

July 1898.

1/4 of an inch of ice. - North wind but fine day. A. Pand & H. Watt recorred monte. Catch and camp looking well.

- 18 -

Another hard frost. North wind fine day. - Bro't wood to fix cart. Frodus plowing. - Miguel recorred outside found lots of cattle up along laguna.

- 19 -

Miguel went to Calchaqui with Elias & to San Pedro to recultar yeguas, as a short time ago Elias could not get rodeo of mares from J. Gailet. Butchered cow. Cart bro't some more duetracho blanco to componer cart. Alfredo recorred up to barra Calchaqui laguna. only found 4 bulls costa monte. Frost, but warm day NE wind.

- 20 -

Baldomero and Flores recorred up along Salado and north. found a couple of cuadrillas up by Estero Butria Olivo. A. fixed up cart with the cart peones. A very warm day and weather variable and stormy. H. Watt working on boat, and Ciferino plowing. Juan planting paraiso seed.

- 21 -

Finished fixing bullock cart. Peones recorriendo. Nothing going on. Fine day.

July 22 -

Peones recorred outside again but did not find any cattle.

Miguel came back from San Pedro, bringing 6 yeguariza and one redomon. Fine day. - Frodus finished harrowing.

- 23 -

Very warm day 85°. Frodus fixed chakra fence. Miguel recorred to Juampita. Handling young bullocks.

- 24 -

Sunday. Nothing going on. Very hard south wind.

- 25 -

Miguel recorred outside today, brought cuadrilla of cattle from the league west of Domingos ex puesto. - Fixing wood for cart. Juan Gannini stops the night to take Frakes pigs tomorrow. Nothing particular going on. Killed cow. Warm day.

- 26 -

Carts went to puesto Wampita to bring maize. - Peones went to help huntar the jiguada tomorrow. Helped Frakes deliver the hogs across Salado to J. Gannini 77 de ^{bol} cuento. Had deal of work and crossed most with lasso. Evening strong wind ^{blowing} began.

27.

Had jiguada in corral at San Lorenzo parted out 15 potros oscuros for Elias, and 6 @ for Patricio. Tank cart ran over Frodus's child. no bones broken. Ugly South wind.

- 28 -

Young puma (osero) got away last night. looked for him all forenoon.

July 1898

Miguel recovered outside today, found no cattle. Taking off old paint from water cart. Very strong south wind & drizzly this morning early but was a clear day. ^{Butchered.}

- 29 -

Went up to monte in front of Laguna Dulce and tried to load up large algarroba log, but could not tilt log over with cart. Very hard frost but fine day with N. wind. Michelado ~~fixed~~ turned up and want rodeo. - 30 -

Mail came today.

Trodot & family went to Calchaqui with horse cart.

Miguel recovered outside.

Fine warm day. N. wind.

- 31 -

Sunday. - Strong south wind cold-ish. Alfredo was over at Martins Monte Aguara. Butchered cow.

August 1. -

Had on rodeo de la Loma for the Michelados who parted out about 30. Marked 10 orchano calves.

Trodot & family came back from Calchaqui bringing mail & stores.

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Had on rodeo Mistolar and Michelado parted about 20. Marked 16 orchano calves. - Clearing up around place.

- 3 -

Had on rodeo Tapura about 3000 for Michelado who parted out about 50. Heavy fog, and looks like rain. Made marco for well. Butchered cow. -

August 4/98. -

All hands went over to monte and lifted log and cart. Cart afterwards stopped stuck in Canada. - Mail came back from Calchaqui. - Weather still cloudy and looks like mist. -

- 5 -

Worked at well, deepening and put brocal on. - Had slight shower of rain last night, but want more as it is getting very dry. -

Miguel and 2 men recovered outside. - Fine day, a bit cloudy. -

- 6 -

Strong south wind and looks like if we are going to have a temporal. Cart with log stuck in Calchaqui. -

Brought over 6 bulls which were in Michelado's camp. Fixing brocal of well. - 7 -

Sunday. Butchered cow and brought over from pastures for carts to take to Calchaqui. - Loaded up 169 cow hides, 4 horse hides & about 30 N. curda to send to Calchaqui. - Strong south wind bit cloudy and weather looks suspicious. - 8 -

A. Went to Calchaqui at madrugada to await Johnnie also to dispatch hides etc. Have hides sent to Marty & M. - Cloudy day Strong E. Wind. - Came back at night with Johnnie. Morell stops the night on way to Monte Aguara. Carts left for Calchaqui taking hides and big algarroba log. - Junte all down to recajida jequas, to part some picaso potros out for Elias. -

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August 9/98.

