

Oct. - /97

about 200 of Martins from a point of about 400 of ours. Helped a chap pass over about 25 mares across the Salado on way from Algarrobal. Locked the aparte in corral tonight. Report Juan (indio) found a couple of indian horses in monte. - 5 -

Marked 14 calves of aparte cattle, and drove them across the Calchagua. Butchered fat young cow. Gente left again for Martins to part again tomorrow. Hilario Saavedra stops night. Also young Villalba who comes to receive money from the former. - Hot day. A goes tomorrow to San Cristobal. -

- 10 -

Alfredo came back last night from San Cristobal. Met C. Jewell Wilson, & Hornsby at Robsons on the 6th & next day all went down together to San Cristobal. They want 250 gold for this years rent per league. Wrote to J.B. advising to accept to give time to take cattle away. Hard nuts to deal with. Indians have been prowling about a good deal last few days. Jeca getting very bad and weather very hot with E winds blowing continually. Miguel parted again about 300 at Martins, and marked 4 calves. Had on rodeo Salado and also marked 52 calves. Morel of Chilcas passed the night with a tropita of roses for Vera, brought from Bellos.

- 11 -

King & Westworne left to camp down towards the Lucero to hunt nutria. Miguel recovered towards laguna del Terro. Found some saddle gear of indians. Cleaned well out. Gente hunting yeguada south of Baldo - muros to Capar tomorrow. Fearful hot strong North wind. 98° in house.

- 12 -

Capared coludos at Baldomero Elias cut 33. Wind changed to south which blew fearfully strong all day. Some thunder but expect the seca will prolong. Lent horse cart to Martin so can take Mrs Inffer to Calchagua. -

- 13 -

J. Martin, mother sister & McLumick stop night on way to Calchagua. Rained last night and this forenoon. Ocho

Nov. 10

Alfredo came back from down south. Robr and Edel came along. latter to bargain for hides. Indians had stolen day before yesterday morning a point of cattle from Martin about 40 head and a few days before 100 head. and this evening, Miguel, Frakes, Ewaldino, Juan Gonzales, & Flores left with 3 horses each to help Martin get them back. Camps looking very well as had lots of rain and esteros are all full of water. Had given rodeos generales, and all the neighbors except Michelot & J. Sanchez turned up. marked 249 calves of the different rodeos since Oct 14th.

319 calves

Nov 1897.

Alefredo had left here on the 15th and arrived at La California on the 16th. Went again to Rosario on the 26th. had our quarterly meeting J.B.W.B. & A.B. present. On the 30th went to Santa Fe, & met King and Verstume there same day, also Robson who was brought in from San Cristobal with both wrists broke. on the 1st left for San Cristobal to make contract. Lee had to await telegram from England & awaited until the 9th and then went to Santa Fe & 10th to Calchaqui.

William & Johnnie saw Jewell at Las Petacas & made arrangements to lease Palmar for another 6 years at 250 gold per year. but Lee ^{satisfying bargain} ^{England} awaited telegram.

- 12 -

Went with Robt & Eidel to Palmar & back. Made trade with Eidel to sell him the hides put in Calchaqui at 7.00 per 10^K at barrer. 1/2 K distarra. cerca 9.00 per 10 K. Cuero potros @ 3.25 each all barrer. Sent Checha to Campiar horses Muelles.

- 13 -

Finished plowing between corn, & began cutting young alfa which is fine. - Hot day. Cleaned cerca, etc.

- 14 -

Sunday. Carlos Robt & Deivid left again Calchaqui. Got carts (3) ready to go tomorrow to Calchaqui and loaded up the hides cow 204 including 9 to be traded a pass. 11 horse hides & 5 bags hair. - Very hot day. Checho came back. Could not find the horses.

- 15 -

Alefredo was over at Martins. G.M. reports indians only stealing about 30 head of cattle. Carts left (3) for Calchaqui with hides etc. Tomas, Camba Benites, Herdo & Chocolo went. Butchered a sheep from puesto. Alefredo was up costa laguna in afternoon. Finished cutting new alfa. Very hot day N wind & looks like tormento.

- 16 -

Ale. was at puesto. mail came. Butchered cow in afternoon. Checho went to Villalba to "revisar" rodeo Miguel & men came back from following indians who stole Martins cattle up. Followed up one day from Charrua, but had to go back same night to Charrua on account of scarcity of water. - Indians only managed to get away with about 27 animals (mostly small) as 40 or 50 more got away from them. It was a very hot day with strong north wind.

- 17 -

Another very hot day. Strong north wind & lightning tonight. Had on rodeo de la Soma in afternoon. 2000 on rodeo, Capared a few bulls. Cattle pelacharing.

- 18 -

Miguel went to Vera to take out guias for tropas about to send down. Got together and hauled the new alfa. - Another hot day and threatening. Juan Baseo, hunting garza costa laguna had his mare stolen. Juan Gonzales also reports 3 indians on foot in monte.

