

# 1882 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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## NOTES

*‘There was nothing wrong with my head, but only with my handwriting,  
which has often caused difficulties.’*

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

### *Conventions*

In order to reflect the manuscript as completely and accurately as possible and to retain its original ‘flavour’, Plunkett’s spelling, punctuation, capitalisation and amendments have been reproduced unless otherwise indicated. The conventions adopted for transcription are outlined below.

1) Common titles (usually with an underscored superscript in the original) have been standardised with full stops: Archbp. (Archbishop), Bp. (Bishop), Capt./Capt’n., Col., Fr. (Father), Gen./Gen’l, Gov./Gov’r (Governor), Hon. (Honourable), Jr., Ld., Mr., Mrs., Mgr. (Monsignor), Dr., Prof./Prof’r., Rev’d.

2) Unclear words for which there is a ‘best guess’ are preceded by a query (e.g. ?battle) in transcription; alternative transcriptions are expressed as ?bond/band.

3) Illegible letters are represented, as nearly as possible, by hyphens (e.g. b----t)

4) Any query (?) that does not *immediately* precede a word appears in the original manuscript unless otherwise indicated.

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

- Commas have been inserted only to reduce ambiguity. ‘Best guess’ additions appear as [,].
- Apostrophes have been inserted in:
  - surnames beginning with O (e.g. O’Hara)
  - negative contractions (e.g. can’t, don’t, won’t, didn’t)
  - possessives, to clarify context (e.g. Adams’ house; Adam’s house). However, Plunkett commonly indicates the plural of surnames ending in ‘s’ by an apostrophe (e.g. Yeats’).
- Initials preceding names reflect the original as nearly as possible (e.g. TP Gill, T.P. Gill, T P Gill, T. P. Gill).
- Plunkett’s symbols for ‘about’, ‘therefore’ and the ‘long (double) s’ have been expanded.

6) Text in parentheses ( ) is Plunkett’s; text in brackets [ ] is editorial.

7) Capitalisation, particularly of the letter C and common nouns, is inconsistent and has been retained if unambiguous.

8) Words crossed out in the original are usually reproduced in the transcript, as their frequency or content may indicate Plunkett’s thinking at the time.

9) Cd (could), wd (would), wh: (which) and Plunkett’s symbol for ‘about’ and ‘therefore’ have been expanded; the ‘long f’ (J) has been expanded to ‘ss’.

10) Approximate monetary equivalents were derived and adapted from Lawrence H. Officer and Samuel H. Williamson, “Five Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a UK Pound Amount, 1830 to Present”, and Samuel H. Williamson, “Seven Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a U.S. Dollar Amount, 1774 to Present”, [www.measuringworth.com](http://www.measuringworth.com), 2011. The index used was the Gross Domestic Product Deflator, a measure of average prices covering a ‘bundle’ of all goods and services produced in an economy (making it broader than just the consumer goods in the Retail Price Index). Figures

rounded to the nearest £ or \$. See website for alternative and more detailed measures of relative worth.

Although great care has been taken to ensure accuracy, some misinterpretations will inevitably have occurred in transcription. For clarification, readers are advised to consult microfilm copies of the diaries available in several libraries.

### ***Correspondence***

The diaries are associated with, and cross-referenced to, an alphabetical indexed collection of nearly 4000 items of correspondence donated to the Plunkett Foundation in the years following Sir Horace's death.

- Letters with an identifiable date are noted beside the diary entry for the corresponding day. Letters attributable to only a particular year or month are indicated at the beginning of the relevant section.
- Letters sent by Plunkett appear in Roman type, alphabetically by addressee (e.g. To Balfour, Arthur); letters received by Plunkett appear in italics, alphabetically by sender (e.g. *Fr Balfour, Arthur*).
- Letters between correspondents other than Plunkett appear in parenthesis and are filed with the letters of the first-named correspondent: (*Fr Balfour, Arthur to House, E.M.*).
- If, for some reason, a letter between two correspondents is filed with neither recipient nor sender, the file location is indicated: (*Fr Anderson, R.A. [BAL]*).

For additional holdings, see <http://www.nra.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/searches/> (National Register of Archives) and Archives in 'Plunkett, Sir Horace Curzon (1854–1932)', Bull, P., *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford University Press) 2006.

### ***Abbreviations***

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

#### **Names**

Æ	George William Russell	JGB	John George Butcher
AJB	Arthur James Balfour	KW	Karl Walter
EVL	Ernest V. Longworth	Lady B	Lady Elizabeth (Betty) Balfour
F / Fs	Fingall / Fingalls	LI.G.	David Lloyd George
GBS	George Bernard Shaw	RAA	Robert Andrew Anderson
GH	Gerald Heard	SHB	Samuel Henry Butcher
GWB	Gerald William Balfour		

#### **Organisations**

AAOS	American Agricultural Organisation Society	IH	<i>Irish Homestead</i>
AOS	Agricultural Organisation Society	IS	<i>Irish Statesman</i>
AOS & SHL	Allotments Organisations Society and Small Holders Ltd.	IIA	Irish Industries Association
BB Co	Berthon Boat Company	IRA	Irish Reconstruction Ass'n./ Irish Republican Army (depending on context)
CDB	Congested Districts Board	IUA	Irish Unionist Alliance
CWS	Co-operative Wholesale Society	K St Club/K.S.C.	Kildare Street Club
DATI	Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction	NAOS	National Agricultural Organization Society
FO	Foreign Office	NFU	National Farmers Union
H of C	House of Commons	RDS	Royal Dublin Society
HPF	Horace Plunkett Foundation	RIC	Royal Irish Constabulary
IAOS	Irish Agricultural Organisation Society	TCD	Trinity College, Dublin
IAWS	Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society	UAOS	Ulster Agricultural Organisation Society
ICAS	Irish Co-operative Agency Society	UI	United Irishwomen
IDL	Irish Dominion League	UP	Union Pacific
		Wyo Dev Co	Wyoming Development
		WO	War Office

