

April 1896.-

day. - Alfredo was up at Martin's

- 23 -

Another warm murky day. - Looks like rain. Miguel recommenced up towards end of Palmar lake. Bro't in 8 animals. - Cart went in to Calchaquí to bring out gallitá, Johnnie's things etc. 3 carts went last night to Monte to bring leña for marcación. -

- 24 -

Sent Checho to Calchaquí to bring out Johnnie, but it seems J. came out in night train, & Robt lent them horses, & so they arrived about 3 o'clock with Checho. - It was a fearful sultry day with a damp heat. - Carts hauling leña for marcación. Sent for horses to Baldomero. Looks stormy. -

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Storm came up last night & had good deal of rain. - Hot day & looks like more rain. - Made a new well as old well is below water. Made last preparations for marcación. - Cart came back from Calchaquí bringing gallitá, yerba, etc. -

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Sunday. - Began raining and rained a great deal this forenoon. Weather still is bad. Fearful lot of water about. -

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Gente coming together for marcación. 5 from Muelle 5 from Cabals Ajidos etc. - Johnnie, Sosa & A. had picnic up Palmar lake. -

April

Fine drying day. Report on south side of camp had not rained near as much as here. -

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Gente all went down to south ensenada to sleep & to begin work tomorrow. Lot of the peones went to sleep at puertos to becojer. - Warmish day & looks like more rain, which would humbug the marcación as the corrales are rather muddy already. Robson & J. Martin were here. -

- 29 -

Began marcación. Wednesday. On 4c of mud in corrales here, began an tapera rodeo which after a deal of trouble locked in the new ensenada, and began work by 12 o'clock. Marked 940 by dark, & some left yet. Rodeo was about 3500 head. Parted about 80 cens with small cabros out first. - It was a warm day. Came back late as Johnnie & Sosa go in morning early to Calchaquí. Robson here for night. -

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Johnnie & Sosa left this morning early 3 A.M. for Calchaquí. Checho came back in evening, bro't 2 new marks. - Finished marking the cabros locked in, early. 168 cabros, & then locked in Mistolar without any trouble (about 3000). Finished marking by dark. 1014 making 2122 marked yesterday & today. Warm day but looks threatening. Corral very muddy. 9 yuntas worked. Robson & J. Martin were here. -

May 1/96. -

Miguel went down and let out the cattle from south encenada.

Put on Salado rodeo about 1800 and letted in and finished by about 2.30 P.M. - 454 calves. Let cattle in till tomorrow. Robson left, also G. Martin this afternoon. It was a warm day. - 2076 marked so far. (3 rodeos)

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Very threatening morning but letted in Palmar rodeo, & took other cattle back to rodeo Salado. Had a good let in, but it began to rain very hard and continued until night so let cattle out again in evening with all gente.

Corral in a fearful state & camp full of water. - Won't be able to work again for some time.

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Sunday. -

Arreglared with the gente who worked in marcacion by day. = 32 peones who earned 361.20 outside of the estancia peones who worked by month. - Camp full of water. - Gente gradually going off.

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Hauling dirt to galpon. - disgranaring maiz. Butchered novillo. Sun came out at last. Calchaqui swimming.

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Miguel went to recover the south puertos & stops all night. Filling up ground in caballeriza. Revocaring east side of house and kitchen. A. was up at Palmar lake

May 1896. -

which is rising. Warmish day with north wind

- 6 -

Miguel came back at noon from puertos. Alfredo recovered towards Palmar which is still rising. Still filling up pesebre. Arreglando round house. Robson turned up tonight. Weather north wind, cloudy, & looks like more rain, God forbid. - Looks like we'd have big creciente. Day peones on estancia, are Chicho, Wenceslao, Chamorra, Juan, Gregorio, Tomas, Lamba, Pancho.

- 7 -

Put on rodeo in potrero and marked 21 tambara calves and 10 cerretero calves. total 123. The cattle not looking extra healthy. In the afternoon marked 17 tambara calves here on estancia. Miguel left in afternoon with Juan Gregorio, Chicho & Wenceslao to mark tambaras at puertos etc. Robson still here. Had slight shower in morning, & now strong S E wind blowing and freshening up. Butchered old cow, also killed adiconado toruno for skin. -

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Seems Miguel's redomones got out of corral last night at puertos. campiendo. Dug some batatas & done odd jobs on place. J. Martin stops night.

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The peones went off to help Martin mark tomorrow. A. & J. Martin were down at Baldomero's where Miguel was marking colts.

" marked 14 ¹⁶ ~~curros~~ ^{at Felix's} tambora calves at Felix's puertos, 11 at Galazars, 18 at Baldomero, making 188 tambora calves marked so far & 102 curros in potrero making ~~2858~~ ²⁷⁷⁰ marked so far.