Nov. 19 / 97. -

Had a tormento and rain from 3 to 7 A.M. Fine cool day. Fine for camp which could not be better. Carts came back from Calchaquí in afternoon, bringing 2692K maize, yerba, flour, tobacco, etc. & encargos. Mare of Juan Baseo turned up, it had got loose by itself.

- 20 -

Had on rodeo in potrero and butchered old cow. A. was at Martins. Hauled off new alfa (and weeds) to burn. Miguel came back from Vera, archivado mark B and brot pase for troop of novillos. Also brot telegram from J.B. not to send novillos, as big seca down south. Here camp could not be better. Lot of Garza towards Palmar.

- 21 -

Sunday. Gente coming together to go with tropa. Not sending now. A. going down south tomorrow about Santa Fe Land Co. Fine day.

- 22 -

A came back from Rosario today. met Johnnie there. Decide to let Jewell arrange our affairs for us. re Land Co. 22nd slept in train twist S.F. & Rosario. 23rd Rosario. 24th train to S.F. 25th Calchaquí. Had a big seca down south but began raining 24th & J. sent a telegram to send tropa. Elias Miguel parted out today and yesterday at Martins. parted out 704 marked animals. Also parted out all intrusos in potrero.

Nov. -

Dionicio Collins & J. Wilson were here.. last night.

Martins move off next week. - Had shower night of 24th and today. Cut alfalfa today & yesterday.

- 27. -

Had a fine rain this forenoon. Camp could not be better. Gente here for tropa work. Took cattle parted from Martins to other side of Calchaquí. - Warm afternoon.

- 28. -

Sunday - Brot semueiros from potrero and butchered a fat old cow. A was down at Baldomero. Eulalia had cleared out last night. Had a stormy day and tormento in evening but little rain. - Piling alfa..

- 29 -

Began parting tropa. Had on rodeo algarrobal (about 3000) and parted out 294. rodeo in good order. In afternoon had on rodeo Salado (about 1000) and parted out 75. - rodeo also good order lot of fat dry fat cows. - 15 men on own horses worked. - Had slight showers last night. (rained hard at puesto) and a fine day to work.

- 30 -

Had on Estancia rodeo and parted out 212 novillos and in afternoon parted out 142 from Rodeo del Medio. Locked in at South Ensenada late. to dispatch troop in morning. Fine day to work.

Dec. 1 - 97 -

Afredo went down to ensenada to dispatch the tropa, 718 novillos (1 of Vargas & 4 old ^{one killed} Simulas) and 8 vaquillas to butcher last night. Elias (capataz) Patricio Rojas, Candida, Ayala, Pato, Targa & son, Felix, & Valiente went. Gave him \$80. & 16. to pay x tra peon. Still to pay \$22. to x tra peones. Miguel parted at Martins about 50 animals. Cool morning fine day. Frakes got mail. - 2 -

All hands went to help Martin move his cattle across the Salado, Lomas, Cholos, Flores, Juan, ^{partly} Frakes. Miguel (Elis paisano) Had a great deal of work & did not finish passing. Fine day. Jose Michelud & gente came to part. - 3 -

Miguel helped Martin pass his cattle again, in which he succeeded at last. A. was at Lucero to see Eulalia about going back to her husband. Was very hot day and looks like tormento. Barga and Frodevato carpiando in chacra which is fearfully full of weeds, but maize etc in good order. - 4 -

Had on rodeo Algarrobal in forenoon and Salado in afternoon. Michelud parted out about 25. Marked 14 calves of 1st rodeo & capared some ajeno bulls. Lomas went & brought his wife from Damasias. Hot day and looks like rain.

Dec. 5 - 97 -

Sunday... Had on rodeo del Estancia this morning. Michelud parted about 20. We marked 11 calves and capared some bulls. It was a very hot day, and no rain, but camp is fine. Nothing new. Frodevato shooting garga (chica) - 6 -

Had on Salado rodeo. Michelud parted out about 75. We parted out ^{marked} about 25 oruchano calves to mark and 21 bulls to capar. Miguel took them to puesto to lock in and work. It was a fearful hot day 98° in house, and N wind. Cleaned out well again. - 7 -

Had on Mistolar rodeo ^{marked 24 calves} in forenoon and rodeo Loma in afternoon. Marked 6 calves and capared bulls. Michelud parted out about 100 animals. It was another fearful hot day. 97° - Wind in afternoon turned to east. Looks seca. Sykes turned up from Carmen in evening. Bad trip. - 8 -

Had on rodeo tapera and marked 23 calves. Michelud did not part all of his, altogether he took about 500 animals unmarked 102 calves in the paradas since the 3^d. It was a fearful hot day 98° but in afternoon a dry storm came up and freshened off. Butchered cow. - 9 -

Another very hot day 95°. Sent 3 men to Baldomeros to help part at Micheluds tomorrow.

Dec 10/97.-

Another fearful hot day & strong north wind. 98°. - In night storm came up and no rain. 9 P.M. - Cut alfalfa and piled it up in afternoon. Brought 2 loads of wood. - 11 -

Cooled off today but no rain. rained at Baldorneros.

