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1 Jan SUNDAY aft Christmas [1-365]
Circumcision

Beautiful day. Alfred and Johnie rode through the Tijeras colony, colonists nearly finished cutting their wheat. in the new colony, counted one hundred and ninety four stacks, butchered a cow, Arlino taking meat around to the colonists. got horses ready for rodeo tomorrow.

Bank Holiday, Scotland

rodies and parted out one hundred and
and took them down to the puerto,
with horses to help.

for breakfast. Herman and peon
to alfalfa, that was cut in the quinta.
cow. Tomasco took the meat around to the
Some carpentering in the afternoon.

3 TUESDAY [3-363]

me and Wagner left in little trap for Hopes
in Rincon on a paseo. Arlino took meat
and to colonists (last day). Slaughtered cow
Hot weather.

4 WEDNESDAY [4-362]

covered all the mares etc from camp, and
ted the redmones Arlino is turning out.
are a rough count 290, with out the two manadas
at puerto. Eusebio and Jose fixed fences this afternoon.

Butchered a cow this morning
 alfa and weeds in the old ensada
 Hot day

6 FRIDAY [6-360]

Epiphany. Twelfth Day. (11^h 42^m A.M.)

Alfred and Arlino went around in colony
 meat accounts. Eusebio finished cutting with
 Jose was down at Tijeras looking for work for
 Awful hot day

7 SATURDAY [7-359]

Butchered a cow in the morning, caught and sealed
 the Toruno potatoes, and sold them to Simon Verdato
 mats each. Eusebio and Jose recovered and lightened
 fence on Germania side. Mr. Wagner and Johnnie arrived
 back from the costa in the middle of a tremendous storm.
 Mr. Robson came down from San Andres.

8 SUNDAY—1 aft Epiph [8-358]

St. Lucian, P. and M.

Strong south wind all day, getting quite cool. Mr. Flemming
 called on, countermarked the Toruno potatoes sold yesterday.
 Mr. Robson still here. Doña Dolores and Fabiana cooking.

Fire Insurance days of grace expire

Wp
do and exposed hills. cattle departed
at full day. Mr Robson left;
went to Las Lomas. had certificates made
f. Mr. Flemming had tea bus. exposed 2 notes.
Other.

10 TUESDAY [10-356]

and Alfred went to Roan's.

11 WEDNESDAY [11-355]

Hilary Sittings commence

13 FRIDAY [13-353]

Hillary, Bp. of C. ● 8h 38m A.M.

Alfred and Johnie came back. in Rosario passed Parana to Tundino's account. (Pulpero in the nacimales. Received four hundred rats from y Cia. Deposited in the bank in the Cuñada and eight hundred nacimales. for Sora, but Johnie's name. while we were gone the day. Mr Robson came down from the Low Colonists finished cutting, and are thrashing, weather.

14 SATURDAY [14-352]

Very hot day. Mr Wagner left for Armstrong in carriage. he goes over to Landa. Guadalupe, who recovered the camp. Alfred Luteherd. cleaned the galpon. Sent two ox carts to Tijeras and received fifty six bags of wheat from Belares. Ditched again in the evening. Mr Robson came back from Armstrong.

15 SUNDAY—2 aft Epiph [15-351]

Alfred went with two ox carts to Tijeras and received sixty one bags of wheat. from Martin. put the wheat into the galpon. sold three ponies and one mule to Tonette in our camp. two ponies at fifteen and one at twenty and the mule at twenty five the ponies were all three worthless animals. (Young Marshall called.

de Gomez. with one of cart to bring newspapers,
and two carts brought up. twenty four bags
and thirty from Belav.
Sutched a cow in the potato.

cleaned the mud out of the pueto well,
and a cow there, old mustard cow, Lemmi's counter
all young men from The Tapenlas had breakfast
but un healthy weather, every body feeling ill.
now from the Chileas shut in, they are selling
also a troop of potatoes from the Rafango shut

17 TUESDAY [17-349]

St. Anthony

warmer today. Willi and Mr Cross came out in a hired
from Cañada de Gomez. Alfred and Arclint went
to the colonies and arranged the meat accounts.
two of carts brought up. one hundred and
bags of wheat, Herman recovering the wells and
well at the pueto is giving out.

18 WEDNESDAY [18-348]

St. Prisca, V. and M.

went with two carts in the forenoon and afternoon
brought up one hundred and seventeen bags of wheat.
Johnie and three men dilled holes in the well at the pueto.
Sutched a cow.

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19 THURSDAY [19-347]

20 FRIDAY [20-346]

St. Fabian, B. and M.