It was a hot day north wind. J. Bellos is here for night.

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Sunday. A. was over at Martin's marking today. he parted out and marked about 318, has left about 100 more on rodeo. Miguel came back from Baldomero's marked 33 macho colts and 35 hembras.

total 68. Some are missing yet. Was very hot muggy forenoon but in afternoon wind changed to south strong and got almost misty.

- 11 -

S.E. wind blowing, & cloudy, and tonight it began raining. Laguna Palmar & Calchaqui rising, effects of the rain of the 2nd. Put young tropilla into potrero. Butchered old cow from potrero. Bro't load of maize from Frakes chacra. Peicho bro't mail.

- 12 -

Alfredo recovered up at puerto Damasio, and went as as Julian Sanchez to see them about keeping their cattle out of our camp. J. Martin & mother stop the night on way to

May

Calchaqui, also J. Bellos who takes his cart in. Our cart also goes in. Weather still muggy. Men doing odd jobs on place.

- 13 -

Had another heavy rain last night, & day was muggy and this evening strong south wind blows which I expect will clear up. Sent cart in to Calchaqui with Bellos'. Butchered old cow. The Calchaqui is rising also Laguna Palmar.

- 14 -

Pintos came with 41 cows which he had lost in trip from Alejandra to 'La California' he found them at Fortin Almagro & came on with Eduarte & Domingo - 6 days work, ronda = \$19.50 2 = 39.00 - 6. gasts = \$33.00. To Pintos = 23 days work @ 6.00 = \$138.00 17 rondas @ 3.00 = \$51.00 - he gave Ana elito 10.00 7.00 vueltos. \$6.00 capon & yerba. \$6.00 to Domingo & Eduarte = total 218.00 minus 153.70 he rec'd at La California - leaving him 64.30 \$64.30 to Pintos \$33.00 to Eduarte & Domingo = 97.30 to be debited to La California. Strong S.E. wind blew & got cold. Revocaring the outside of Miguel's room.

- 15 -

Took all the cattle out of the potrero except Frakes, & a few ajenos, & torunos. Put them in corral and marked 21 vaquillas which (83) came up from down south last year. Put the 41 Hopes cows in potrero. It was a fresh morning, fine day. N.E. wind cleaning up around place this afternoon.

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- 16 -

Took 37 oxen to Palmar to be herded up there by the Indians. Butchered cow. J. Martin & Saavedra passed. J. Bellis stops the night. News that old Juan Gomez arrived with troop at La California 24 1/2 days work. 9 short. besides 9 left at Santiago Sassurim, 6 at Lerina, 8 at Masillas. - 1 at Kemmis. -

- 17 -

Sunday - Miguel parted up at Martin's - 14 animals. Saavedro was here at breakfast on way to Calchaqui with 26 oxen which he had bought from Martin at 45.00. Cart came from Calchaqui bringing, flour, yerba, salt, sugar, roll alambre, etc. can. - Laguna del Palmar still rising. -

Warm day, E winds, looks suspicious for more rain, which will bring creciente sure. -

- 18 -

A Was down at paso Salazar who marked (46) his calves. Filled up at gate of corral also gauchearied from corral to bajo. Warm fine day but still storm hangs around. Paso Mustolor crecida, all canal swimming. -

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Miguel cutting alfa. - Butchered old cow. - Men doing odd jobs. It was a fine warm day. -

- 20 -

Brought two loads of maize from Trakes. Brought two loads of wood from Palmar. - Peones went to Telis & Rubios puestos to parate

rodos ~~to~~ ^{to} loma. Arranging in house. Finished cutting alfa. -

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Put on rodos loma for first time, about 2000 head. Calchaqui almost bola pie pass north of Telis puesto. Gentle beginning to juntar for marsacion. Weather looking bad though. J. Martin here for night. Mail came from Calchaqui. -

- 22 -

Began raining this morning and rained all day, consequently no rodos & no work. -

- 23 -

Had strong east wind last night, and today was a muggy close day. Gentle left again, as can't think of ^{finding} marking for some time to come. - J. Martin also left. - Laguna Palmar rising fast, and looks like we are in for a regular creciente. -

- 24 -

Sunday. Had another heavy rain this forenoon. Water standing all over the place. This evening strong South wind began to blow and looks like a temporal. -

- 25 -

Feast day. Alfredo recovered up to Vara Laguna Palmar & Calchaqui. Let loose balsa which had been tied up since March '93. Miguel recovered fence from Trakes to Laguna. - It was a clear day at last with south wind & looks settled. Lots of water about. -

- 26 -

Took all gentle to paso cattle over Calchaqui to Loma camp, but

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could only find two cuadrillos
say about 350 head near coast.
Calchaqui, which gave no
trouble to pass over. It was
a coldish morning but no
frost, S wind blowing.
Butchered old thinish cow.

- 27 -

Was a misty sort of day.
Sent tripilla of redomones to
Peichos pueto to get madrinada
Tomas, Wenceslado, Chamorro, Camba
went up to Palmar to make raft of
Palms to take to Baldomeros. Alfredo
was up at Martin's. Basimiro Gay &
Luis Defagot were here this afternoon on
a paseo.

- 28 -

Miguel & Cruz went up to help
make raft. J. Martin was here.
Mail came. Laguna Palmar still
rising. - Checho left to campiar
two redomones which escaped yester-
day from paso Salazar. - It was
a fine warm day; east wind blowing.

- 29 -

Was another fine warm day, but
wind turning northward again. -
Nothing going on. Miguel came
back from Palmar where the balsa
of about 90 palms left about 9 A.
M. Wenceslado & Camba going
aboard. Cart came back evening.
Report river still rising.

- 30 -

Butchered cow. Balsa got
to pueto about midnight, &
left again 9:30 A.M. It was
another beautiful day.
Leave tomorrow for San Cristobal.

June 6 / 96. -

Came back at noon from San
Cristobal. - I made a sort of contract
for rental of camp from 1st of
June next year, to be sent for approv-
al to England. - rent 5 years at
same rate as now, if sold to have
one years notice to quit; to have
first refusal of camp purchase.
to spend up to 5000 dollars in
necessary improvements gratis, to be
paid for if sold. - Also paid rent
for coming year, & interest on wire
etc. \$862 gold / order on Marty
1st night slept at Villalbas, 2nd at
San Cristobal estancia, 3rd ditto.
4 at Muelle, 5th & 6th at Lucero.

Got resguardo for Caceros who had
lost his papilita. - Helped Robson
mark at Lucero. - Peones from here
had gone to help on their own horses.
Found here everything all right; had
slight rain yesterday, & weather has
been nice & warm. Peones had been
montañando alfa. Cornelio Fernan-
dez tra. left today for La California
by train. - gave him \$35.00 for trip. -
Wendroth came today on a paseo from
Rosario way. Peon of his brot urgent
letter from Johnnie asking conforme
for buying 3 3/4 leagues & 7 leagues
from Bellville. - One J. Martin
was here. One of the Bellos stop the
night, also Goya (old Pay's peon de
confianza) Sent old Pay \$300. loan
for 4 or 5 months. Butchered lame
novillo today. -

June 7 - 196

Sunday. - Went up to Palmar lake with Wendroth. Lake has risen about 10 inches in last 10 days. Estero Ewaldino has over 3 ft of water. - Boat 16 open down to seed with cart to Calchaqui. Fine day. J. Bellos stays the night.

- 8 -

The ~~two~~ carts left today for Calchaqui to bring out stores. Cart from Martin went also. Went with Bellos up to his place to see his brother who had been hooked by novillo. Peones hauling rotten alfalfa out of chacra. Wendroth & Miguel went to Baldorneros to bring Rosado Tropilla for formers mount as he goes tomorrow to hunt at Damascios. Alfredo goes tomorrow to Calchaqui. Cold morning & looked like temporal but cleared up afterwards. Wendroth goes to hunt tomorrow at Damascios puesto for a few days. - 11 -

Alfredo came back today from Calchaqui; roads very bad. Pd. Don Carlos \$100.00 and a vale of Martin on Saavedra for \$400. on a/c. Cold weather and almost a frost. Wendroth still at Guampita puesto. Rec'd telegram from Johnnie saying he had signed boleto for Barclay camp Belleville. - J. Martin here for night.

June 12 -

Butchered cow. Miguel with the peones Wenceslado & Chamorra left to part at Guampita. Laguna Palmar still rising slowly (about 2 inches since the 7th). Fine day. - J. Martin left. -

- 13 -

1st frost pretty hard. Carts⁽²⁾ came from Calchaqui bringing 130 R maize, 1 bag yerba, 2 bag salt, 1 bag flour, 1 box soap, 25 R tobacco, etc & for Frakes flour sugar & salt. - Miguel also came from Guampita where he parted about 50 animals from Julianos. Wendroth also came back from there & Damascios. Did not kill anything.

- 14 -

Sunday. - Another hard frost. Weather overcast & cold. Miguel went recorriendo towards campo Carancho. The paisanos bit on a spree on a/c of cartmen having brot some grog.

- 15 -

Butchered cow. Another hard frost. Alfredo recovered alambardo to laguna which is still rising. Miguel came back from recorriendo towards campo Carancho and Cañas. Coldish day. - Men fixing alambardo of chacra. - 16 -

Cloudy overcast and cold day. - Wendroth went hunting with 3 of the Palmar indians taking 2 horses & pack mule. - J. Martin here for night. Men hauling hosts on to alfalfa. -

- 17 -

Had on rodeo the cattle that go north of Salado rodeo as far as

June 1896.-

Puerto Martín started out the calves (with mothers to mark. 5 outsiders were working - Vargas, E. Martí, Patricio, Juan & Víctor Ojeda. Parted until one & then locked in and marked 260 until near sundown and then left them out again. - Very hard frost but fine clear day. Butchered black cow. - J. Martín here & helped. - 18 -

Had on north side of Palmar rodeo & same gente as yesterday worked - marked 262 calves fine large calves, & left them out again by sundown. J. Martín left again in afternoon. Ernesto Pereira who settles on other side of Calchaquí by Almeida's permission was here for breakfast. He has about 300 head of cattle. Very hard frost camp all white. Butchered cow. - 19 -

Had on east side of Palmar rodeo and parted out same as yesterday and marked 152 calves. North wind again and warmer. - 20 -

Had on Mistolar rodeo & parted 86 calves (with mothers) and marked them in new ensenada. Fine warm day, but slight frost in low land. Same gente as before working. - Butchered old cow at ensenada

June 21 / 96

Sunday. - Had on Capura rodeo which was over 5000 head, and parted 239 calves (etc) & marked them. Same gente as before worked. Very slight frost on low land. Butchered cow. - Marked this last 5 days 999 making a total of 3769 so far. - 22 -

Had on Salado rodeo and parted out & marked 113 calves. Butchered cow. Gente went to pass ^{the} Calchaquí so as to work on Rodeo Loma tomorrow. Mr. Wendroth came back from his hunt which was quite successful. Warm day - N wind. report laguna still rising. - 23 -

Had on rodeo Loma and marked 51 calves on rodeo. Finished quite early. - Pd men off 6 1/2 days work 4 men - \$78.00 without deductions. Fine day - North wind (3933 so far) - 24 -

Gave the men a holiday for having worked so during marking. San Juan today & Ewaldino gives a fiesta & baile. Warm day North wind and rained slightly this afternoon. - 25 -

Damp sort of a day / mist but no rain. Men hauled manure to alfa in forenoon. In afternoon butchered fat cow. - Miguel went to recover around Puerto Rubio in monte. Sent Checho to Calchaquí for mail.

June 26 / 96 -

Mail came back from Calchaqui.
Brot² loads of lina from Palmar.
J. Martin stops the night. Miguel
came back from other side, Sin
trinidad. North wind cutting.

- 27 -

Hauling manure on to alfalfa.
Gave permission to Chamorro
& Camba to work marceaciones
at Almanis. Nothing & tra going
on. J. Martin stops night on
way to Calchaqui. Very hot
sultry day, but tonight south
wind.

- 28 -

Sunday. Regular temporal
but no rain only misty.

- 29 -

Same day as yesterday with
slight rain at noon. Butchered
cow. Paull & Hill turned up
in afternoon from Robsons.

- 30 -

Another muggy day with fog
in morning. Took a turn up
Palmar with visitors. Laguna
still rising but slowly about
3 inches in 14 days.

- July 1 -

Went over to Martin's with
visitors. Another muggy day.
Farming in little macho.

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Was down at puesto with visitors.
Butchered black overo milk cow.
Another muggy day, sun only
appearing at intervals. J. Martin
came with mail.

- July 3 -

Paull & Hill left in rain for
San Cristobal again. Had heavy
rain today bad! Miguel had gone
to recoger mares at Baldomeros to
mark some stray colts, but had to
come back again.

- 4 -

Cleared up again at last but
weather still warm & threatening.
Sent two carts to bring out
mays etc from Hilario Avalos
who brings it from Calchaqui.
Nothing going on.

- 5 -

Sunday. Another beastly murky
& foggy day, which is the 8th damp
day. - Butchered fatish cow. -

- 6 -

Another muggy warm day.
Afredo recovered down to Zalazars.
Nothing going on.

- 7 -

Miguel went to recover down
to Baldomeros for a few days.
Fine day sun out, and slight
north wind. The two carts came
from Las Cañas bringing 20 bags
of mays & 2 of yerba. Ewaldino
also came out having been pacciara
mail & every thing.

- 8 -

Very fine warm day. North wind
Splendid weather for camp.
Fixing up carts etc. Recovered
up Palmar. G. Martin here since
yesterday.