## General

&c	etcetera (etc.)	Gt	Great
a/c a/cs	account/s	HR	Home Rule
ADC	aide-de-camp	Inst/Inst:/Inst'n	Instruction
agricl / agric'l	agricultural	I.Q.	Irish Question
ag / agric're	agriculture	legisl'n	legislation
Amer'n	American	Ltd.	Limited
ass'n / assoc'n	association	moted	motored
ass't	assistant	MP	Member of Parliament
betw'n	between	Mov't	movement
bd	board	Nat / Nat'l	National
CC (by context)	Catholic curate	Nat's	Nationalists
	Cricket Club	o'c	o'clock
	County Councillor	Parl / Parl't	Parliament
Ch: Sec	Chief Secretary	parl'y	parliamentary
coll / coll:	college	PP	parish priest
co / co.	company or county	Powder R	Powder River
com'n/comm'n	commission	Pres't	President
Conv'n/Conv'tn	Convention	Prot	Protestant
coop/coop:	co-operative	Qn	Question
coop'n	co-operation	RC	Roman Catholic
ct'e/c'tee/c'tte/ com'tee	committee	Rel'n / Rel'ns	Relation/s
DD	Doctor of Divinity	RR	Railroad
dep't	department	R'y	Railway
Do / do	ditto	Sec / Sec'y	Secretary
ed'n / educ'n	education	Soc'y	Society
Eng'd	England	SS	steamship
Ex / Exs	Excellency/ Excellencies (usu. Lord Lieutenant)	TD	Teachtai Delai (representatives in lower house of Dail)
exhib'n	exhibition	Tech/Tech:/Tec'l	technical
gen'l	general		
gov't	government		

N.B. The apostrophe in a contraction usually indicates that in Plunkett's handwriting the word ended with underscored superscript letters (e.g. Parl<sup>x</sup> is transcribed as Parl'y).

2) Less frequent or ambiguous contractions are expanded in brackets for clarity and easier reading (e.g. rec[eive]d, originally handwritten "rec<sup>d</sup>"). If the same usage occurs in close proximity, the expanded version is generally not repeated.

## 1882

### Events:

Apr – Kilmainham Treaty accepted by cabinet (2 May); Chief Secretary W.E. Forster resigns; Land agitators Parnell, John Dillon, J.J. O’Kelly and Michael Davitt released from prison.

6 May – Phoenix Park murders; trial and execution of Invincibles (Apr-Jun 1883)

6 Jun – Davitt at Liverpool advocates land nationalisation in preference to peasant proprietorship as principle of land settlement

12 Jul – New Coercion Act

18 Aug – Arrears of Rent Act; Labourers’ Cottages and Allotments Act

17 Oct – Irish National League founded in Dublin; succeeds Land League

### Government:

*Prime Minister:* William Gladstone (Liberal)

*Chief Secretary:* William Edward Forster to 6 May, F.C. Cavendish to 9 May, Sir George Trevelyan

*Lord Lieutenant:* F.T. de Grey (to 6 May), John Poyntz Spencer

Approximate monetary equivalents (2010): £1= £103 ; \$1 = \$21

Correspondence [Notes]	1882	Diary Entry
	1 Jan, Sun	7 Grosvenor Place. Boughton called and dined.
	2 Jan, Mon	Left by mail 7.15 AM. Dined at Kildare St. Club with Chum, R U Penrose Fitzgerald, B. Fitzpatrick, Ld. Doneraile & others.
	3 Jan, Tue	12 P.M. Meeting of landowners at Exhibition Palace. 3000 present. Mayo & B. Fitzpatrick both talked about putting £5000 into cattle business. Dined with Chum, B. Fitzpatrick, Donoughmore, Dick Frewen & others.
	4 Jan, Wed	Dunsany by early train. Hunted Officer with Wards. Fair run but very short.
	5 Jan, Thu	Hunted Tripod with Meaths. Ground very heavy. Splendid 52 minutes from Rohanstown & a kill. One of best hunts I ever saw. Was not able to do it all but saw last part well. Dined Warrenstown.
	6 Jan, Fri	Hunted Cornelius at Kilmoon. Broke off pull on way to meet. Resolved on knee caps in future. We drew back to Dunsany. No sport. Capt’n Smith asked me to dance at Bessborough on 12th. Declined. Dined Killeen.
	7 Jan, Sat	Hunted Wards Rathbeggan. Rode Officer. Bad hunt in Dunshaughlin bog and on roads.
	8 Jan, Sun	Dunsany. Lunched & dined Warrenstown.
	9 Jan, Mon	Dunsany.
	10 Jan, Tue	Hunted Tripod with Meaths at Dunshaughlin. Moderate sport. Dined the Grange.
	11 Jan, Wed	Very well carried by Officer with Wards from Culmullin. Points – Culmullin, Cookstown, Baltrasna covert, Mayhaven, Ginnets, Dangan. Dined with Hugh Cullen, Dublin, & he agreed to invest £1000 with me in Plunkett Roche & Co.
	12 Jan, Thu	Hunted Tripod with Harriers Rathfeigh. Dined Bellinter.
	13 Jan, Fri	Day of humiliation on account of state of country proclaimed by our Church. Attended service Kilmessan. Called Lismullin & Somerville.

