

1912-1913 Diary of Nellie Irene (Bates) Thomas (1861-1948)

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Part of December 1912 through part of August 1913

[On the cover] Memorandum

Note: The fabric-type cover is loose on the upper right corner. Nellie wrote something under this fabric where it was coming loose, but it is difficult to read. Some of what it says is:

Boyne City [Written on an angle. Boyne City is in Michigan]

R. D. [Rural Delivery]

Cobble Crest [right upper corner]

[On the inside front cover - left hand side]

Verdugo Park [Nellie may have visited Verdugo Mountain Park, East of Sunland, South of La Tuna Canyon Rd., Los Angeles, CA. See her entry below for January 8th.]

Jan 8

Lemons, ____ [?]

Oranges

Olives

Davenport St.

Trunk 224

[On the inside front cover - right hand side]

Nellie I. Thomas

Flint, Mich

925 Liberty St. [This was the address of Jesse and Kate Roat, her daughter and son-in-law.]

At Los Angles [sic]

Hill St. between

5 and 6. good house

Hotel Hinman, corner

7th on Figueroa St.

Take 7th car at Depot.

Place called Walts [?]

Chas. [?] Dodd line [?]

Solano ferry [This apparently refers to the Railroad Ferry Steamer Solano. Per an internet search, the Solano was built for the purpose of carrying a full train of cars (forty-eight freight or twenty-four passenger cars with engine) across the mile-wide Straits of Carquinez from Benicia and Port Costa, on the line of the Northern Railway, a leased line of the Central Pacific Railroad.]

People: [Date of the first listing, there may be others.]

This diary might include: Jesse aka J. L. Roat and wife Katharine "Kate" (Thomas) Roat and their children: Marguerite aka M., Geraldine aka Gerry aka Jerry aka Jeri, Katharine aka Kitty aka Kitten, Eleanor, Betty aka Bettie, and Bob aka Bobs.

Residences or Travel:

Dec 16 - Arrived in Chicago, apparently by train and probably from Flint, Michigan, went south to Anna, Illinois, and then into Kentucky.

Dec 17 - Passed from Kentucky into Louisiana and then into Texas.

Dec 18 - Passed through Houston, San Antonio, and Comstock, Texas.
Dec 19 - During the night passed through Paisano [?], Texas, arriving in El Paso and then Lordsburg, New Mexico.
Dec 20 - Left Lordsburg and crossed into Arizona, then into California to Palm Springs, Colton, Ontario, and finally Los Angeles, California.
Dec 24 -
Dec 26 - Took the all-day Triangle Route Trip, probably by trolley - one day, 101 miles.
Dec 31 - Went by car to the top of Mt. Washington, but walked down, about 1-1/2 miles.
Jan 1 - Took an "auto truck" trip to Pasadena to see the "Rose Carnival" then took a drive around Pasadena and places on the way back to Los Angeles.
Jan 8 - Took an "auto ride" 45 miles, passing through La Habra and Orange, CA.
Jan 9 - Left "car" at San Pedro. Sailed [?] The Nelly and took a trip in Ocean up and down the harbor, Dead Mans Island, back to car and to Harbor Tract for lunch and lecture. [Deadman's Island was one of two islands near San Pedro.]
Jan 14 - Took the all-day Balloon Route Trolley trip to Soldiers Home in Redondo, then to Redondo Beach and Venice.
Jan 21 - Went to Redondo beach.
Jan 22 - Went to Eagle Rock valley. [Eagle Rock was a neighborhood in northeastern Los Angeles. The massive boulder has an indentation that casts a bird-shaped shadow on the rock giving the neighborhood its name.]
Jan 23 - Went to Pasadena to visit, then to Busch Gardens, and took the Oak Knoll road home.
Jan 26 - Went to see some kind of an institution and went to Chapel there.
Jan 28 - Went on an all-day Old Mission Trolley trip to Saint Gabriel, 85 miles.
Jan 31 - Went to Saint Gabriel to see an Old Mission play.
Feb 4 - Last day in Los Angeles.
Feb 5 - Took the train at 2:30 toward Frisco [probably Fresno], arrived in Santa Rorba [?] after dark.
Feb 6 - Reached Fisco [probably Fresno] 8:30 a.m., crossed ferry, went to Depot, took train 12:30, crossed Salano Ferry, came up to Sacramento, changed cars for Durham. [Per Wikipedia: The Solano was a large railroad ferry, built as a sidewheel paddleboat which operated across the Carquinez Strait between Port Costa and Benicia Port Costa in California.]
Feb 7 - Spent the day in Durham.
Feb 8 - Jun 7 - [No entries].]. [Did Nellie stay in Durham after Feb. 7th?]

Jun 7 - [Nellie was apparently in Durham, CA, north of Sacramento, when she recorded this entry of a short trip from there.]
Went to Richardson Springs [California?], ride of 18 miles, short stop at Chico.
Jun 16 - Started for Con [unknown place], passed Yuba [Yuba City], Sacramento, Galt, Tuolumne, Lodo [unknown place], Stanislaus river.
Jun 21 - In park in Fresno.
Jun 22 - Passing through Selma.
Jun 23 - On way back to Durham [going north], passed through Chowchilla, then Stockton [then to Durham].
Jul 2 - A one day trip from Durham "up" to Richardson Springs, CA, and back to Durham, CA.
Jul 12 - A one day trip from Durham to Chico to see the Hooker Tree and back to Durham, CA.
Jul 26 - Up to Chico to have dinner [lunch] with a friend, saw Bidwell Park, and back to Durham, CA. [Per Wikipedia in 2013, this park is now the third largest municipal park in California and one of the 25 largest city parks in the U.S.]

Aug 18 - Started for home [heading eastward]. Took train in Roseville at 12:35, passed Donner Lake, crossed Summit, 6 a.m., crossed Sierra Nevadas, then to Reno, Nevada, following Truckee river. [Roseville is a little northeast of Sacramento.]
Aug 19 - No entries
Aug 20 - Awakened at 4 a.m. to see crossing Salt Lake for 35 miles. Took a trip around Salt Lake City and went through the Mormon Temple/Tabernacle.
Aug 21 - Passed the Grand Canyon and Eagle Canion, followed the Grand Eagle and Little Arkansas rivers all day, went through the Royal Gorge.
Aug 22 - Sight seeing in Denver

Aug 23 - Went along Missouri River, passed through Omaha, Nebraska and crossed over Missouri river there, passing through Iowa, crossed the Mississippi River [perhaps near Davenport, Iowa], dividing line between Iowa and Illinois.

[There are no more day-to-day diary-type entries. Presumably she arrived back in Flint, Michigan.]

Movies or plays:

Books:

Dec 27 - Through the Postern Gate by Florence L. Barclay [published in 1911].

Dec 28 - The rosary [Possible author Florence L. Barclay who wrote a book by that title in 1910.]

Jan 16 - Ann of five towns - [Probably "Anna of Five Towns" by Arnold Bennett published in 1902.]

Jan 18 - Kilmeny of the Orchard - [Probably by Lucy Maud Montgomery and published in 1910.]

Jan 20 - Ann of green gables - [Probably Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery, published in 1908.]

[Note: There is also a book section below, near the bottom.]

Important notes:

Beginning with the first page, there are several entries and addresses.

10637 Y. W. C. A., Phone no.

Mrs. Burnett Davison, 3807 North Griffin Ave., Los Angeles.

Florence Calderwood, Y. W. C. A., Temple bkk [?], take Griffin Ave. car get off 38.

Miss Myrtis Raab, 1325 Shatto St., Los Angeles, Broadway 8[?]4.222-224.

Mrs Harry Holmes, 422 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles.

Telephone, Broadway 2680, 1521-25 Ave. E. [?], Oakland, Cal.

Mrs. Enno Wesemann, 1635 Euyclid [?]Ave., Berkley, Cal.

John Kennewell, 717 West 41st St., Drive, Cal.

Miss Beatrix Deruey [?], Healdsburg, Sonoma Co. Cal.

Mrs. Ellen Cronk, 14003 Magnolia St., South Pasadena, Cal.

C. A. Jarvis, 851 So Flower St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. C. Chadwick, Mrs. Croudy [?], S. Figueroa St., 941.

Mrs. F. A. Case, 200 W. First St., Flint, Mich. [friend Mrs. Francis A. Case]

Roy, 62 Brainard St., Detroit, Mich. [son Roy Thomas]

Mrs. Henry Lohr [?], Olterbein [?], Cal., Los Angeles Co.

N. W. Steward, 1807 Sylvian St., Selena, Cal.

Mrs. N. M. Jones, 1012 Grand Ave., Laramie, Wyoming.

N. M. Jones, 1012 Grand Ave., Laramie, Wyoming.

Ida S. Cook, Sumner, Wash.

Wm Reagan.

Mable Cooper

Pearl Cooper

Semetary [?], Clide Kirkby, Edison and Moore.

People mentioned:

Dec 22 - heard Dr. Chas. B. Locke [?] - unknown person.

Dec 24 - Mrs. Spencer and Miss Weed - unknown persons.

Dec 29 - Kearny the Aviator. Perhaps Horace Kearny, b. 1885, d. 1912. Per the internet: Horace Kearny was an early test pilot and barnstormer who bravely pioneered the skies from 1905-1912. His aircraft went down over the Pacific Ocean near Santa Monica while he was flying from Long Beach to San Francisco and he lost his life in 1912.

Dec 29 - Bob Burdett - unknown person

Dec 30 - and Jan 3 - Holmes - unknown person, see address above for possible persons.

Dec 30 - Mr Gale - unknown person.

Dec 31 - Florence - unknown person.

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Jan 5 - James W. Brougher [?] - unknown person

Jan 10 - P [? E?] Pierce [?] and M Robb - unknown persons.

Jan 16 - Mrs. Cases nephew wife and Son - unknown persons, related to Mrs. F. A. Case, address above.

Jan 19 - C. I. Schoefield - unknown person.

Jan 22 - Mr and Mrs Matthias - unknown persons.

Jan 23 - Mrs. Cronk - unknown person.

Jan 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Saunders - unknown persons.

Jan 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Peterson - unknown persons.

Jan 28 - on Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Methodist minister and wife friends of Mrs. Elwood - unknown persons.

Jan 30 - Dr. Elliott - unknown person. Mrs. C. - known to be Mrs. F. A. [Francis] Case, listed in address section, lived in Flint and was a friend of Nellie.

Feb 3 - Mary E - unknown person unless she was Mary Elliott.

Jun 22 - . Mr. Lohr - unknown person

Jul 2 - Mr. Bradford, Mrs. L - unknown persons.

Jul 18 - Mr. and Mrs. T. H., Mrs. Knowles, Lehla - unknown persons.

Aug 21 - Estelle LaVieve, Mayer Pitts [?] aka Mr. and Mrs. ___ [initial unknown] W Pitts [?] - unknown persons

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Dec 16 Mon	<p>Arrived at Chicago 8:15, 15 min. late. Left 9:10, had a beautiful view of Lake Michigan, are building a park on lake front and are going to tear down C. I. [?] depot and put a museum on location. M. Field left city several million dollars for that purpose. Am fasting until noon. Beautiful farm country, hedges used so much. corn [?] raised in Ill.</p> <p>Southern Ill. a while before we came to Edgewood, we get a strip of quite rolling ground after we pass it, it is again level with acres and acres of Orchards mostly young and I should judge mostly apples. we very seldome see any natural woods. it is corn every where. we also begin to see hay stacks and in some places _____ [?] straw stacks. saw my first mountain near Ann. [Anna?] a small one.</p>
Dec 17 Tue	<p>Passed from Ill into Kent. [Kentucky] about 7 last night, over the Ohio river. went out in vestibule to see. think it must have been a mile wide. Kent. hilly and woodsy. Passed through Tenn. and over half of Miss. while sleeping. Very vigorously [?] wakend at Jackson by a jolt. Country rolling and a great deal of woods. a great deal of pine mixed through the woods. Mistletoe growing on tops of some of the trees. a good many brick yards. lots of red sauce. As we near New Orleans it grew [?] lower and more swampy. plenty of little white washed cabins and some beautiful Southern homes. are now 62 [?] miles from N.O. some Magnolai trees along now. saw our first roses in a yard. mostly donkeys for teams. lots of people _____ [?] back. 63 miles from N.O. There are rows and rows of something under cultivation. gardens growing perhaps some sweet potatoes. prettyest little goats with yokes on, have passed several lumber camps. wind [?] and water everywhere. it has been raining. Have just left Hammond. ground very low but things are so green. have lovely gardens. Lettuce &c [etc.].</p> <p>Tuesday, 2:30. Changed cars at junction, crossed Missp. river in ferry are now in Louisiana. swampy ground any amount of lumber. beautiful trees covered with gray moss.</p> <p>6 P.M. Still in Lus. very low. water standing everywhere. could see out of car winds. until now. Every town up to 4 _____ has a Lumber settlement. now for a while sugar cane is raised. passed one rice factory. saw the gulf of Mexico on right. also small southern plantations. Immense live oaks around farm houses.</p>
Dec 18 Wed	<p>Crossed the Texan border between 8 and 9 last eve. passed through Houston about 12. Got dressed this A.M. just in time to see San Antonio a very large place quite level but gradually beginning to rise a great deal if the ground is covered with cacti and a little [crossed out] tree resembling a peach tree, small sage brush also. Have passed cotton fields and in one place saw them drawing, _____ [?] and weighing cotton, about 3 bales on a load for 2 horse team. muels [mules] everywhere, also horse back riding.</p> <p>Have just reached a little place with pale olive green houses and bright red roofs. 3 P.M. very</p>

	<p>high and still rising. sage brush mostly with a few live oaks. Lots of Texan cattle to be seen and once in a while a fence, sometimes wind mills.</p> <p>4:30. Are still climbing. Passed through devils gorge.</p> <p>5:15. at Comstock. 1565 ft. above the level. Soon be at high bridge.</p> <p>6:00. Still climbing, country very barren.</p>
Dec 19 Thu	<p>Awoke near El Paso this A.M. Took a brisk walk at Depot, very cold, over 3,000 ft. high, passed highest point in night at Paisano [in Texas] -5082 ft. Saw Solder [soldier] camp also one bunch of cavelry in training. Crossed Reo Grand [Rio Grande] river, so many bridges there. Country is very barren. Set watches back one hour. almost nothing grows do not see a garden. Mountains majectic. not a particle of verdure on them. We cross bridges, run through gorges and cuts between the hills. a great many Addobe huts. passed a drove of ponies with a header on horse back.</p> <p>2-5 [?] P.M. We are at Lordsburg, N. Mexico. The soil is changing. Land under cultivation again. mountians [sic] still in the distance. Elevation 4245. Crude oil is on fence [?]. have a tank that carries 15 Gallons.</p> <p>2:40 P.M. Just crossed the line from N. Mexico to Arazona. the most beautiful sight I ever saw. on the left in the distance a range of blue mountains snow capped. on the right dark red and some dirt colors [?]. Indian M-head [mountain-head] in N. Mexico just before we got to line.</p>
Dec 20 Fri	<p>Crossed the line from Arazona in the night. Grand mountains in view all the time. passed Palm Springs early, beautiful palms. Just passed through Banning Ele. 2314 ft. Seen my first Orange groves and Lemon. some trees covered with leaves some leaves gone, fruit all gathered. A young orchard just set out think it in Apricots. are passing through quite a level place, but ranges of mountian [sic] each side. See some lots all draged and ready for planting. beautiful green trees set in rows each side of road and along the fence line. The Eucluliptus [sic] tree. just passed a man dragging with five horses. two empty wagons in the road, each drawn by 3 pairs of muel.</p> <p>Colton</p> <p>Got off had a little breath of air and my picture taken. There are beautiful Orange groves laden with fruit.</p> <p>Ontario a place 35 miles from Los Angeles has a population of ____ [left blank in original] and 23 Churches and no saloons. Nearly to Los Angeles. beautiful Orange groves, some just set, others bearing fruit. People working in them. In one place in S. Cal. saw a young vineyard of 4000 acres. caught in a sand storm when we passed through a sand desert.</p>
Dec 21 Sat	No entry, or entry above covers the 21st.
Dec 22 Sun	Went to First M. E. [Methodist Episcopal] Ch. in morning to hear Dr. Chas. B. Locke. he was grand and the Church was beautiful with its xmas decorations. We went again at night to hear Handel's Messiah given by nearly a hundred voices. best ever heard.
Dec 23 Mon	Spent morning in the stores. dined at Bouses [?] Cafeteria, then took trolly ride to Holly Wood and spent P.M. there. beautiful. Took Angle [Angels] flight up town.
Dec 24 Tue	Rested this A.M. had breakfast o.c. [o'clock?] then went to East park on Alligator farm, place where Government picnics are held. saw a few animals. from there went to West Lake park a beautiful place, walks, summer houses and profusion of flowers and palms. Swans, ducks and mud hens on lake, people fishing. had supper at home. Mrs. Spencer [?] and Miss Weed came in evening. [Note: Per Wikipedia, the Los Angeles Alligator Farm was located next door to the Los Angeles Ostrich Farm in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles.]
Dec 25	Went to Bouse [?] Cafeteria for dinner, then went to park and sat a long time. Then to P. E. station [?]. Looked at fruits and all kind of State products. from there to Alexand[er?] Hotel, most beautiful in Los Angeles - home.
Dec 26	Triangle route. Over one hundred thousand miles of railroad. Pacific electric, 2800. Trip 101 miles - 4 track system. travel 40 miles an hour. Sugar Beets 15 to 25 ton to acre. Rubber tree oldest in world 65 [?] years. 1760 first olive tree planted ____ [?]. Grove of walnut trees. Lazy man job raising walnuts. Euclepic [eucalyptus] trees native of Australia, 130 varieties. Grow 10 or 12 ft. in one year. pass through 6500 acres of sugar beet land. pulp flour \$75 a ton. cattle

	<p>_____ [turned?] on to sugar beet fields to eat tops. Alfalfa fields. some corn. Crossed San Gabriel 1/2 mile wide and over 1/5 inch deep. Empty in ocean. Many Grape vineyard [sic]. Immense chicken ranches. white leghorn. revolving table for hens to lay on. Sierra Madra [Madre] range tallest peak. Cold. saddle back. Sirre meaning Mountain. Madre - Mother. Stopped at Santa Anna in Orange Co., the smallest County in Cal. and the 2nd in production [?]. S. A. 12 thousand population. Red wood tree native of Cal. Lady _____ [?]. S. A. for a change and rest, Servents got change. Hotels got the rest.</p> <p>25 thousand ton last years walnuts. very large english, phipping [shipping?] station in west, sugar beet factory. Celery raised in large amounts _____ [?] 71 million sq. miles. Pacific Ocean.</p> <p>Long Beech population of 2500. 10 years ago 1800. growing rapidly. 1st electric line 10 years ago. (stop for dinner). Just past Wilmington crossing a bridge a mile long draw bridge 3000 dollars, crossing the harbor at San Pedro. Break water at 2-1/2 miles long took 10 years to build cost 3 million dollars. Aviation _____ [?] grand stand seating _____ [?] of 1600 [?] people. no people killed here.</p> <p>[Note: The trip was officially called the Triangle Route trip by the Pacific Electric Railway or Trolley. Nellie had her picture taken along with other individuals on this date and the photograph is in the Roat collection of photos number rpho-0072.]</p>
Dec 27	Spent the day quietly. called on Mrs. Holms [?] this P.M. but not at home. walked downtown sat in park warm and beautiful. began reading Through the Postern Gate by Florence L. Barclay.
Dec 28 Sat	Cleaned house in P.M. went through Hamberger [Hambergen?] big store [stove?] and library. began reading The Rosary.
Dec 29 Sun	Went to Presbyterian Church in morning to hear Bob Burdett good lecture. Sunday eve. went to First M. E. to hear Dr. Locke [?] on Are we near the end of the world, and was Kearny the Aviator right when he said, a [?] man will die when his time comes.
Dec 30 Mon	Washed. Went to Bouses [?] for dinner then went through Times building. Saw man that draws [?] Watts pictures, Mr Gale. Also two caricaturest [?]. also presses at work. a circulation of about 90 thousand. from there to Chamber of Commerce and saw views of Pomona and San Diego. home. Mr and Mrs Holms [?] came in evening.
Dec 31	Went to see _____ [Florence?] today. They have a beautiful bungelo [bungalow]. After dinner went to top of Mt. Washington in car and walked down 1-1/2 miles. 1000 ft elevation.
Jan 1	50 ton and 400 or 500 washtubs of flowers used for Carnival.
Jan 1st 1913	Went by Auto truck to Pasedina to the annual Rose Carnival. Saw the most beautiful parade of my life. Took just 1 hour and 15 minutes to pass. Floats of every kind. horses, Harness men and women covered with flowers. after lunch went for Auto ride. Took Lock-en-yeada drive out of Pasedena. Passed over bridge of Rio Saco, (saco meaning dry) river. rode for miles along a most beautiful drive, stopped at Verdugo Park for a while. saw a real live stream of water and fountain. Then on through Glendale and Tripco [?] and home. saw ripe olives on trees, small fields of Lettuce and tomatoes, orange groves, Apricot trees bare and resting, vineyards and just above the grand mountains rearing their tops skyward. In Pasedena went through part of beautiful Orange Grove Avenue.
Jan 2	Took dinner at Hambergers. came home went to bed.
Jan 3	Dinner at Bouses [?]. Called on Mrs. Holms. sat in park. saw man from Alaska. 80 deg. heat.
Jan 4	Dinner at Bouses [?] but [?] Mrs. H. went to Eagle rock and climbed to top. turned very cold and foggy and blew a gale.
Jan 5	Went to Temple Baptist Church in A.M. and heard James W. Brougher very fine. in eve. Dr. Locke opd. [opened?] question box. got a fire scare.
Jan 6	Did little washing in room. to Bouses [?] for dinner then to Chamber of Commerce and looked at pictures then through Robinsons big store.
Jan 7	[no entry]
Jan 8	Went to Whitties [?] yesterday A.M. came home tonight. had lovely Auto ride this P.M. about 46 miles over hills, through La Habra Valley, through the Oil well district a regular villiage [sic] hundreds of wells. picked Oranges, Lemons and ripe olives off from trees. rode into Orange to [too?]. [See the entry on the inside front cover for Jan. 8.]
Jan 9	Had the first rain of the season last night, did so much good. went to Dorningnez [?] Harbor tract

	this A.M. left car at San Pedro, took boat [?] sailed [sailed?] The Nelly and went for a trip in Ocean and up and down harbor. saw Dead mans Island, and a place high up on bluff, bought by Federal Government to be made into Fort for the protection of Harbor. Harbor is large enough to protect entire fleet. Saw immense Dredge in operation making harbor deeper, flocks of sea gulls and other birds. after boat ride, back to Car and down to Harbor Tract. had own [?] luncheon then lecture, after which went out to look over land then home again. have rain to night.
Jan 10	Bouses [?] for dinner. After to J. Kennewell from there to P [? E?] Pierce and M. Robb, home. Real Estate man called.
Jan 11	At home all day dinner at the Sisters.
Jan 12 Sun	Heard Dr Locke twice. Dinner at Bouses [?].
Jan 13	Dinner at B & M. washed this A.M. went to see The Pierces and M. Robb.
Jan 14	Took Baloon [Balloon] trip today. went to Soldiers home Redonda [apparently Redondo] beech [sic]. Venice. Moon stone beech [sic, apparently spelled Moonstone] and hunted for moon stones [apparently spelled moonstone]. found 3 and 1 jasper. got caught in a wave, got wet, gathered shells, saw ducks, mud hens, and other salt water birds. rode on the "Race thru the clouds" at Venice, looked at wild animals wintering there. saw 4 beautiful young cub lions 3 months old, put my hand on one. went through Aquarium &c. [etc.] going out of Los Angeles passed through tunnel 1st [?] section 516 ft. 2nd 949 ft. our trip in all covered 86 miles. [Note: The trip was officially called the Balloon Route Trolley Trip by the Pacific Electric Railway or Trolley. Nellie had her picture taken along with other individuals on this date and the photograph is in the Roat collection of photos number rpho-0048.]
Jan 15	Took salts and fasted.
Jan 16	Went to vegetarian restaurant for dinner this P.M. Mrs. Cases nephew wife and Son came took us to supper at Bouses [?]. finished reading Ann of five towns.
16	Met Mrs Holmes at Bouses [?] then went down town.
Jan 18	Went with ladies to dinner. called at Mrs. H. finished reading Kilmeny of the Orchard.
19	1st M. E. morning, Florence went with us. heard C. I. Schoefield at night.
20	Are reading Ann of green Gables. went to Vegetarian for dinner. Went to M. E. Bible service in P.M.
Jan 21	Went to Redonda [Redondo] beach today. was not well but had a good time. saw great big waves, and saw the tide go out. got moon stones and some shells.
Jan 22	Went to Eagle Rock valley today to see Mr and Mrs Matthias. Climbed a great big hill. It is a beautiful valley with a chain of Elysin [Elysian] hights (hills) on one side and Mt Washington and others on other side. Mrs. Spencer went with me [to] Pancake dinner.
Jan 23	Went early in A.M. to Pasedena, called on Mrs. Cronk, then to Busches gardens. after that went to Pasedena proper [?] got din [? dinner?]. did the business section. went into M. E. Church then took Oak Knoll road [?] home.
Jan 24	Not very well. Mrs. Cronk [?] visited us. took dinner at sisters.
Jan 25	Dinner at B. Mrs. Saunder spent A.M. with us. went to Buttercup and had Enchiladas for tea, took Mr. and Mrs. Saunders. went to library to night. finished Ann of Green gables.
Jan 26	Went to Church in A.M. Met Mr. and Mrs. Holmes after Church and wall [walk?] including Mrs. Spencer and Miss Jarvis went to Hollenbeck home. went through park and grounds then called on Mr. and Mrs. Peterson in the home. Took us over the institution, 103 inmates, live in State - 4 years first, and are [?] 65 years of age, furnish own rooms, put in \$3.00 when they go in, furnish own clothes, if any property left, given to home when they die. Went to Chapel with old people. 225 Churches. 2 _____ [?] to each Church.
Jan 27	Washed. pancakes for dinner. called on New Haven ladies, then on Mrs. Holmes to bid her good by. went to the shop of a Lapidary and took some stones to be ground.
28 [as she entered it]	Trip 85 miles. San Gabriel mission and introduce us [?] to the touching part of the trips. _____ [?] our tickets. Post Office. One million five hundred thousand \$ [?]. Los A river high tide now but have to sprinkle in summer. 7 play grounds - 22 parks, 125 varieties of Eucalptis trees, shed bark, not