21 SATURDAY [21-345]

St. Agnes, V. and M. ½ 4th 49^m A.M.

22 SUNDAY—3 aft Epiph [22-344]

St. Vincent, Mart.

down to the puente and began to
at the same time parted out fifteen novilleros
threw a cow in the evening.

24 TUESDAY [24-342]

a little, looks like snow. finished dipping the
Parted animals out of the potrero into the camp,
and the carts brought up wheat from the Tijeras.

25 WEDNESDAY [25-341]

Conversion of St. Paul.

hot weather. Johnnie carpentering. Alfred brought
the cart loads of wheat from colonies. Arlene began
to cut alfalfa. set three men to sewing big burlap for alfalfa
stacks. Slaughtered a cow.

Alfred took the cows to the Cuñada in
Johnie brought up two loads of wheat. so
getting very hot and dry. the weeks

27 FRIDAY [27-339]

Alfred came back. men still busy sewing for
men arriving to work in the alfalfa. Mr. Green

28 SATURDAY [28-338]

○ 11h 18m P.M.

Worked with ten men in the alfalfa. finished
satched two old cows. Herman getting ready for
Chace. Mr. Robson came in the evening.

29 Septuagesima SUNDAY [29-337]

Herman left at two o'clock this morning for Estación
Deaz. from there he goes to Santa Fe to go to Espin. gave him
fifty nacinales. Sent Curcio to drive him.
Cool south wind blowing all day. Satched a cow. Rollins
cutting all day. Sold seventeen novillos to two colonists @ 20.

Mr Jackson came out about noon
 Latched four sheep and one cow.
 a little dry.

31 TUESDAY [31-335]

day. All hands at the alfalfa. finished a stack.
 went down to the Tijeras. W. L. Latched.

1 Feb WEDNESDAY [32-334]

St. Bridget

a pagar for which. Culero Batista is to pay us
 into Keys account. on the 1 of April fifteen hundred
 gold. sold to Francisco Dominguez eight nov.
 from the puerto at twenty dollars.

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2 THURSDAY [33-333]

Purification of V. Mary. Candlemas

Strong south wind blowing hard all day.
Sized stack, butchered an old cow and four

3 FRIDAY [34-332]

St. Blasius, B. and M.

Put the cattle on rodeo and parted out about family
put them into the puerto potrero. All hands at the
afternoon. Butchered two cows. A young man from
with the pueros to take some cows away that they left.
Splendid weather, south wind. cattle picking up. day

4 SATURDAY [35-331]

C 7h 25m P.M.

Very hot day. all hands at the alfalfa. finished
stack. Butchered one cow. a gunner & photographer
and took two different views of the place. at twenty acres
a dozen.

5 Sexagesima SUNDAY [36-330]

St. Agatha, V. and M.

Very hot day. Alfred and Johnie went to Las Roca and
Las Lomas, butchered a cow.

6 MONDAY [37-329]

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St. Dorothy, V. and M.

mind, all hands at the alfalfa.
finished a big stack. Slaughtered two cows.

7 TUESDAY [38-328]

satting day. Lert La Loma our boring machine.
cows. finished another stack. looks like rain.

8 WEDNESDAY [39-327]

Half Quarter Day

fuzzy day. Slaughtered a cow. could not finish the alf.
would not dry. Mr Robson and Henry Watts here for
the night. Mr Lennin Miss Brown and Miss Fisher called
on in the afternoon, a little grey. from the redman
Tupelle's broke its neck.

Johnie and four men cleared out in the afternoon finished the alfalfa. of this cutting. Mr Robson and Mr. Watt sent Sora to the ranada to get a demijon to make postilles with.

10 FRIDAY [41-325]

Johnie and four men, cleared and squared Hamell and began to calbar it. Satch and one cow. Robson and Watt left, Sora

11 SATURDAY [42-324]

● 11^h 52^m P.M.

Johnie and men still at the well. Killed and one sheep. Satch and a carner, cow, were sail to night. Alfred went to Las Lomas the certificate made out.

12 Quinouages. SUNDAY [43-323]

Cloudy day looks like rain, wish it would as it is very dry. Back great success last night. girls from all around attended. Arlene had a row with a man and chopped him in the neck with knife, will probably die. Arlene cleared out.

helped brought up eight cart loads
 of hay. Johnie and men finished the
 hay and began working for the use
 of the sheep. in the afternoon Johnie Eusebio
 set another principal on pigman's pasture.
 and two sheep.