Fixing water cart. Planting potatoes. - Had on rodeo Salado about 1500 head, good condition and butchered fat cow. - It was a cold windy E. day. Butchered fat cow. -

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Had on rodeo Algarrobal about 1000 head and marked 24 calves. - captured 6 ageno bulls. Johnnie Alfredo, Ewaldino, Juan & boy left for a days hunt in afternoon. Cloudy day but fine. -

- 11 -

Came back from hunt, up in monte. Killed 1 gato onza 1 guasunchos. - Miguel recovered outside. Moull locked in here with tropa of 50 novillos bought from Jorge Daller. - Cold day, cloudy looks like temporal. -

- 12 -

Johnnie left at 5 Am. for Calchaqui & down south. Moull's tropa escaped from corral but found them all. - Nothing particular going on. - Same weather as yesterday. S.W. wind. - An animal (vaca) was butchered near Gabinas puesto at Guampita. -

- 13 -

Peones ^{tightening} putting up wire at alambrado Guampita. - Miguel went to see about car-mado. Butchered cow. Carts came back from Calchaqui bringing 20 bags maize & stores. - S.W. wind, ugly morning but fine day. - Rosa telegram from San Cristobal asking whether would sell cattle. -

Aug 14/98 -

Sunday. Nothing going on. Had a letter from Lee asking me to go down and see the director Mr Prevost. - N.E. wind and looks stormy. A.B. making preparations to go to San Cristobal tomorrow. -

- 18 -

Alfredo came back from San-Cristobal made an arrangement to rent the camp for one year with option of one year more. - at \$40 per league. The price set by them. they want to buy 4000 head of cattle. - Saw Mr Prevost a director there. was trying to sell us the camp at \$1200 per league. Said we were not buying. - Had two very hard frosts and today quite warm with E. wind. Robson here came back with me. - Miguel had been recovering outside with Berlie who he had met outside. - Jeferino plowing for corn etc. - Elias was here with his tropilla of sedomones. - Sent chasqui to Calchaqui with mail. -

- 19 -

Alfredo and Robson were up at Frakes. Miguel was at Guampita and Julian's. Carts brought leña. Windy, & disagreeable day. Camps getting very dry. -

- 20 -

Robson ^{left} Alfredo was over at Jorge Dayer's rodeo. Very cold morning and hardest frost of season. - Lucero gente parted about 8 of ours from Dayer's. - Miguel recovered outside. Cattle giving lot of trouble. -

- 21 -

Sunday. Miguel left with gente to part

August 1898

at Julian's tomorrow. - Fernando
Gay and Don Augusto were here..
Another hard frost. - Strong S.W.
wind. - - 22 -

Went over to rodeo Guampita &
parted out 25 animals, rodeo very
badly prepared. Cattle not in bad
condition over there. No prairie
as yet. Another hard frost but
not so cold as yesterday. -

- 23 -

Parted over at Basimiro's 2 rodeos
25 animals.. A gran bestia came along
this morning & was chased up to
the house but died in afternoon..
This animal 1 mtr high and weighing
at least 200 kilos.. Strong N and E
wind. 2 redoms^{ones} of this cleared
out from paso southwards. Rustacio
says he found a dead montañero
died some time. -

- 24 -

Cloudy morning but wind changed
several times. Looks like a big seca..
Butchered a cow.. Miguel went to
camp up Salado with peones. -
Finished harrowing chacra. -

- 25 -

Comisario de camp David Braou
turned up at noon with 3 soldiers
& gave them horses to go up to
Cambas' puesto laguna Palmar to
take a prisoner companion of
the Kengo who had stolen bullocks
from Calchaqui from Escalada.
Sleep here tonight.. Miguel came
back reports bringing about 600 head
of cattle from outside. - Warm
day. Changeable weather.

August 26/98.-

The Comisario left this morning with
prisoner. Sent horse cart with Frodusto
to Calchaqui to take in Gatino of Guam-
pita puesto who is sick and to bring out
a few stores.. Warm day NE wind &
looks rainy. - Nothing extra going on.

- 27 -

Butchered fat red cow. - Changeable
winds, and storm disappeared again.
Rustacio moved down to puesto paterno
again so as to be able to repuntar the
saddle better. Miguel went with gente
to camp up Salado and make vatte-
do outside tomorrow. Report, Ewaldino
finding 2 indian horses up at Estero
Las Texas.. Frodust not back from
town yet.. Old Juan Capto planted
maiz, melons, & sandias yesterday. -

- 28 -

Sunday. - Miguel & gente came back
this evening from recorriendo outside,
pay brought about 800 head of cattle
from outside and saw tracks of about
200 about 3 leagues from paso de los
Indios, up Salado, about 2 months old -
and tracks of about 20 also old. -
An old chap passing says he saw 10
head up Salado. Miguel thinks they
are agenos. Ortiz brought tropilla redomón
from Michelato camp. - E wind & warm
and dry. - A goes south tomorrow

- 29 -

Rained last night from 11 to 11:40
and began again this morning and
until noon had a nice gentle soaking
rain, not enough to puntar water
but to do a world of good to camp. -
Seca ended. Misty this evening. Berlie
had trouble

Oct. 15 / 98. -

Alfredo came back from down south after an absence since Aug 28. -

Had sent to San Cristobal the contract for two years @ \$560 per year up to June 1 / 1900. 29 Aug. - Was at La California, and went with Johnnie and Macintosh to see the cattle show at Palermo Sept 11 and were there for four days. -

Afterwards Johnnie & wife went to Cruz Gde Cordoba, and A stopped at La California until they came back. - Left La California until the 13th - stopped one day in Rosario and heard Litragini sing. -

Have a fearful seca here and cattle very thin and have to drag animals out of Salado every day. - Saw Lee at Santa Catalina on Oct 7 and sold him 4000 head of cattle @ \$20. - to receive them now. -

Lots of locusts had been here. Alfa looks pretty well, but many young alfa eaten up. Looks like a temporal, had rained more at Calchaqui. Here esteros are all dry, and very little in monte. -

- 16 -

Sunday. A recorred through monte to puesto Guampita. No more water left in monte and some cattle pass over and drink on other side costa monte. - Very strong south wind and quite cool in evening. -

- 17 -

Miguel and gente went to pass the cattle from costa Guampita to Salado for water. A recorred

Oct. -

up to puesto Juan and Ewaldino. No water left in monte. J. Martin here and stops night. - Very strong south wind and very cool evening. -

- 18 -

Hard frost this morning. Froze melons pumpkins etc. - Quien sabe how it effected linseed and wheat down south. - Miguel recorred up as far as Chanaral up Salado, says some nutrias heard like a temblor going past. very likely robo of indias. - Fixed up iron bebida at other well and made palm corral around it. - Skinned two animals imprantados. Baldomero came with horse cart from Calchaqui. Christening. - lost two letters from Harteneck. Sent telegram to Casimiro. Sent letter to Robson to find out when San Cristobal gente are going to take cattle away from here. -

- 19 -

Drove cattle from monte Calchaqui & Waupita to Salado. - Hot day & N.E. wind. Lots of locusts about. - Cleaned out and deepened well. -

- 20 -

Cloudy day and looks like we were going to have a change of weather. - Repuntated cattle from monte again to Salado. - A recorred down to lower puesto. very dry. Some cuadrillos of nutrias about. -

- 21 -

Variable winds, seca, and hot day. - Nothing going on. Butchered cow. Large manga of locusts stop night, and done good deal of harm to quinta and chacra. Chasqui came back from Muelle. Seems no one knows when San Cristobal people come to take cattle away. -

Oct 22/98.

Very hot day, variable winds.
Locusts flying about. Cut some
alfa. Lagunas all drying up in
camp.

- 23 -

Sunday. Juntared the alfa cut
yesterday. - Elias and gente came
together to make troop for down
south tomorrow. - Another hot day
Strong N.E. wind. Banks of clouds
forming.

- 24 -

Had on rodeo estancia about 3000
head (all cattle from north & to Puerto
side). Parked out 104 cows 110 novillos
for Tropa. 8 outside men worked.
Stormy morning, but no rain and
very hot. - Mail came last night.
Drove rodeo to Salado afterwards.
Butchered cow.

- 25 -

Another fearful hot north wind
100° in veranda. - Had on rodeo
del Medio and parked out 134 cows
and 89 novillos. 1 Vaquilla to butcher
tonight. Hard work to part on
account of dust & small calves -
Worst seca ever had in this camp.
9 years nearly.