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	14 Jan, Sat	Sent T. Leonard cheque for £1000, Hugh Cullen's, and asked him to send it with his £1000 through his Bank to Stebbins Post & Co. Wrote terms of investment to T. Leonard & Hugh Cullen. Hunted Officer with Wards Kilrue. Bad day. Went to Rahinston.
	15 Jan, Sun	Rahinston.
	16 Jan, Mon	Went to Trim & dined & slept at the archdeaconry. Attended Land Court.
	17 Jan, Tue	Hunted Tripod with Meaths. Good run from Robinstown. But I did not see it. Sent B---s on London for £2000 to Stebbins Post & Co (£1000 Cullen & 1000 Leonard) & told them to advise AC Roche. Dined & slept Somerville & went to dance at Bessborough.
	18 Jan, Wed	Returned Dunsany and dined & slept Trim with archdeacon. Met Rev'd. JP Mahaffy.
	19 Jan, Thu	Returned Dunsany. Shot at Warrenstown. Bag 29 pheasants some hares & rabbits.
	20 Jan, Fri	Hunted Officer Waterstown. Nice trot into Lismullen from Slator's Gorse & came home. Dined Killeen.
	21 Jan, Sat	Dunsany business.
	22 Jan, Sun	Lunched Killeen. Dined the Grange.
	23 Jan, Mon	Hunted Tripod at Bessborough. Bad day.
	24 Jan, Tue	[No entry]
	25 Jan, Wed	Hunted the Officer with Wards, Culmullin. Moderate sport. Went to Randlestown.
	26 Jan, Thu	Randlestown. Hunted my old horse 'Dunsany' at Allenstown. Moderate sport.
	27 Jan, Fri	Hunted Tripod Lismullen. Bad day. Dined Killeen. (Returned Dunsany)
	28 Jan, Sat	Hunted the Officer, Rathbeggan. Good run. But too much road.
	29 Jan, Sun	Dunsany.
	30 Jan, Mon	Went to Dublin by last train.
	31 Jan, Tue	Attended Levee. Met Chum in Dublin. Conny's son born.
	1 Feb, Wed	Returned Dunsany. Hunted Tripod with Wards. Bad day.
	2 Feb, Thu	Went to Dublin. Had a talk with Rt. Hon. Ed. Gibson Q.C. M.P. about cattle business. He proposes to invest if he is not liable beyond his investment. Dined & danced at Castle.
	3 Feb, Fri	Dance at Castle.
	4 Feb, Sat	Returned Dunsany & hunted Officer at Flathouse. Moderate sport.
	5 Feb, Sun	Dined the Grange.
	6 Feb, Mon	Dunsany. Chum came evening train.
	7 Feb, Tue	Hunted Officer at Summerville. Splendid day. Well carried. Ran in evening Trotter's Gorse to Kilcarty, Swainston & to ground

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		Kilsale. Dined & slept Beau Parc.
	8 Feb, Wed	Returned Dunsany.
	9 Feb, Thu	Dunsany. Business.
	10 Feb, Fri	Chum & I hunted Lagore, Meaths. Miserable wet day, no sport. I rode Cornelius for first time after Jan. 6.
	11 Feb, Sat	Hunted Officer, Wards, Rathbeggan. Bad day. Letter from Gibson saying he had been advised that he would be liable for debts of our partnership & would not invest.
	12 Feb, Sun	Church Kilmessan. Walked round T. Leonard's cattle.
	13 Feb, Mon	[No entry]
	14 Feb, Tue	Hunted Tripod with Meaths, Drumree. Bad sport.
	15 Feb, Wed	Wards Dunshaughlin. Rode Officer. Bad sport. Hunted outlying deer from Warrenstown.
	16 Feb, Thu	Chum & I went over Rock Lodge.
	17 Feb, Fri	Went to Dunvilles to dine & sleep & went to dance at Hayes. Good & small.
	18 Feb, Sat	Hunted Harriers, Kilmessan.
	19 Feb, Sun	Church at Skryne. Lunched O Brighton. Dined Lismullin.
	20 Feb, Mon	Hunted Tripod with Meaths at Newhaggard. Good day.
	21 Feb, Tue	Hunted Cornelius, Meaths, Batterstown. Fair day.
	22 Feb, Wed	Chum & I spent day in Dublin.
	23 Feb, Thu	Hunted Officer, Wards, Culmullin. Nice finish from Tara to Grange.
	24 Feb, Fri	Hunted Tripod, Meaths at 15 Milestone. Ashbourne Rd. No scent.
	25 Feb, Sat	Hunted Cornelius with Harriers. Fingall & sisters O'Hagan, E. Dease. Leonards (Mr. & Mrs.), Coleridge & Brightons dined here.
	26 Feb, Sun	Chum & I dined Killeen.
	27 Feb, Mon	Chum left me by early train. I hunted Tripod at Hayes. Good hunting run from Slator's Gorse through Lismullin, Belper, Tara and back to Lismullin.
	28 Feb, Tue	Hunted Officer, Meaths, Summerhill. Ran thence to Culmullin to ground. Very good. Then found in Moneymore & ran Newhaggard, Moneymore again, Trotter's Gorse, Bull Ring & Rahinston. Also very good. Splendid day. Danced at Castle in evening.
	1 Mar, Wed	Hunted Wards, Batterstown on Cornelius. Country unridable after heavy rain. Returned Dunsany.
	2 Mar, Thu	Business Dunsany. Dined Warrenstown.
	3 Mar, Fri	Hunted Tripod with Meaths, Kilmessan. Bad sport. Col. Crichton dined & we went Dublin together last train.
	4 Mar, Sat	Met Mary in Dublin & spent morning with her on her way to Kilcooley from London. Returned Dunsany. Sweetman came till

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		Monday. Dined Killeen.
	5 Mar, Sun	Gerald Dease (Turbotstown), Fingall, Murphys (3) dined.
	6 Mar, Mon	Business Dunsany.
	7 Mar, Tue	Meath Hounds, Dunshaughlin. Blank day (killed 1 fox in covert). Rode Cornelius. Drove to Gowran Grange for dance.
	8 Mar, Wed	Drove back to Dunsany.
	9 Mar, Thu	[No entry]
	10 Mar, Fri	Hunted Lismullin on Cornelius. Good hunting run from Summerville to Glenmore.
	11 Mar, Sat	Hunted Tripod, Philpotstown. Bad hunting. Left Dublin for London.
	12 Mar, Sun	Arrived London. Found Conny & Raymond at No. 7 with Pater. Randal, 29 Half Moon St., Johnny & Ernle 4 Park Square.
	13 Mar, Mon	Saw B. Fitzpatrick who said he would pay £3000 into Bank of Ireland & send me agreement to sign relative to it.
	14 Mar, Tue	[No entry]
	15 Mar, Wed	Went to Brickwall.
[brother; John William]	16 Mar, Thu	Returned 7 Grosvenor Place. Dined J.W.P.
	17 Mar, Fri	Went to dance at Lady Mayo's Ranger's Lodge, Greenwich Park.
	18 Mar, Sat	[No entry]
	19 Mar, Sun	Lunched Lady Mayo's.
	20 Mar, Mon	Dined Gillie Leigh, Bachelors' Club.
	21 Mar, Tue	Left Grosvenor Place & went to Dublin.
	22 Mar, Wed	Arrived early Dunsany. Hunted Officer with Wards. Good hunting run of which I rode part.
	23 Mar, Thu	Hunted Meaths, Somerville. Poor sport. Rode Cornelius.
	24 Mar, Fri	Hunted Meaths Sion. Poor sport. Rode Tripod.
	25 Mar, Sat	Hunted Wards 9th Milestone. Splendid galop. 1 hr 8 minutes. Well carried all through by Officer.
	26 Mar, Sun	Dunsany
	27 Mar, Mon	Hunted Wards, Kilrue. Fair run. Rode Cornelius.
	28 Mar, Tue	Hunted Tripod with Meaths, Corbalton. Nice galop from Slator's to Corbalton.
	29 Mar, Wed	Hunted Officer with Wards, Drumree □ very poor sport.
	30 Mar, Thu	Hunted Cornelius with Harriers & had good hunt for a wonder. Dined & slept at the archdeaconry, Trim.
	31 Mar, Fri	Business in Trim & at R[ock] Lodge. Trim tenants all wanting reduction of rent. Returned Dunsany. Dance at Fowlers. Dunbar Barton came.