Baldorneros came with 81 animals he parted at Michelud's. Sold an overo negro novillo @ 30. - & a red cow @ 25.00 both of Peicho's countryman to Hilario Saavedra who was passing with some novillos from Fernando Villalba. Fine day. Alfalfa too wet to bring in. -

- 12 -

Sunday. Had slight shower last night. - Hot day. Murky. - Gente coming together to make tropa tomorrow. Pinto.

- 13 -

Began making tropa of dry cows or with marked calves. Men who worked were Pinto, 2 men from Lucille, Camba, Chaurra, & Camilo's brother. - parted 68 cows from Algarrobal rodeo in morning and capared bulls afterwards. In afternoon parted from Rodeo Estancia 81. Fearful hot day to work. Rolled up skins to send to Rosario to Tannery. -
3 tiger 7 puna, 3 guasunchos, 1 gama 18 aguara, 10 gato onza, 3 lobo del monte 6 gato montes, 5 cuati, 1 chanchito, 1 cecharon Total 58 skins. -
Also traded Sykes, 6 gato onza skins

Butchered fat cow

for 1 pipe, 1 knife, & 4 lobo skins. - also mandador for snake skin 12 ft or over, & sobre puesto & cinchon for flask. Sykes leaves tonight for Carmen. also Serafina & wife go to Calchiqui with cart to bring out encargos. - G. Martini turned up tonight. Had put about 50 head of his cattle in potrero which he had found outside.

- 14 -

Had on rodeo del Medio in morning and parted out 109. - and in afternoon parted out 73 from Salado rodeo. - also 2 from Pámboras. - making 333 so far. - Aristibulo Ponce, Rocha, & Aguitche also worked. Very stormy day but no rain. - Ramon here looking for stray animals of Don Carlos. -

- 15 -

Had on Mistolar rodeo and parted out 117 cows for tropa. Worst rodeo of lot & most old cows. In afternoon had on rodeo Loma about 1200 and parted out 37 cows. old & bad coloured with last years calves or dry. as we have been doing in all of the rodeos. - Stormy day but only had slight shower in afternoon. -

- 16 -

Had on rodeo tupera and parted out 104 cows and marched with tropa and passed Salado by old Tajamar without any trouble. - Total tropa 584 cows, & 8 vaquillos negros to kill. ^(last night) Gave Pintos \$50. - for expenses. Pinto (capataz), Aristobulo

Dec 1897.-

Ponce, Pilar Bergara, Roque Juarez,
Luis Ojedo, Luciano Duarte, Agustín
Velasquez, & Juan Gonzales 11. go.
Sent Agustín to Calchaquí for
guia and pase. Good crop of
cows, and the rodeos will look
in better colours gradually.-
Fine day, pity did not rain more.

- 17 -

Ceferino came this morning early
from Calchaquí with cart, also Juan
Adler, brot mail & a few necessities.-
Had on rodeo tapera for Michelos
parted about 250 animals and did
not finish. Was fine day. N.E. wind.

- 28 -

A. came back midnight (last) from
Costa. he had gone there on the
19th and paid a visit to the Hopes.
Spent Xmas there. Had good rain
20th night also on the 25th. Improv-
ed campo considerable. 19th

Calchaquí. 20 Alejandra, 21 ditto,
22 ditto 23 Carmen, 24 Alejandra, 25
ditto, 26 Carmen, 27 Home. Made trade
with Hope. 100 toritos @ \$30.- Sent
word to Miguel to begin tropa yes-
terday of novillos. parted out 98
from Estancia Algarrobal rodeos.-
and today 106 from Rodeo Salado
& Rodeo del Medio. Hopes capataz
parting out toritos, has about 60
so far.. Elias took troop down
delivered Dec. 16th 16 days 4/15- 3
short. (1 got into Robsons camp.) Sent
Ceferino into Calchaquí with
horse cart to bring out supplies
also visitor for Martin.- Sent

J. Adler away for drunkenness. (Sod!)
Fine day.-

- 29 -

Last night there was a ^{yearful hot day} row twist
Baldomero & Duarte, at Elias puesto.

" was chopped on shoulder and
ear. Had on rodeo del Loma and
Mistolar in afternoon. Parted out
100 picos novillos from Loma and

" " " Mistolar and
about 20 toritos for Hope and 1
2 1/2 yr old for Ricketts.- Very hot
day.-

- 30 -

Finished making tropa today.-
Had on rodeo del tapera and parted
out 300 novillos. Counted ^{see nota} 756
novillos, 7 vag. to eat on road...
also 1 bull belonging to Dickenson
which goes to Lassomas. Elias
takes 8 men & very likely 1 more
Also dispatched Hopes capataz
(Sanchez) with 104 toros & 1 for
Ricketts. & 1 novillito to eat on
road.- Fearful hot day.-

Cart came back from Calchaquí
bringing Mr. Mack and a few stores.-
Alfredo leaves in morning early for
Calchaquí and home..

P.S. Note. the tropa had a disparado
in night (30th) and took two days
to juntar them sending 770, & bull
& vaquitas. Fearful rain.-