- 26 -

Had on rodeo tapera 5000, & parked
out more 150 cows and 60 novillos.
4 calves to eat on road (could not
find any more fat ones). Took
all thin & estropeado ones abt of
tropa counted them 602 total
composed of 356 cows 242 novillos
& 4 calves. & passed them over Salado

at Paso Lucero. after some trouble as
Salado is very pantanosa.

Gave Capataz Coudia 100 for gastos. -
9 go altogether. - Fearful hot
north wind 103° at 3 P.M.

Heard shot near horse corral last
night. South wind tonight.
Berlie looking for reses. - Skinned one cow.

Peon of tropa went to Calchaqui to
get quia. Recd. letter yesterday from
San Cristobal saying could not receive
cattle until 5 or 6th of Nov, as badly off
for horses. Peon came from Lucero saying
could not pass Salado with Berlys and
our cattle parked from Lucero. -
Recovered towards Guampita; no cattle
left over that way. Say that Felix of south
puerto hauled about 50 out of pantano
today. - Weather changeable. Few drops
fell this morning with strong E wind
and afterwards blew south & now S.E.
Cloudy still.

- 28 -

Rained last night from 11 to 11.40 and
this morning until noon. a nice
gentle soaking rain, not enough to
juntar water in camp, but to make
things grow like old boots. Misty evening
S.E. wind. Berlie had trouble to pass
30 novillos bot from Robsons across Salado
helped him. Our gente had parked
38 from Lucero. - Bro't word from
Coudia saying 19 animals had
escaped Tropa at ronda in
Lucero camp.

- 29 -

Fine cool, cloudy day with east wind.
Recovered up towards end of Palmar.
Skinned one cow jimpantado. Sent 2 men
with Berlie to help as far as Puerto Juan.

Oct 30 / 98

Sunday. - Miguel left with peones to juntar the yeguada down to wards Vara Calchaqui. -

Cart goes to Calchaqui tomorrow and fixed up boy to send him in to La California. Send 29

skins for French tannery in Rosario consisting of 3 puma, 9 aguara,

1 oso chico, 14 gato onza, & 2 cuati.

Send also to A. Noguez 3 ciervo, 3 gran bestia, & 1 quasuncho. -

Also 1 bundle consisting of 4 oso to La California. -

Very suspicious looking weather east & south wind. Camp improving fast. -

Butchered cow. - Lots of Indians passing on way outside. -

- 31 -

Cart left for Calchaqui. ^{Truco} -

Capared 40 coluditos among yeguada. Elia capared, gave him a bayo petro.

Sold Robson a colorado coludo 3 yr. price not put. Traded a petro sano to Baldomero for mule pardo. -

Marked 2 colts. Counted 448 abajo marco incluso 13 petros marca ^{Moreno}.

Wilson making bridge across Salado by Lucero south fence to take over cattle across. - It was a cloudy muggy day and looks like rain.

Lots of cattle in Salado which is quite low. -

November 1 / 98. -

Strong south wind all night and was a fine day. A recorred up Salado as far as puestita of La Verde (tapera) -

Making up our yearling accounts. Lots of cattle in Salado again. -

- 2 -

Miguel left to reculerar over towards the Gallarita y Guampita. ^{Rover} Cart came from Calchaqui, bringing a few stores. -

Bullock cart bot 16 bags of maiz from puesto Guampita, where Hardeneck had sent it to. - Skinned two cows in Salado. Fine hot day. Butchered cow. -

- 3 -

Another hot day & north wind. -

Sent 2 peones over to Guampita to help Julian Sanchez recoger so he can give us rodeo tomorrow. Indian peon of Michelato helping Don Juan in chacra. Ciferino went outside to Chanaral to trade with indian nutrias. A recorred over in monte: very little water. - Salado getting very low, camp looking well, but want a good heavy rain. - Aefa looking well. -

- 4 -

Another hot day. North Wind 102°. -

Miguel came back from reculerar. -

parted 120 from J. Sanchez, & 14 from Gallarita. A recorred down as far as new bridge. Cacique Mariano & about 15 families passed for outside. - Very dry again. -

- 5 -

Another very hot day 98° - North wind

4.30 P.M. a storm came up, looks like rain. - Salado rising fast. good

thing as it was getting bad for cattle. - Cacique Mariano & gente are encamped at Union on way to Chanaral to nutrias.