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	1 Apr, Sat	Meet at Summerhill. I rode Officer, Barton Tripod. Good hunt from wild gorse beyond Rahinston. H. Reichel came here.
	2 Apr, Sun	[No entry]
	3 Apr, Mon	Dunbar Barton & Reichel left. I hunted Cornelius with Wards at Brindley Memorial Fair, Tara. Drove to Dublin & went with Fingall, Barton, Alfred Byng to Amateur Theatricals.
	4 Apr, Tue	Business Dublin. Barton, Byng & I returned Dunsany.
	5 Apr, Wed	Barton rode Tripod & Byng rode Cornelius, I rode Officer with Wards, Culmullin. Good day's sport. Byng left.
	6 Apr, Thu	Chum & Mary, Emily de Burgh & Gerty de Robeck came. D. Barton left.
	7 Apr, Fri	[No entry.]
	8 Apr, Sat	Tom de Burgh, D. Barton came. Emily hunted Tripod & I rode Officer with Wards at Hill of Mullagh. Good hunting run beyond Hortland Gate. Both well carried. Killeen party came over to Dance in evening.
	9 Apr, Sun	Denis Lawless came.
	10 Apr, Mon	Drove 4 in hand to Fairyhouse races: delightful day. Poor racing. JG Butcher & C. Crichton came.
	11 Apr, Tue	C. Crichton rode Cornelius with foxhounds. Dance in evening. 105 people present. Very successful.
	12 Apr, Wed	Cloncurry came. I went to Dublin to see B. Fitzpatrick about his proposed loan of £2000. And also to get accountant to look after the store a/c's, the manager having taken to drink. Crichton left.
	13 Apr, Thu	Four-in-hand to Navan races. Good racing, pleasant day.
	14 Apr, Fri	Emily on Tripod, D. Barton – Cornelius, I – Officer. Hunted hares & stags with Tara Harriers. Good sport. Denis left. Miss Fowler, H. Slator, Harry F., Miss Vesey came.
	15 Apr, Sat	Meath sportsman's races. My old horse Dunsany which I sold N Everard won light weights. Rahinston party left.
	16 Apr, Sun	Cloncurry left.
	17 Apr, Mon	Party all left morning train. I packed up & left evening ditto. Dined St. George's Yacht Club with D Barton, & went to London.
	18 Apr, Tue	Arrived London. Lunched with J.B. Roche.
	19 Apr, Wed	Dined R Frewen Orleans Club.
	20 Apr, Thu	Signed agreement with B Fitzpatrick. Saw Mayo who said he would put in £3000 and have similar agreement made. Lunched Dick Frewen.
	21 Apr, Fri	Left London.
	22 Apr, Sat	Left Euston last night by midnight Pullman train for L[iver]pool. Went to V&C & interviewed candidates for managership of store. Came on board S.S. Arizona 12 M.
	23 Apr, Sun	Left Queenstown 10.45 AM



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	24 Apr, Mon	360 Rough headwind
	25 Apr, Tue	345 Rough headwind
	26 Apr, Wed	326 Rough headwind
	27 Apr, Thu	348
	28 Apr, Fri	353
	29 Apr, Sat	374
	30 Apr, Sun	388
	1 May, Mon	374. Landed 6 P.M. Went to Brevoort Hotel.
	2 May, Tue	Lunched with McIntosh at Delmonico's. Met Jerome's 3 daughters.
	3 May, Wed	[No entry]
[NYC & HRRR – New York Central & Hudson River Railroad]	4 May, Thu	Left N.Y. by NYC & HRRR 9 PM. Left Newmarket Great Coat in Boughton's bag at Brevoort. Left p[or]tmanteau & hatbox ?Mr Stella at Brevoort.
	5 May, Fri	[No entry]
	6 May, Sat	Arrived Chicago. Saw Abbott Buggy Co. & paid them 100.00 on a/c. Saw James Wood of Wood brothers & had long talk on cattle business. Promised to ship to them.
	7 May, Sun	Spent most of day driving with & talking to James Wood. Looked for Shannon & found he had gone to Fremont.
	8 May, Mon	Left Chicago for Tracy with Tom Hare & James Winn.
	9 May, Tue	Arrived Tracy. We met Sweetman who drove us to Currie where he has his Colony.
	10 May, Wed	Saw Gaynor. Doing well. Saw many of the settlers.
	11 May, Thu	Drove to Avoca & talked to the priest & manager of Catholic Colonisation Society's Colony there. Met Mark Aungier & wife from Liverpool, also one O'Callaghan from Clonsilla. Train to Le Mars.
	12 May, Fri	Arrived early Le Mars. I spent day & slept at Reynolds Moreton's.
	13 May, Sat	Picked up Tom Hare & J Winn at Sioux City & went on to Council Bluffs. Stopped Union Pacific Hotel.
	14 May, Sun	N. W. Wells came to hotel & I tried to buy his herd.
	15 May, Mon	More negotiations with N W Wells. Could not agree. I left signature at Omaha National Bank. Called on Dr. O'Connor & talked about land speculation. Wrote B. Fitzpatrick that I could not buy Cattle but would buy stock in our concern for him.
	16 May, Tue	Went to Fremont & looked at land. Saw J. Shannon.
	17 May, Wed	Went to St. Paul.
	18 May, Thu	Drove to O'Connor with Winn, T. Hare returned Grand Island & left for Denver. Inspected land at O'Connor.

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	19 May, Fri	Winn & P. Rooney a Meath Farmer at O'Connor proposed to enter arrangement by which W. lets out stock to R to fatten, R to have ½ gross profit. Returned as far as Loup River which was too flooded to cross. Slept farm house.
	20 May, Sat	Arrived St. Paul where I slept & Winn drove Grand Island & proceeded to Denver.
	21 May, Sun – 27 May, Sat	[Marginal note:] N.B. May 21 to 28 was spent in Cheyenne attending to lawsuit & other business.
	28 May, Sun	Went to Laramie to enquire about cattle &c.
	29 May, Mon	Laramie. Boughton came.
	30 May, Tue	Boughton, Sam Chandos Pole & I went to Rock Creek.
	31 May, Wed	We all three took stage to Powder River.
	1 Jun, Thu	[No entry]
	2 Jun, Fri	Arrived Powder R. P.O. where we slept.
	3 Jun, Sat	Drove to Big Horn Ranche where we slept. Met Alexis at Cow camp.
	4 Jun, Sun	Arrived at our Ranche.
	5 Jun, Mon	Winter disappeared & heat began. The weather up to today had been miserably cold. I rode to Old Post & slept.
	6 Jun, Tue	Telegraphed Wells to ask him to put his herd on offer 4 days for \$47000. Returned Ranche.
	7 Jun, Wed	Wells refused to take less than \$50,000.
	8 Jun, Thu – 11 Jun, Sun	[No entry]
	12 Jun, Mon	We discussed project of forming company with R. Frewen. Decided to wait & see how things went.
	13 Jun, Tue	[No entry]
	14 Jun, Wed	Drove to Old Post.
	15 Jun, Thu	Took stage for Rock Creek.
	16 Jun, Fri	[No entry]
	17 Jun, Sat	Arrived Rock Creek. Had negotiations with Yankee about his cattle. Did not buy.
	18 Jun, Sun	I arrived at Cheyenne. Alexis stayed over at Laramie.
	19 Jun, Mon	Alexis came to Cheyenne. We met Wells & made him an offer of \$45,000 for his cattle subject to our being satisfied that cattle were on range as per inventory handed me at Council Bluffs May 13.
	20 Jun, Tue	Wells' manner today led us to suppose that he had misrepresented his herd. We decided to recal [sic] our offer unless we were quite satisfied all was right.
	21 Jun, Wed	Rec[eive]d telegram from Wells asking \$47000 for herd. Telegraphed at once to Wells "We withdraw our offer. Consider

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		all negotiations ended." We felt relieved.
	22 Jun, Thu	[No entry]
	23 Jun, Fri	Went to Laramie City to enquire for cattle. Saw Fillmore & tried to contract with him. Collins came with us to look for his herd driven by Fisher.
	24 Jun, Sat	Contracted for 600 to 1100 head cattle to be del[ivere]d Rock Creek July 4. Alexis went Rock Creek with Collins to look for Fisher cattle. Returned Cheyenne. Found R Frewen.
	25 Jun, Sun	[No entry]
	26 Jun, Mon	[No entry]
	27 Jun, Tue	Lawsuit postponed again by Judge & we took change of venue to Laramie City.
	28 Jun, Wed	[No entry]
	29 Jun, Thu	[No entry]
	30 Jun, Fri	Alexis Left Cheyenne with outfit to meet Fillmore cattle at Rock Creek. I left for Laramie City with Fisher to see his cattle. We slept at a Sheep Ranche 20 miles from Laramie.
	1 Jul, Sat	I drove with Fisher & saw cattle near the bridge over Laramie River. Liked cattle, persuaded Fisher to come & hunt for Alexis. Went back (30 miles) to Laramie. Alexis had gone through. Found Alexis near Cooper Lake.
	2 Jul, Sun	Alexis & I rode to Fisher's cattle. Classed them & agreed to pay \$28 a head delivered at Rock Creek. Alexis & I rode to Rock Creek where we found Nate Champion & Sig Donahue with 42 horses & wagon. Also Col. Taylor & wife scared from P. River. ?Big Indian scare.
	3 Jul, Mon	Spent day building shoot [sic] in R.R. pens to brand cattle.
	4 Jul, Tue	Rec[eive]d 700 head cattle from Fillmore and 750 from Fisher. Pinned Fillmore cattle for night. Fisher held his.
	5 Jul, Wed	Branded 131 head. Only branded ½ day.
	6 Jul, Thu	Branded 246 head.
	7 Jul, Fri	Branded 45 head. Great trouble with shoot [sic]. Stopped branding & pulled it down. Built another.
	8 Jul, Sat	Branded 123 head. Shoot [sic] still very unsatisfactory.
	9 Jul, Sun	Branded 227 head. I left at night for Cheyenne in freight train.
	10 Jul, Mon	Arrived Cheyenne 10.50 AM. Selected 26 Bulls out of 63 of Frederick's held here. Cost \$55 del[ivere]d Rock C[reek]. Branded 166 head.
	11 Jul, Tue	Left Cheyenne for Rock Creek. Left waterproof coat, hat? & p[or]tmanteau at Club. Branded 158 head.
	12 Jul, Wed	Branded 166 head.
	13 Jul, Thu	Branded 114 head. Spent afternoon rounding up strays. Bought 2 cows & 4 calves from Baker for \$80.00.

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	14 Jul, Fri	Alexis started N. with Cattle. I came Cheyenne on business.
[?Pun on the wealthy Harry Oelrichs]	15 Jul, Sat	Saw Gilchrist. Did not contract beef but had talk with him about going into partnership – Roche, Gilchrist & self in buying cattle for Fall markets. Col. Taylor, W. Tisdall & Harry Oerhbricks dined with me.
	16 Jul, Sun	Went to Rock Creek
	17 Jul, Mon	Rode to V. Yankey's ranche where I found Alexis with herd at noon. Drove on to horse creek.
	18 Jul, Tue	Drove to south edge of Cañon.
	19 Jul, Wed	Drove herd through Cañon & on to Pete Hall's ranche. Cañon troublesome. Freezes nearly every night.
[La Prele Creek]	20 Jul, Thu	Drove to Sleighmaker's ranche. Had great trouble along the Laporelle [sic].
	21 Jul, Fri	I left herd and rode to Brown Springs 51 miles. Pony lame & I was 12 hours travelling. Never had such a day's work.
	22 Jul, Sat	Pony too lame to go on. Took stage for Powder R.
	23 Jul, Sun	Chandos Pole drove me to Big Horn Ranche for breakfast. I rode up to our Ranche in afternoon.
	24 Jul, Mon	Slept most of day at Ranche.
	25 Jul, Tue	Jack & I decided that it would be best to winter the E2 cattle on present range & move, beef cattle next year to some new range. Decided to meet herd at Antelope Springs and talk with Roche.
	26 Jul, Wed	Jack & I drove to Frewen's.
	27 Jul, Thu	Jack & I drove to 17 Mile Ranche.
	28 Jul, Fri	Met cattle Stirling's Water. Camped near Sand Creek.
	29 Jul, Sat	Came with cattle to Wind River & stayed with them.
	30 Jul, Sun	I took buggy & team to Powder River.
	31 Jul, Mon	Lost one horse & so rode up to Ranche.
	1 Aug, Tue	Rec[eive]d letter from Pater saying he could lend me £3000 if I telegraphed at 8 P.C.
	2 Aug, Wed	Found cattle at J R Smith's cabin. Kept tally for 92 calves branded. Great heat & I felt very sick.
	3 Aug, Thu	Rode up early to Frewens & on to Ranche in evening.
	4 Aug, Fri	Wrote up accounts all day. Windsor came over & slept. He wanted to raise a loan to pay off \$11666 3500 \$15166 to Nichols. I had said I would lend the money (£3000) if they would put an interest in herd on offer.
	5 Aug, Sat	O'Malley rode over to stay over Sunday. I went to Frewen's with Windsor where he met Coble. They offered me 3rd interest in

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		herd for \$31000. I said I would either take it or give loan. I telegraphed Pater as below. Returned Ranche. Telegram cost \$17.65. To Lord Dunsany, Compton n[ea]r Horsham, Sussex, England. Offer received. Send three thousand to King's New York immediately.
	6 Aug, Sun	Cattle were turned loose at Cow camp.
	7 Aug, Mon	Windsor & Coble came to our Ranche & I wrote agreement signed both parties in spirit of our conversation.
	8 Aug, Tue	Rode down to Frewen's to post letters.
	9 Aug, Wed	Rode to Frewen's to post & get mail.
	10 Aug, Thu	Weather has completely cooled off. Nights deliciously cold. Sun hot in day time but air cool.
	11 Aug, Fri	Rode with Alexis to Windsor & Coble's.
	12 Aug, Sat	Spent day among Windsor & Cobles cattle in the mountains. Tried to get them to reduce their valuation of herd but without success. Rode with Alexis to Peters & Alston's.
	13 Aug, Sun	Spent the day resting at Peters & Alston's. Very enjoyable.
[RESP – Randal Edward Sherborne Plunkett]	14 Aug, Mon	Wrote in answer to RESP's letter "send £1000 to King's to my credit as soon as you like."
	15 Aug, Tue – 17 Aug, Thu	[No entry]
	18 Aug, Fri	Went to Frewen's for mail. Kemp had returned from Cheyenne. Had been authorised by M.F. to offer us \$175000 for EK outfit.
	19 Aug, Sat	[No entry]
	20 Aug, Sun	Kemp came to try & get us to put a figure on our herd. Promised to write one.
	21 Aug, Mon	Kemp left. I rode to Bob Stewart & got him to look for Charlie Ellis for Iveson who wants to join his camp. Worked at fence.
	22 Aug, Tue	Wrote Kemp & M.F. (the latter to Cheyenne Club) that we would take about \$260,000 for herd & range.
	23 Aug, Wed	Worked at fence.
	24 Aug, Thu	[No entry]
	25 Aug, Fri	[No entry]
	26 Aug, Sat	I went to Frewen's. Met Ted Frewen. Heard that B. Fitzpatrick had gone to Egypt.
	27 Aug, Sun	I returned our Ranche with Millais. Boughton & I went to Peters & Alston's in vain hope of getting them to join in forming a company. My old schoolfellow Herbert Magniac there in charge of Alston.
	28 Aug, Mon	We returned our Ranche.
	29 Aug, Tue	I went to Peter's. Found Alston alone.
	30 Aug, Wed	Alston & I went to corral on Buffalo Creek where I met Coble – saw his beef and returned to Peters.
	31 Aug, Thu	Coble & I rode to Old Post to meet Windsor who did not come.