	<p>leaves. 10 thousand a year to keep up Busches Gardens. Alhambra Gateway of San Gabriel valley. From Pasedene to Oak Knoll, perfectly beautiful will some time be the aristocratic part of Pasedena.</p> <p>Lucky Baldwins ranch, pd .50 an acre for land now worth thousands. L. B. race Track. home - Arcadia - 800 pop [population] - 27 Saloons. crossed Triosa river, Monrovia just at foot hills. cost eight hundred thousand \$ to fight frost [?] _____ [?] _____ [?] 15 hundred people. Pasedena - Crown of the Valley - Chippewa Indians, Sierre Madra Mother Mt [?] Saw Old baldy 10 thousand 80 ft. San Gabriel river, man fell in and got all dusty, under current all time under rivers that is irregating. smug [smudge] pots burn crude oil, brick dust or saw dust. In our car there were 18 different States. rep. [represented], 54 passengers.</p> <p>Lucky B. original ranch, 10 thousand acres, when he died 63 thousand. At San Gabriel saw grape vine 137 years old, planted 1775, covers 9000 sq. ft., drank some of the grape juice. Went to Coustian [Cawston] Ostrich farm. saw beautiful birds. one valued at \$2000. bird lays 14 eggs, sets on them day times, mail [sic] bird at night, during setting, set 40 days. young birds roll around 2 or 3 days, grow at the rate of 1 ft. a month until get growth. choose mate when they are 4 yrs old. live to be 65. One male bird killed the female, because he had to set all the time. then chose another mate.</p> <p>Called on Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Methodist minister and wife friends of Mrs. Elwood.</p> <p>[Note: Per information on the internet, the trip was officially called the Old Mission Trolley trip by the Pacific Electric Railway or Trolley and the mission was the old Spanish Mission at Saint Gabriel. The Ostrich farm was called the Cawston Ostrich Farm.]</p>
Jan 29	Ironed this a.m. then went to Bullocks and heard Lecture on Panama canel [sic] took dinner at a new cafeteria did some trading and come home. went to bed then went to prayer meeting in evening.
Jan 30	Went to call on Mrs. Dr. Elliott after dinner then out to Magnolia St. with Mrs. C. to call. took supper down town saw some beautiful electrik signs then home and read.
Jan 31	Went to Lapedaries then to dinner. Then to San Gabriel to Old Mission Play, very historic and pleasing. took supper at Bouse [Bouse's?] then home.
Feb 1	Stayed in the house very quietly today. did not eat any dinner and a very little supper. Mrs. Case and Mrs. Spencer went calling. Mr. Burt Clark called on us this P.M. got Kate's [presumed to be her daughter] pin from Lapidary.
Feb 2	Day very uneventful. went to 1st Baptist Church in eve. grand meeting.
3	Washed. went downtown to dinner. sat in park a while. Called on Mary E. [?]. Mrs. Cronk and Carrie came in eve. had a good visit.
4	Our last day at Los. been packing, ironed [?] some. went down town this .M. Florence came this eve. had such a good time visiting with her.
Feb 5	Took our last dinner at Bouses [?]. The ladies ate with us. Mrs. Spencer came to Depot to see us off. took train at 2:30 for Frisco [probably Fresno]. came through some pretty country. passed through 3 tunnels, 300 yds, 1/4 mile and 1-1/2 miles long. most beautiful rock formations. did not get to Santa Rorba [?] until after dark. had luncheon and ready for bed. 9 P.M. Am in the upper birth trying to undress and not bump my head. The train is just hustling [?],
Feb 6	Reached Frisco [probably Fresno] 8-30 this A.M. got ticket validation, checked trunk, got lunch, then crossed ferry. found Mr. Gibson. bad [bade] Mrs. Case goodbye and went 1516 street Depot. took train 12-30. crossed Salano ferry largest in the world. came up through some beautiful country to Sacramento where I changed cars for Durham. passed several hundred acres in crops, vineyards, &c. [etc.], grain also _____ [?]. heards of cattle, sheep and pigs grazing. arrived 7-3.
Feb 7	My first day has passed in Durham. very busy and visited hard all day.
Feb 8 - Jun 7	[No entries]. [Did Nellie stay in Durham after Feb. 7th?]
June 7-13 [1913]	[Nellie was apparently in Durham, CA, north of Sacramento, when she recorded this entry of a short trip from there.] Went with Mrs. Brown's [?] people to Richardson Springs [California] had a new Carter [?] car and enjoyed the ride of 18 miles so much. made a short stop at Chico, then on [?], crossed [?] [no more written on this date]
June 16-13	Just started for Con - Passing low level fields where there is an abundance of hay, also rice fields

[1913]	some flooded. Crossed feather river also Yuba [Yuba City]. Just had breakfast. Crossed Bear river. Passed dozens of stacks of hay with fire breaks around them. Near Sacramento, crossed American river, capital building cost 3 million, 35 acres in grounds, went to top of Dome. Passed through a place called Gault [Galt?] where they took Bryan to show him the white and Japanese children mixed in School. acres, acres grapes. Crossed Trolumus [? Tuolumne?] river. Lodo beautiful. Crossed Stanislaw [Stanislaus] river. Nothing but level fields and dust.
June 21st	Am sitting in the Park at Fresno. Beautiful court [?] house [?], have been to top of tower. Black walnut trees, Palms, ash
22	, _____ [? Reference?] 22. Selma a place of 2500 prp. surrounding country vineyards, peach trees, some Almonds. worthless without irrigation but rich and beautiful with. Land north from 400 to 800 dollars an acre, improved. 20 acres sell for \$9000. A place of 80 acres rents for \$3000 a year. Owners of 20 acres expect to get \$4000 off from it this year. vineyard irrigation .75 ds. [dollars?] an acre for 1 year. Mr. Lohr is singing.
23	Am on way back to Durham, very warm but pleasant. Passed a big archway. Entrance to Chow Chilla [Chowchilla]. Gateway to 108,000 acres, think mostly grain land. Stocktin a large fine Place. Asylum for the insane. State institution.
Jun 24-Jul 1	No entries.
Jul 2	Mr. Bradford brought us up to Richardsen Springs, started 6-30 arrived 12 Noon. rode some of the East part of journey with Mrs. L. Richardsen a lovely place.
Jul 3 - Jul 11	[No entries.]
Jul 12	Went to see the big Hooker Oak this P.M. with Mrs. Mac. It was a wonderful sight, enjoyed my trip so much, a lovely ride through the Chico woods. Then a short walk to tree. [The Hooker Oak was in Chico, CA and was reportedly about 110 feet tall and was part of a scene in the film The Adventures of Robin Hood.]
July 13	Mr. Mac. here today. Got up at 5:30 and took walk beyond falls. Took a ride in P.M. up the beautiful Canyon.
Jul 14-17	[No entries.]
July 18	Took a walk today up to upper falls. Mr. and Mrs. T. H., Mrs. Knowles, Lehla and I. Had great time, went about five miles.
Jul 19-25	[No entries.]
July 26	Came into Chico on stage. Met _____ [?] and went to dinner then drove through Bidwell Park. came back to Chico, did some trading, then up to Springs.
Jul 27-Aug 17	[No entries]
Aug 18	Started for home, waited a long time in Roseville. took train at 12-35. took out life insurance Aug 19 for Children at Roseville. passed Donner Lake early. crossed Summit about 6 A.M. 7012 El [elevation]. After crossing Sierra Nevadas came down to Reno, Nevada, followed Truckee river a long ways, gold fields to right, beautiful scenery. after we passed away farther, scene changed and have traveled all the rest of the day over desert. dry, white sand and buffalo grass, every thing dried up. Humbolt _____ [?] _____ [? trees?] each side.
Aug 19	[No entries]
Aug 20	Porter wakened me at 4 A.M. had started across Salt Lake, a wonderful ride of 35 miles. S. Lake City 150 thousand inh. [inhabitants?] Trip around City, went through Taberneckle and Church, looked at Temple, 50 yrs. to build. Made of cut stone hauled by oxen, also other materials. [A few words crossed out.] Tiny lights of glass in Taberneckle cost 55 cts [cents] a piece. Patti [?] first _____ [?] of not [?] to [?] sick [?] in [?] Tab. [?]. Not all members allowed to enter, must not use tea, coffee, liquer, tobacco or any stimulent or defile bodys in any way. [A word is written in the right margin which cannot be read.]. Young men dont believe in following examples of fore fathers in regard to wives but feel pretty bad some time, cant get even one. Taberneckle can hear pin drop in building 200 ft a way. Millionare Ave _____ [?] all have green backs and even lawns except a rake [?] off. Episcopalian School for Girls. Only mail allowed. U.S. calls twice on week days but not allowed on Sun. When law was passed Poligamy should be abolished. U-Sam built house for surplus wives, only one applied, she a widow. Take pride in Maud Adams being born [?] there [?], saw first place, she sang, also Mother. 35 denominations, 70 churches, 2 saloons to every Church. Organ, some pipes have

	enough to drive Shetland Poney through, others a fly might stop up. Grand Organ has 5000 pipes 1/4 of an inch to 32 ft.
Aug 21	Sat up all night. grand scenery began at six. went through Grand Canion [sic] and Eagle Canion this day. followed Rivers Grand Eagle and Little Arkansas all day. held up by washout 1-1/2 hours. Grandest rocks and mountains ever saw. Have just been thru the Royal Gorge. How wonderful are thy works oh God. water pipe came for miles bringing water to Canyon City States. prison at Canyon, convicks work. State is building Auto road thru [?]. fine country in Col. [Colorado], _____ irrigated, fine apples. 30 miles thru Gorge. passed over green prairie lands. [This page also contains unrelated information as follows:] Estelle LaVieve Star of Lifa Mayer Pitts [?] Mr & Mrs __ [initial unknown] W Pitts [?] Houston, Tex.
Aug 22	Went in sight seeing car over the City [o]f Denver today, most beautiful buildings ever saw. took train at 3:30.
Aug 23 Sat	Went along by Missouri river this A.M., passed throu [sic] Omaha. fine country, passed acres and acres of corn. crossed M. river at Omaha, Neb. are passing throu [sic] Iowa now, lots of corn, nice country rolling. At just 12 min. to 4 P.M. crossed the Mississippi [sic] river. The dividing line between Iowa and Illinois. looks about like Iowa so far. corn and more corn. good pasture.
[see note]	[There are no more dated entries. Presumably Nellie traveled back to Flint, Michigan.] [Other notes in the rest of the diary are transcribed below.]

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Rect. from bank \$5.00 _____ [looks like intsish, perhaps meant to be interest.]

Durham Aug 3-13 [1913]

Recd. of E. H. Cook - \$15.00 to apply on rent.

Money order - \$10.00

By letter a bill - 5.00

Flint Oct 6-13 [1913]

Recd, E. H. Cook - \$10.00 to apply on rent.

Flint Nov 15-13 [1913]

Recd. of E. H. Cook. Thirty dollars - \$30.00 to apply on rent.

Flint Feb 6-14 [1914]

Recd, E. H. Cook, twenty four dollars - \$24.00 to apply on rent.

Detroit May 30-1914

Rec. of E. H. Cook \$10.00 to apply on rent (ten dollars).

[Note: These last two entries are the only 1914 items in this diary as far as can be determined.]

Be what your friends think you are.

Avoid what your enemies say you are.

Go ahead and be happy.

Mark M. Pomeroy

called brick Pomeroy

from his square dealings.

Taken from grave stone in private burial place near Chicago.

W. G. [?] Patrick

Age 45 yrs.

Pass on, don't waste your time.

O'er bad biography, and bitter rhyme.
For what I am this crumbling clay insures.
And what I was is no affair of yours.
Native of Howard Co. Mo.

Santa Rosa

Mrs. W. H. Sherman [Not found in census or city directories in California at Ancestry.com.]
dear old lady [this line written in ink]

Perhaps also Santa Rosa.]

Clauson [?] Partridge [Not found in census or city directories in California at Ancestry.com.]
a great mason

Turned over to Treas. [treasury?]

May 18 -1913 .85

Paid out

May 18 -1913 .50

Mrs. Isabell Egger [? Egger, Eyger, or even different starting letter]

Rosevill. [A possible person found at Ancestry.com in the 1910 census is Isabelle Egger age 50 born England, living in Roseville, Placer Co., CA. She is listed as a telegraph operator and her husband, John S. Egger, is the proprietor of a hotel.]

Rudder Orange Inn [Not found on the internet.]

cousin [?], W. H. [? or N?] Edwards [This is an unknown person. There are no known relatives of Nellie with the last name of Edwards.]

Mrs. H. Schroder

Doris Apartment house

Corner Pierce and California, San Francisco, Calif.

[One possible entry at Ancestry.com, city directories, is a Herman Schroder in 1913 residing at 1960 Pierce. In the 1910 census in San Francisco there is a Herman Schroder age 58 with a wife Doris age 53, both born Germany and parents born Germany, living at 2533 California street.]

Durham

Feb. 11. Buttons - .10

Feb. 11. Vegetables [sic] - .15

Sonora wheat

Crushed barley for horses.

Ground grape seed - caprico - for hog feed [The term caprico not found on the internet.]

Bark of Redwood tree 5 ft thick, warm [?] and spongy

Aug 8 - Recd. of E. H. Cook, Fifteen dollars - \$15.00 to apply on rent.

\$10.00 money order

\$5.00 cash

P. H. Collar, 15-1/2, Shirt 15, Coat 40 inch, Socks 11, