

November 1 / 1899. -

Los Palmans, Calchaqui, Daily detail of work done on estancia.

Had on rodos del Mustolar this morning; parted out about 100 ugly toros and toritos and capand them in corral at puesto Mustolar. Also marked 5 calves. All bulls we are keeping are being discarded. Miguel Fraire from Olvidas gave hand. Lent horse cart to Elias Ledesma to go to Calchaqui; C. Dogherby went along on a paseo. Lent in wild pig (barcina) to Consul Ayers (U.S.) in Rosario as a present to U.S. government. - Peones on place are Baldomero Romero (capataz) <sup>36</sup> wife as cook. - <sup>18</sup> Romulo Piedrabuena, <sup>18</sup> Rafael Barque, <sup>18</sup> Domingo Sanchez peones, <sup>15</sup> Remigno Niz, herrero; <sup>56</sup> Vicenti Lioti caballero, <sup>56</sup> Francisco Jenin chacrera & wife as cook. <sup>20</sup> Gabino Muniz puesto potrero, <sup>25</sup> Juan Gongala puesto Costa Laguna, <sup>25</sup> Ewaldino Gonzalez puesto Palmera <sup>20</sup> Domingo Ledesma puesto Mustolar, <sup>20</sup> Damasias Ojido puesto paso Calchaqui, <sup>25</sup> Felix Roman & peones <sup>18</sup> Leopilo Ojido & Jose Iscohar at puesto Sono Poi. <sup>7</sup> <sup>8</sup> washwoman. \$342 per mo.

This morning a strong south wind blew and looks like rain, but afterwards cleared up and looks like a seca. - Began cutting alfa in afternoon.

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Domingo Ledesma and 2 peones from here brought over 7 bulls from Hartnecks camp.

Montoned the alfa in afternoon.

Made up accounts for end of year.

Had lent horse cart to Elias, & Dogherby went with him on a paseo yesterday. - to Calchaqui -

Juan (indio) came back from outside; had gone with Jordan & party last Friday up to Chileas, close to Cueigu & back by way of Salado. - Other part went by way of Martins to San Cristobal.

Weather looked this morning like rain but it was a fine warm 85° day. - Domingo Aruani was here. -



Nov 3 / 99

Had on rodio in potrero; dismamentared 5 calves by putting horn rings on nose; also castrated about 10 calves. Butchered a black cow. Cut another bit of alfa in morning; too windy to bring it in. Baldomero went to Mustolar with tropilla to part at Hartenecks tomorrow. Strong south wind came up in morning, and quite a cool day. -

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Miquel was here in morning; says his indians have orders to clear out from Santa Fe Land Co Comisario. Dougherty came back from Calchaqui with fleas, hat mail, yuba, vino, mattress cloth. Brought in 3 loads of alfa for stack. In afternoon "montonared" some more. - In afternoon captured 3 doritos at Juan's (Indio). Baldomero and gutie came back from Hartenecks camp had parted out 24 animals. Domingo had brought 10 bulls. Strong S E wind and looks like garrua.

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Sunday. noon. Chasqui came this morning from San Cristobal with letter from Gordon saying Prevost was in Santa Fe & should go to see him about rent of this camp. So leave at noon with Dougherty for Calchaqui. Warm day. Baldomero left in charge. -

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Alfredo came back at noon from La California. When had gone to Calchaqui on 5<sup>th</sup> last month met Mr Prevost there and settled terms of contract with him then & there. Mr Prevost promised to have contract made out & sent at end of that week. William had written A. to come to La California ~~next~~ if possible as he wanted to get away to Venado Tuerto remates. - So next day went down with Dougherty who went only to Rosario. - Sold Tomas Trapaga the hides @ \$7. apiece, wool, hair etc.



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and told him to tell Miguel to reparar the place for me. Stopped down at La California until the 26<sup>th</sup>. Had heard nothing of the contract in meantime. Bro't Katie & Marie in to hear Paccini sing in the opera "Barbera Sevilla". - Stopped in Rosario 3 days. <sup>San Donambula also</sup> Saw Middleton to take over our agency business in Rosario but left it to William to settle the matter definitely. - Had both re-filled & cleaned. -

Came up in day train to Santa Fe to see Priest but he was in Buenos Aires. When arrived in Calchaqui found contract had been sent out here a few days previously. Borrowed horse from Carlos Rohr to come out. Found here every thing well and had some nice rains, & every thing seems going on all right. - Miguel had been here off and on to look after things. - The contract was a bit difeunt from what A estipulated with Mr Priest in the following items: - The <sup>rent</sup> was to have been charged at end of every 6 months and only estipulated to have fence on northern & southern boundary: whereas in Contract states must make 3 leagues along Hartenecks boundary. - Miguel is here. -

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Sunday. Butchered cow. Miguel left. - Elias was here: told him must fix his corral & lock his cattle in nights, as too many fine bulls go over there. - Miguel's cart came from Calchaqui; bring for us yuba. Tobacco, and a few encomiendas. - Domingo Arivari was here this ~~morning~~ <sup>to night</sup> and goes tomorrow to see about cutting posts for south fence which arrancaes from south fence of Las Molles. - Fri day. East wind. Signed contract to send on to Priest tomorrow. -



Dec 4 / 99.

Sent Chacero in to Balchaqui with horse cart to bring out stores. Had on rodeo de la tapera. Few embichados. Cattle looking well. Found calf of ours with Harteneck's mark, <sup>marks</sup> posillo over, put our sinal & disjunctured its tail. - Very warm day. N. Wind. - D. Aivani went down to Muellas to see about posts for fencing south end of camp.

Had on rodeo Mistolar, disembichared and capared a lot of small tortos. - Hartenecks people parted out <sup>about</sup> 5 animals. Urcesino Jomey came in afternoon. Cart came back from Balchaqui bringing stores: encomienda of matches etc sent by Macintosh a month ago has not come yet. - Very hot day 94° in forenoon. 10 Am. In afternoon looked like rain. Aivani reports five posts at Muellas for fencing.

Had on rodeo ~~del~~ Medio. Lots of calves embichados. Capared some bulls. Robson came & stops night. Miquel was here for breakfast & went with Jomey to Fr. Tallers to see about rodeo at the Vara. Looked very much like rain.

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Had on rodeo del Estancia. Cattle looking well and clean. - Hartenecks parted out 5 animals. Pancho Martinez here for breakfast. Robson left. Miquel here for night. Began cutting alfalfa. - Very hot day 90°. Lamp heat.

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Cepedo recovered down south. Went with Felix to south fence of Muellas, costa of Salado, and from there took boundary line to costa of Balchaqui. Had breakfast with Leandro Moreira of Medio Luna, who claims he has league of land north of Medio Luna. Told him to reclaim in time from Co. de Tierras. - Mares & horses



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looking well. Baldomero & Leon & Sisto Mar-  
tinez recovered monte campo Anuffo to find  
cattle but found nothing. - Very hot muggy  
morning & stormy afternoon with slight driz-  
zles. - Finished cutting  $\frac{1}{2}$  of alfa in mor-  
ning - and montonaded some -

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Had on rodeo in potreros; Desembuchand &  
put nose rings on 8 calves. Captured some toros  
& parted some vaquillas to camp. -

Butchered cow @ . -

Plowed between maize in forenoon.

In afternoon all hands worked in alfa - but in  
two big loads. Weather looked threatening. -  
M. Fraire in for night on way to San Cristobal

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Sunday. Very hot day  $90^{\circ}$ . Brot in rest  
of alfa  $\frac{1}{2}$  of field 6 <sup>good</sup> loads in all. -

A. was up at baldinos. Cacique Mariano  
there. Camp looks splendid up there. -

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Very hot day N.E. wind  $96^{\circ}$  -

A. recovered down to Elias & Damasio's puesto.  
Domingo Sanchez went with horse cart to Cal-  
chaqui to bring out horse rake etc. -

Baldomero & Leon went over to Hartenack's  
estancia looking for toros. found 3 (captured  
1) & some other animals. - Cacique Mariano  
was here. -

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Another very hot day  $94^{\circ}$  In afternoon stormy  
S.E. wind. - Butchered cow in morning. -

Cut alfa in forenoon, and montonaded it in  
afternoon. -

Cart came back from Calchaqui; did not bring  
rake which had not come yet. -

D. Arwani came with 3 carts & quite to  
begin fencing south end of force camp. -



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Domingo Arivani took bullocks from potrero making bullocks he takes to work with at alambrado. He & gente left in afternoon with his 3 carts for the Muellos. Fr. Frain was here for breakfast on way back from San Cristobal. Brok letter from Provost for A.B. to go see him in Santa Fe. - M.F. had arranged with Cia. to go & take possession at Cacique. - Fearful hot day 98° - Looked stormy at noon. Brok in alfa today 3 loads. - Baldomero & 2 peones went to Gallanta today to part out with Sista Martinez & gente. - Report that Felix parted out 8 animals from Micheludo's camp. Arranged with Arivani to alambra south camp. Posts to cut \$10 per 100 - 2.25 m. long 45 Cm. Circumf. 1 req for every 1000 post Curo vueltas. - Were to be posts every 10 onto - 45 Cm. from ground, 30 between each wire - 1.35 mts high fence. -

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Sent Patricio for a capon to priest Cristobal.

Cut alfa in morning and yintared in afternoon. Fearful hot day 98° nearly all day. - Baldomero came back from aparte Gallanta & Hartenuek's North rodeo. -

Packed 4 from Avalos, & 11 from Hartenueks. Says Julian had rodeo on but would not let them part as they were working on rodeo pays about 14 he saw an rodeo. Rodeo there for next Friday. Miguel here for night. - A goes in morning to Calchaguí Santa Fe to see Provost & remake the contract into Benito's name. -



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A came back at midnight last night from Santa Fe. - Signed contract before Escribano Publico (Basualdo) same as contract signed about a fortnight ago. With exception that can use Palm posts along Calchaqui river, and Lustracho or Mandubay posts along ~~South~~ <sup>Bought 30 nicotals No 9 gal wire @ 15¢ here -</sup> South fence. - Been having fearful hot ~~days~~ days about 100° every day. - Nicolas Dällers cattle were dying of thirst. and he let them rip. giving his men orders to let them pass to this side. Had on video tapura this morning, and only about 1/4 were our cattle, rest belonging to Däller and Michelud. Parted about 90 bulls of Dällers & Micheluds mark & put them in ensemada. Sent note to both to come and take them away. - A fearful mixture and great perjuicia to us. Wrote to Däller to come personally & take arrange about his cattle. - 19 -

Had on video Mustolar about 4500 at least 1/2 were agenos. Michelud & Nicolas Däller both turned up. - Michelud parted nearly all his out and took his toros away we had parted yesterday. Nicolas Däller <sup>took his bulls away about 100 -</sup> did not know what to do about his cattle. Told him to take away his bulls, and leave his cattle here until it rains on condition he fences in costa Calchaqui. He was very glad as by taking them back they simply die of thirst. - The man begins to fence in 6 days. N. Dällers to allow no more cattle to come here. - It was another fearful hot day 100°. 2 carts, Domingo Ledesma and Surdo, left for Calchaqui tonight to bring out wire & tourniquets for fencing direct to south fence, and other cargo for here. (purchases in Santa Fe etc. -

Butchered capon also cow in afternoon.



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Charquand. Afterwards cleaned well, & put up bebida for horses.

Strong N.E. wind and hot 97°. Seca getting very serious. Recovered camp in afternoon. Feliciano Jonzales came to make varillas, mt long 5 quarts - @ 3. - per 100 -

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Alfredo went down to south end of camp where Domingo Arivani is fencing, and where Moreira had protested against fence. Fixed the line greatly to Moreira's disgust as line goes through estero. Moreira wanted to show that line should go to other codo about 4 kil to the north on Calchaqui. - Cloudy day 90°. - E wind & looks rainy. Baldomero & gente went to Juampita to part at Julian's Camp looking fearful dry.

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Had a nice gentle rain from 1 am until about 4, not enough to juntar water but splended to freshen up camp and chacra. Baldomero + gente came back from Juampita. did not part on account of rain. - Splendid day.

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Butchered a cow from potrero. A. was over at Martins in forenoon. - In Fraire was here on way back from Jidoys. - Recorded down Salado. - no animals impantaned. - Warm <sup>90°</sup> day & muggy, looks like more rain.

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Sunday.

Hot day muggy and looks stormy 94°. - Nothing going. A was up at Svaldinos -

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Vmas day. Had feast day. no work. - A was over at Hartnicks estancia where they were busy boring their well as they have no water for their catth. Mail came. Carts slept at Pecos on way out from



Calchaqui with wire <sup>30 q.</sup> 15 q. galvanized, <sup>ma.</sup>  
80 double tourniquets. horse rake, some iron ware  
goods etc. - At about 11 AM. had a tremendous  
thunder which came first from west & then south  
and had a tremendous ~~shower~~ hour of rain,  
heaviest rain we had since April. But camp being  
so dry soaked pretty well in -

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Sent a note to Nicolas Daller to come and  
part on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Alfredo was down at lower  
end of camp. Arwani had begun setting posts.  
Carts had reached there with 30 q wire, 15 q baled  
wire & 80 tourniquets. Measured, roll of galvan-  
ized No 9 wire - 460 mts. - Had not rained  
so much down there as here, but still lots  
of water about in Tacurusal. Told Felix  
would take him from puesto Lomo Poi by end  
of month. A beautiful day. Miguel was  
here. Mail came. - Baldomero and 2 peones  
left to part at Julian Sanchez tomorrow. -

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Fine warm day. - Butchered cow M -  
Robson came for breakfast and stops for night -  
Nicolas Daller sent letter could not come to  
part tomorrow. The two carts came from Alambardo  
bringing 6 cow hides & 2 horse hides from Lomo  
Poi - and 2 horse hides from Mistolar & other  
articles from Calchaqui (horse rake, tools, bolts,  
etc. - Miguel passed on way to Hartenecks.

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Sent letter to Nicolas Daller to come without fail  
tomorrow to begin parting his cattle out -  
Robson left. Baldomero came back from reculuta at  
Julian Sanchez - parted 35 animals and 3 at  
Hartenecks (bulls). Left quite at puesto to parra  
rodeo tomorrow. - Miguel here for breakfast; set rake  
up. Fine cool day F. 88°. pity could not  
work on rodeo -



Dec 29 199.

Had on rodeo Mistolar (a part about 1500) in morning, and as Nicolas Dällus did not turn up began parting his cattle out: Elias, Pancho, Corriente, Romulo, Surdo & Chamorro worked on their own horses.. Sent word letter with the policia to Calchaqui for the Comisario to oblige Dällus to part out, & take his animals out of corral. Parted out 450 animals by 8 AM. & Elias pastored them & afterwards lock in corral. Desim: bechaud & afterwards prepared some agudo bulls.. Julian Sanchez was here with ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> cattle stops the night.. Warm day  $94^{\circ}$  NE wind.. — 30 —

Had on rodeo Tapera (south part) about 2500 head. Dällus gente parted about 400 head until 8 AM. & then locked in.. only parted about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of their cattle in that rodeo.. Very hot day. NE wind  $96^{\circ}$  in shade — Valentin Bravo came to see about hauling posts from Monte Aquara to Costa Salado.. The cutter of Andreas was here also & see with gente for cutting.. Don Valentin says will send ~~four~~ <sup>five</sup> carts in a week to haul posts.. — 31 —

Had on part of rodeo Mistolar about 1500 head. Dällus parted about 400. Very hot day. N wind  $97^{\circ}$ . Butchered cow M