us about a dozen hard shell gaballos, from pass Espin. They left today as they could not find any decent pajá. Herman shot some ducks. Valdina and wife came today to work until we get another peon. Alfred went to west of Espin this morning. It was a very pleasant day.

13.—

Herman began harrowing the ground before plowing it for last time. Alfred and Valdina stamped posts, on chacra fence today. Valdinas 1st days work.

Pleasant day. — 14 —

A cow died; heaved on hard quarter. We stamped posts on fence this afternoon. Very pleasant day.

Marzo 15. 1885.

Sunday, Alfred and Valdina started to go hunting this morning, but had to come back on account of the mosquitos and also began drizzling and rained quite a lot this afternoon. Joe Moore and two boys of Estevans, and a native named Zamurri (who is looking for work) came this afternoon.

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Foggy morning. Could not arreglar with Zamurri difficultly about getting over here. Arraglar with Valdina @ 18 1/2 Bolivianos per month. Fixed up around peons house today. Alfred went on a hunt towards the rincónada, unsuccessfully. Moore and other fellows left this forenoon for Pajar Blanco.

- 17. -

Herman and Evaldina brought a cart load of wood from nearest tapera. Beat skins out today, and this afternoon planted posts on chacra fence. Warm pleasant day. - 18 -

Valdina cleaning out holes to set posts on chacra fence. Alfred went on a hunt on Caragusta, did not get anything. Herman boring posts. Warm day.

19.

Finished setting posts on chacra fence. Don Benito sent indian boy with mail. Brought news that someone is pblaring on other side of the Espin. Wrote letter home. It was a very pleasant day.

20. -

Valdina reastread the plowed ground with two yoke of oxen on a big rama. Alfred boring posts, Herman went on a hunt. Warm day.

21.

Butchered an ugly lanky novillo and charquiared all the meat. Was a warm day.

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Sunday.

Alfred went up to Gregorio's tent and then on a hunt in monte. Killed a venado. Nothing going on. Best day.

May 23.

Herman plowed this forenoon for alfa. Finished boring posts this afternoon and began pulling wire. Cloudy hot day and looks like rain.

- 24 -

Stretched wire all day, bored holes also for 3^d wire. Cured redomon ^{as of} beaches. It was a coolish sort of cloudy day.

- 25 -

Finished fence around field this forenoon. Herman plowed all day. Valdivia this afternoon driving open. Three men from Ramaynos past on way to Reconquista ^{with supplies} bringing mail, and Herman gateado which they sent from home with Jobson. Report that Jobson got hurt by one of his fine bulls and taken down to Santo Fe. Sent \$7.00 to Palacios to pay bill and ordered some more things. It was a very pleasant day with a cool morning.

- 26 -

Herman and Valdivia plowing. Alfred this morning to see the new pobladores on other side of Espin but could not find them. Warm day but very cool morning and evening.

- 27 -

Cured several animals that were imbechared in corral this morning. Herman and Valdivia plowing all day. Two carts of Ovidio of San Martin came this afternoon with manij for sale. Bought 11 fanegas of yellow and 1 fanega of soft blanco @ \$2.88 (\$4.50) in cot. Rather dear but we have not time to send cart to Reconquista to buy. It was a windy (north) day. Gave vale on Agustín (Jobson) for the \$34.56

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Cured half a dozen animals of imbecharing, in corral this morning. Also palenbeared ^{as} our towns for us. Herman finished plowing. Alfred went down to see new poblador; other side of uncomado. Pedro Pazini. Hot day, cool morning.

March 29, 1885.

Sunday, Herman went on a hunt today, unsuccessful. 3 peisanis from Pepe Virasoros were here today on way to Alambra duros. Gregorio the Alambrador and a Currentin's were here for breakfast on a pasco. It was a triste north windy day $\pm 30 \pm$

Yoked up the overo teams today, pulled like an old ox. Valdivia harrowed chacra with rama to sow alfa. Cattle a long ways off this morning. Tropa of Santa Rosa (300 novillas) stops the night on way to Reconquista. Also 3 men on way to Pepe Virasoros stop the night. Alfred went on a hunt on other side of the Espin and killed a venado. It was a very hot day.

- 31. -

Herman went on a hunt today (no success.) Valdivia finished harrowing ground this forenoon. Alfred sowed alfa today. Cured a little bull of maggots. The Sargento and two peones of San Pedro came back from Reconquista without carts. Brought me 2 lbs coffee 90¢, 1 lb. pepper 35¢, $\frac{1}{2}$ gross matches 1.80 total 3.05 unpaid. Paid 40¢ for tob. for Valdivia. It was a very hot day.

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Alfred finished sowing alfa this morning early. Sowed about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ar. in a piece of ground about 100 yds. by 150. Valdivia finished harrowing it also. Beat the skins out this afternoon. It was a hot day and looks tormento like.

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This morning it was cloudy and a heavy north westerly wind. Alfred went to Pajaro Blanco beside Valdivia sowed and green the kinorodor. And then he worked