14 Shrove TUESDAY [45-321]

St. Valentine. Old Candlemas Day

day. getting awfully dry. Parted out all
 gas from sheep at the point and brought up
 two novillios for two old oxen to colman.
 the pains manada out of the point pasture.
 and Mercedes making at well at pasture.
 and Ira Litchard, drive all the mares from
 and well to Pig man's well. water getting short
 and not from colman. The sun visited.

15 Ash WEDNESDAY [46-320]

First Day of Lent

to shear the foreign. Isidro and Mercedes still at pasture.
 is recovering alambadon sold a cow hide for four
 mats. poisoned a lot of hiders.

Cloudy day - looks like rain. shearing
in the well at puerto. one ox cart. to
puerto. Colonists coming to take land
half league. which we give them for one
we saw the affo said. and they contract
it in, and cultivate the land well. in
Luzon receiving fences. Killed a capon
mool for three nacionales Mr Ward from the
for breakfast.

17 FRIDAY [48-318]

Hauled an ox cart load of bricks down to the
the small well. four men working there.
the big well. finished shearing the foregas two
seven head. Killed a cow. sold a cow kids for

18 SATURDAY [49-317]

Murrah rained at last. rained a little
the morning, and more in the afternoon. in
at the puerto. hauled another load of bricks down
a cow. sent the sheep back to the puerto. Rec from
Caviglarro two hundred mats for ten now feared him.
sold one and a half @ mool.

19 SUNDAY—1 in Lent [50-316]

Ember Week

Rained a little during the night. Alfred drove to the
Cañada after breakfast in the little carriage to bring Mr Wagner
stout. Sent an ox cart to the Cañada also to bring a horse
cart from B.R. out. and other nurseries. Sold the alazan myoko
horse to a colonist for thirty five mats. rented more Typia land

St. Mildred. 1^h 59^m A.M.

like more rain. Slaughtered a cow
 for colonists. men mending fences
 Dr. Alfred came back and brought
 with him. Oscar also came back.

21 TUESDAY [52-314]

and Mercedes digging the local out of the well
 dug. to put it deeper down, Alfred went around
 Jones. Slaughtered a cow. Ribbon and J. Watt
 p. Cloudy sultry day. Johnnie went to Los Lunos
 certificates made. getting ox carts ready for work.

22 WEDNESDAY [53-313]

Ember Day

wind, cleared off. no rain. received fire of cart
 wheat from ten percent colonists. thrasher passed
 traction engine. finished thrashing last wheat
 in our colony.

Johnnie and German ride to
and took the two carriage to the
German takes to B. & Co. they are so
four hundred rats, fine day.
late in the evening, the Donkin, on
out. Killed a cow. fine looking for
hauling wheat.

24 FRIDAY [55-311]

St. Matthias, Ap. Ember Day

Johnnie cobbling from the colonist. So
to hand wheat to Smuts from our
the Donkin and English staying here.
Eusebio with horse and harness to bring
American cart out from the Casaca. ing

25 SATURDAY [56-310]

Ember Day

Hot day. but plenty of water for cattle. Don
England left. Eusebio and Mercedes handling
the morning with new cart. in the afternoon
wood to the puente and fenced in the well. Sutchend
a cow. also killed an old sheep and a young pig.

26 SUNDAY—2 in Lent [57-309]

Very hot day. strong north wind. Carts came back late
last night, sold two one year old mules for fifty rats
Sent Eusebio and Mercedes to Las Troncas to part out early
in the morning. Short of water for the cattle.

☉ 11^h 57^m A.M.

started the four oxen to haul
 to Smithing. Eusebio and Mercedes
 got no cattle. Alfred went down at
 in the afternoon got mud ready for
 and cleaned the old big well a little.

28 TUESDAY [59-307]

day. Johnie and men putting new local into
 a well. Alfred went to Las Roca and Lomas to answer
 their taking their mare away tomorrow. Killed two
 sheep. getting awfully dry. very strong east wind.

29 WEDNESDAY [60-306]

all the mares, and the neighbors came and took
 them. and Dickinson took the divisionados. Slaughtered
 a cow and a old sheep. the two Miss Languins had breakfast
 here. Johnie and men finished the well. in the afternoon
 Lora left for the Venado Tuerto.

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1 THURSDAY [61-305]

St. David, Arch.

Beautifully cool day. Alfred and
mor. which we traded for four old ones,
began to dig a new well in the afternoon,
it is too warm for both potatoes. Yern
back from B.A. he brought a cork sack in
the England, called on to tea.