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	1 Sep, Fri	I returned to Ranche.
	2 Sep, Sat	[No entry]
	3 Sep, Sun	[No entry]
	4 Sep, Mon	Placed all the beef we could find on Powder R in our pasture. Decided to drive to the U.P.
	5 Sep, Tue	Our outfit went to gather beef on Crazy Woman.
	6 Sep, Wed	I went to ?Frewin's to meet Windsor. We went back to his ranche where I slept.
	7 Sep, Thu	Arranged terms of partnership with Windsor & Coble. Returned to Ranche.
	8 Sep, Fri	Went to Frewen's to meet Moreton. He didn't come. Found E Frewen & H. Magniac at Ranche on my return.
	9 Sep, Sat	Windsor & Coble drove 150 head beef into our pasture. We agreed to drive them for \$1.00 per head.
	10 Sep, Sun	Started our beef for Railroad. Left E Frewen & H Magniac at Frewen's. Windsor & Coble slept here.
	11 Sep, Mon	Windsor & Coble & I drew up & signed partnership agreement. W & C left to go to Nowood in search of cattle.
	12 Sep, Tue	Went to store to get letters. H. Magniac & E Frewen took stage.
	13 Sep, Wed	Cleared beef herd & tallied as under EK & H 623  K.C. 15  (we rec[eive]d 150 H cattle & cont[inued] on for Powder R.) Slept at Frewen's.
	14 Sep, Thu	Returned Ranche. Windsor came over reporting that Noble & Booth would sell.
[?Charles Wm. Dunbar- Buller]	15 Sep, Fri	Telegraphed C B [sic] Buller, Brooks Club, London "Sell. Plunkett." as arranged by R.E.S.P. in his letter of Aug. 16 from Arcachon. Went to Windsor & Cobles.
	16 Sep, Sat	Rode over mountain to Nowood country. Saw Noble & Loring & Booth. Thought of forming company with W & C & offered to pay forfeit for refusal of Noble's herd. Did not come to terms. But shall see Noble at R.R.
	17 Sep, Sun	Rode from Nowood (Canyon Creek) across mountains to W & C and on to our Ranche. Found C Ellis & Iveson down out of mountain. I was very unwell with diarrhoea & cold on stomach.
	18 Sep, Mon	Alexis started with buggy for Cheyenne.
	19 Sep, Tue	Jim Winn came to our Ranche.
	20 Sep, Wed	We, Boughton & I & Jim W., went to Frewen's where we slept.
	21 Sep, Thu	Boughton & I started from Frewen's for Rock Creek. Slept at 17 Mile Ranche.
	22 Sep, Fri	Slept Brown Springs
	23 Sep, Sat	Slept Fetterman

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	24 Sep, Sun	Passed Jack with Beef cattle for Slaymaker's. Some of the cattle had gone blind & some were lame. Decided to ship from Rock Creek. Slept 40 Mile Ranche.
	25 Sep, Mon	Made Rock Creek 5.30. 197 miles in 5 days. Met Arthur Tisdall there on way to Booth's R & advised him to give up idea of getting work there.
[ACR – Alexis Charles Roche]	26 Sep, Tue	Met young Wood at Laramie & ordered 33 cars Rock Creek for October 1st. Arrived Cheyenne Club. A.C.R. & Tisdall dined with me.
[Granville Milner]	27 Sep, Wed	Granny Millner [sic] & McIntosh arrived Cheyenne.
	28 Sep, Thu	[No entry]
	29 Sep, Fri	Had a talk with T. Sturgis about forming a Co. He said N.R. Davis' cattle could be bought for value.
	30 Sep, Sat	[No entry]
[# – lb.]	1 Oct, Sun	I went to Rock Creek after contracting our beef to Powder River Cattle Co. for next year 5 cents per # del[ivere]d in Chicago. A.C.R. went East for home.
	2 Oct, Mon	Left Rock Creek with cattle.
	3 Oct, Tue	Arrived North Platte.
	4 Oct, Wed	Boughton arrived North Platte early in the morning. I took Denver Express for C[ouncil] Bluffs & left B. to take cattle on. I had supper with W Murphy, Wells' cattle foreman & family.
	5 Oct, Thu	Arrived C. Bluffs. Went to Omaha & slept at Paxton [House].
	6 Oct, Fri	Sold 90 Windsor & C steers @ 3.75 [cents per lb.] and 6 EKs.  EKs averaged 1186 [lbs.] 46 Hs " 1125 44 Hs " 1157  Boughton took cattle on. I went by train.
	7 Oct, Sat	Arrived Galesburg. Met Bp. of Rochester in train.
	8 Oct, Sun	Boughton & I left for Chicago. Went to Grand Pacific.
	9 Oct, Mon	Sold cattle on a very flat market. Changed to Leland Hotel. We went to Romeo & Juliet (Miss Mary Anderson). Poor.
	10 Oct, Tue	Called on Smithson who told me Reynolds Moreton was coming Chicago.
	11 Oct, Wed	[No entry]
	12 Oct, Thu	[No entry]
[CB&Q – Chicago Burlington & Quincy]  [ESRB – Edward Shuckburgh Rouse Boughton]	13 Oct, Fri	Left Chicago CB&Q 12.15 with ESRB.
	14 Oct, Sat	Arrived Omaha where I met W. Blacker & John Blakeney bound

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[Prob. Paxton House hotel.]		west. ESRB went Cheyenne. Blacker & Blakeney & I stayed over. Saw Windsor & decided to lift ½ Paxton's bill.
	15 Oct, Sun	W. Blacker, Blakeney & I went 12.15 west for Cheyenne.
	16 Oct, Mon	Arrived Cheyenne. W. Blacker agreed to invest money with me. I to receive 25 per cent of net proceeds. Corlett & Rosendale to draw up agreement embodying our future relations of capitalist & agent.
	17 Oct, Tue	Got N R Davis to figure on his herd. He claimed about 17000 head (including 4500 calves) & 384 horses. Outfit for \$510,000 for cattle & \$40 per head for horses.
	18 Oct, Wed	[No entry]
	19 Oct, Thu	[No entry]
[prob. XIT rancher Walter de S. Maud]	20 Oct, Fri	Boughton, W. Blacker, Blakeney & I went to Denver to see some of the scenery of the Rockies. Stayed Windsor Hotel. Met W. S. Maude [sic] who had letter of introduction to me from Lady Fermoy. He put our names down for Denver Club.
	21 Oct, Sat	Denver marvellously grown since /79 when I last saw it.
	22 Oct, Sun	[No entry]
	23 Oct, Mon	Left Denver early for Manitou Park where we met Miss Blacker & Commander Ford R.N. Charming little tourist resort.
	24 Oct, Tue	We all drove to the Cheyenne Cañon (through the Garden of the Gods on our way). Day enjoyable & scenery grand.
	25 Oct, Wed	ESRB, WB & I took train for Leadville.
	26 Oct, Thu	Inspected the iron mine and left for Buena Vista.
	27 Oct, Fri	Arrived Denver. Met Miss Blacker & the Commander.
[RESP – Randal Edward Sherborne Plunkett]	28 Oct, Sat	Miss B. & brother E.S.R.B. & I went to Cheyenne. Found letters from Pater (2) R.E.S.P., G de Robeck, E de Burgh, Mary Plunkett, W. Bulwer, R. Frewen & others.
	29 Oct, Sun	[No entry]
	30 Oct, Mon	Went to Laramie to see Brown – absent. Saw Colonel Donnell & Bill Nye. W. Blacker sister & Blakeney went to Virginia.
	31 Oct, Tue	Returned Cheyenne. Saw Gilchrist & first talked over with Hay & Lane my proposed assoc'n for Live Stock broking.
	1 Nov, Wed – 6 Nov, Mon	[No entry]
	7 Nov, Tue	Great vote market opened in Cheyenne. Democratic Victory.
	8 Nov, Wed	Went to Laramie to consult Brown & Potter.
	9 Nov, Thu	Bill Nye dinner
	10 Nov, Fri	Went with R. Frewen & R Data (witnesses) to Laramie City for lawsuit. Found it would not come off till Monday.



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	11 Nov, Sat	[No entry]
	12 Nov, Sun	[No entry]
	13 Nov, Mon	Trial came and Lane came to testify. Whole day spent in my examination. Corlett gets away with Brown.
	14 Nov, Tue	Hopeless stupidity of my attorneys force me to make compromise.
	15 Nov, Wed	Dinner Colonel Babbitt
	16 Nov, Thu	I gave up my stock broking assoc'n scheme as Gov. Hoyt had the same men engaged in another scheme. Left in Cheyenne in trunk Chaps, breeches, spurs, slicker. Hat, blue serge suit, a/cs & papers. Brown coat & trousers.
	17 Nov, Fri	Agreed to join Gov. Hoyt, F. E. Warren, Judge Carey & M.E. Post in proposed Wyoming Improvement and Investment Co. Left for Chicago.
	18 Nov, Sat	Yesterday before leaving I agreed with Campbell to go in with him & Gilchrist in a cattle buy next spring if a profitable one could be found. Saw Windsor at Omaha.
	19 Nov, Sun	Arrived Leland Chicago. Saw McCulloch & told him to see Windsor at Omaha & see if he would join Campbell & ourselves in the cattle pool.
	20 Nov, Mon	Left by 5 P.M. fast train for New York.
	21 Nov, Tue	Arrived NY 7.25. Very comfortable & very fast travelling. Found 3 letters from Pater c/o W. Blacker. Letter announced Valentine's engagement to Miss Winn.
	22 Nov, Wed	Lunched Mackintosh [sic]. He dined with us at Delmonico's. S Weninger joined us & took me to Chess Club (Manhattan).
	23 Nov, Thu	Embarked on board SS Baltic 2.30 P.M.
	24 Nov, Fri	261 from Sandy Hook. Fine.
	25 Nov, Sat	340. Fair
	26 Nov, Sun	334 Favorable breeze.
	27 Nov, Mon	320 ditto
	28 Nov, Tue	351 ditto
	29 Nov, Wed	354 Rough ditto.
	30 Nov, Thu	329 ditto
	1 Dec, Fri	332 ditto
	2 Dec, Sat	Queenstown 7 A.M.
[9 stone 6 lb = 132 lbs]	3 Dec, Sun	Liverpool early. Saw H. Cullen. Arrived 7 Grosvenor Pl. Found Pater & Ernle. Weighed 9st[one] 6 naked.
	4 Dec, Mon	[No entry]
	5 Dec, Tue	Dined the Magniacs. B. Fitzp[atrick] called.
	6 Dec, Wed	Dined Valentine St. James' Club.

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	7 Dec, Thu	Called on the Frewens.
	8 Dec, Fri	Lunched M. Frewen Whites. Dined Gillie Leigh. 37 Portman Square. Herbert Magniac sent for me & I decided to write to Lane. Played Zukertort 4 games chess & won 3.
	9 Dec, Sat	[No entry]
	10 Dec, Sun	Lunched M.F.
	11 Dec, Mon	Breakfasted Barnie.
	12 Dec, Tue	Went to see Jim Winn at Nostell Priory. Met Tom Hare & Jim Winn's elder brother Rowland Winn.
	13 Dec, Wed	Jim asked me to write Coble to start him to run ranche on Nowood & to ask Windsor to secure him Dave Reynolds. Also he agreed to take 1/3rd share in Noble's herd if I bought it.
[ACR – Alexis Charles Roche]	14 Dec, Thu	I gave Pater ACR's bill to me for £150 payable Nov. 1/83. Money was lent to me by Pater to lend ACR.
	15 Dec, Fri	Dined B. Fitz-patrick. Met Staveley Hill Q.C., M.P. &c.
	16 Dec, Sat	[No entry]
	17 Dec, Sun	Called Francis & Mrs. Plunkett. Boughton lunched. Took night mail for Ireland.
	18 Dec, Mon	Arrived early train Dunsany.
	19 Dec, Tue	Hunted Tripod with Meaths, Killeen. Good hunt but thick fog in which I was lost. Dined Grange.
	20 Dec, Wed	Hunted Officer Wards. Dunshaughlin.
	21 Dec, Thu	Went to Dublin & slept at Kearns [Hotel].
	22 Dec, Fri	Went to Mallow Station where I was to stop with Tommy Peacocke. Met Alexis who persuaded me to go to Doneraile.
	23 Dec, Sat	Mounted with Duhallows by Tommy Peacocke.
	24 Dec, Sun	Went to Kilcooley. Found Polly, Chum & children, Mrs. Ponsonby Blanche & Kathy.
	25 Dec, Mon	[No entry]
	26 Dec, Tue	Went to Maretimo. Telegraphed Windsor arrange with Gilchrist to buy Noble. Profitable resale about certain.
	27 Dec, Wed	Denis Lawless & I returned to Dunsany by Ward Special. I hunted Officer and Denis had The Parson from Syons. Good run. Killeen people, Coleridge & Murphy dined. Rec[eive]d answer from Windsor. Noble trade closed do not resell. Wait letter. Raise money.
	28 Dec, Thu	Dined Warrenstown
	29 Dec, Fri	Hunted Chesnut with Meaths Woodlands. Poor day. Dined the Grange.
	30 Dec, Sat	Drove to R[ock] Lodge on business & also to see what was required to make house ready for Chum & Mary if they should come. Wrote Chum all is ready.
	31 Dec, Sun	After Church went to see Gussy Briscoe. Dined at Killeen.