2 FRIDAY [62-304]

St. Chad

Alfred traded two novillias for two over to coo
Casts came back late in the night, hauling
with home cast. Cloudy and stormy all day.
a hard shower in the evening. !humah! hope for
getting awfully dry. peste appearing in the night
a colonist paid four hundred and fifty rats for
the leaders sold to him. colonists also regulating

3 SATURDAY [63-303]

Cloudy day, looks like rain, Johnie and
dipped all the sheep at the river. Killed two old
Eusebio and Mercedes digging at well. Rec from coo
account five hundred rats. Salguar's colonist that
fourty five squares in two hundred square potatoes, gives it over
to the colonist that has one half of meadow work in new colony.

4 SUNDAY—3 in Lent [64-302]

Very hot day, looks like rain but it won't. some luck,
big camp fire at Las Rosas. bad time for it. colonists
paying their accounts. Mr Bradney and a friend came over
want to go to the Chaco, Santiagenos selling cucullias.
skinned a cow, looks like peste.

(3h 26m A.M.

ed hard last night, and nearly
 full of water. Belares paid
 at Robar came down from the San Andres
 very little up there.

6 TUESDAY [66-300]

and Johnnie went to Rosario this
 afternoon. Mr. Reitz the photographer brought
 dozen views of the place, ^{\$}40.00
 here yet. Mondino paid rent \$149.00
 his half cuadrado of land (he is the first)
 offered his lease to his brother
 misty day and looks like more rain.
 and Eusebio digging well in paternos.
 on account wheat being wet from
 Butchered cows.

7 WEDNESDAY [67-299]

St. Perpetua, Mart.

a storm this afternoon and a beautiful
 rain. Camp looking quite green again.
 looks trust at priests. Avelino came
 back from ~~pasta~~ with young tropella madrina
 turiana; going to give himself up to justice
 for slashing the man at baile of carnaval.
 says that had no rain at all at the cista.
 Santellan took tropella (madrina 51) redomones (12)
 up north.

Beautiful day and grassy
 The 4 carts started to make
 The two Germans and two la-
 settle on other side of puest
 afternoon. Butchered 3 capone
 in potrero. Bautista Dogina arrey
 years pent, $\frac{1}{2}$ cuadrado. Traded in
 big fat as Larra.

9 FRIDAY [69-297]

Men digging well. Herman the German
 feet. Donkin stops the night. Bra-
 Englishmen were here, want to go to
 Butchered a cow. cut hide to make,
 Fine weather.

10 SATURDAY [70-296]

Digging well in potrero still. pulling
 horses, as water comes in very fast 7
 with negro. (seds). Carts came back from Arme
 hauling for Salin. Pleasant windy day. Received
 \$1000. from colonists on the machines and morillos today.
 Marshal (jun.) was here wants to go to Chaco.

11 SUNDAY—4 in Lent [71-295]

It was a warm pleasant day. Mr. Greenrod and
 Mr. Norton had tea this afternoon on way down from
 Petacas. Afterwards Mrs. Hertz and Franklin — called
 to see mother who is in Rosario yet with Johnnie.

St. Gregory, Bp. of Roch. ● 4h 21m P.M.

working at day break and had a
rain until about ten o'clock.

In afternoon. Delivered two novillos
for two oxen he traded some time
brought a big fat red ox for a novillo
and him. Men not working. Mamma came
Rosario this evening, a man of Kukulanku
as Johnnie suddenly had to go to Alexander's
neph. Splendid weather for grass.

13 TUESDAY [73-293]

working at well with two horses.

parted 13 novillos at puerta, great work
them out of gate. Robson here yet.

hot day, and wind came up this evening.

Andro and Isidro Sosa came this and take
old Sosa's animales to Venado Tuerto.

ingo Rey paid rent of Tijeras camp and
the contract paper which was until
1889. Paid 1500 gold at 50% premium.
driving the young horses about. The
helping him.

14 WEDNESDAY [74-292]

worked again at well in potrero and
it, as water comes in too fast.

rodes this morning to Alex Sosa; parted
out 10 of the old mans. Had great work
with the big novillos in colony. Troop of
500 novillos bought from the Trefoil were
locked in our corral; go to Mendoza.
Cuella with young Gonzalez the owner, were
here. Beastly hot day. Blacksmith left
today and sent the old gardener (Rudolf)
off also.

Butchered an old cow. To
to Armstrong, leaving small
+straps. Mr. Heiland and Mr.
a trade for 150 or more pigs
delivered at mill in Caiada de
and half sows. Mr. Watt came thru
out from England, and stops the
day and looks like rain. Cecilia
hauling bricks to local poteros

16 FRIDAY [76-290]

Hauling bricks to local of new
Had another splendid rain this
had for some time. Colonists (Pañero,
4 open for steers and paired stopped
on Monday. Lent Mr. Watt trap to go
took person along to bring it back.
Ox cart went to Caiada de Gomez with
of tallow for Mias, and to bring out
luggage and Donkin's luggage.

17 SATURDAY [77-289]

St. Patrick's Day

Splendid day regular growing weather
Butchered a cow. Men hauling bricks
Mr. Steifel & Hovrs stop the night on way
Marryat also sent Ward for his 20 ducks

18 SUNDAY—5 in Lent [78-288]

St. Edward, West Saxons

Sent German with the trap to Caiada de
Gomez to bring out the couple (servants), but
they came out in Las Lomas carts and passed
him on the road. Mr. J. Watt came down this
evening and stops the night. It was a warm
pleasant day.

St. Joseph

open for novillas, parted 4 for
and 6 on credit. Mercedes and
tricks. Brought 7 fanegas of
Sargiotte, the rest of our share.
Bagari due to the vinda Sentenna
Antonio came with the note. It was
day.

20 TUESDAY [80-286]

St. Outhbert. 8h 43m P.M.

Pa. Guaman came with ox cart from
de Gomez. Brought couples things but
inquis as he was not at home. The 4
started this afternoon to haul some
at 60° from Domingo Rey to Armstrong.
Stirling and Mrs. A. Dickinson were here
afternoon. Telegram from Johnnie calling
Rosario, looks rainy, warm day.
working with young horses. Men taking
out of old jaguel and hauling to new well.
bured an old cow.

21 WEDNESDAY [81-285]

St. Benedict, Abbot

erman (peru) took mother to Leñada de Gomez
to Rosario after breakfast. Men taking calsa
of old jaguel and hauling it to potrero.
was a pleasant day.

Parted out the animals
in the horse poters. Finished
well and this afternoon filled
chaucheros. It was a cloudy day.

23 FRIDAY [83-283]

Peones thought it was good for
work. Carts came back last night
for Domingo Rey at 60[¢]. Put cattle
Mapino and butchered a cow. Johnnie
came back from Rosario tonight late. He
came along. Young Marshall was here.
It was a cloudy day. — Herman came
the cañada bringing the two horses
back from Buenos Ayres.

24 SATURDAY [84-282]

Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race

Mercedes and Cecilia fixing fences. Eaten
a big agues bull dead in camp. Johnnie
Lomas. Young Tea from Paryas stop the night
to Victoria. Mr. Ogilvie (just out) also came.
Drozzled some today.

25 Palm SUNDAY [85-281]

Annunciation of V. Mary. Lady Day

Johnnie and Mr. Ogilvie went shooting killed three ducks. Sun
a cow. very warm weather. colonists regulating accounts.
Three ox carts left to work. Sent Eusebio to Las Rosas with telegrams.
Mr and Mrs and Miss Watt came from Armstrong. just out from England.
and brought the shot gun Johnnie ordered.

was sent to Amstung. Johnie and five
 went into new pasture well. Mr Watt left for
 or Mr Lemmer came over in the
 afternoon. Stricker went to the Tres Lagunas, but
 very hot day.

27 TUESDAY [87-279]

O 10h 7m P.M.

was
 and men finished putting the social
 sheep butchered. Put cattle on racks at puente
 in the morning. Mother Mr and Miss Watt and
 came over to La Rosas. Bonito offered us for our wheat.
 the ganega.

28 WEDNESDAY [88-278]

Hilary Sittings end

aged the cook and the german. sent horse cart
 to Lomas for a carpenter. hauled up a ox cart load of
 from the stacks into the galpon. Mr Wagner left. Encubio
 him to the station. a heavy dust storm in the afternoon.
 afterwards it rained quite heavily.

Maunday Thursday

Very cool fine day. Alfred went to
capons from the puerto. Two men
Arleino turning horses to the east. He
down. sold a hide for four mats.
Two hundred mats.

30 Good FRIDAY [90-276]

Beautiful weather. Mr. Ellis and Miss Watt left.
no work going on today.

31 SATURDAY [91-275]

Two men mending fence on the Germania
men hauling earth to the Sebida in horse cart.
Mr. Robson came back again from the San Andres.
Slaughtered an old cow.

1 April EASTER SUNDAY [92-274]

All Fools Day

Very hot day. sent Arleino to the Cañada in his carriage
in the morning, and he came back in the afternoon with
Mr. and Mrs. Mass and child. Alfred and Mr. Robson left for the
Chaco. Alfred took five hundred dollars and eleven horse one
madrina and two mules. Johnnie and Morgan saw them off.
Sent Arleino and two men to the quarters.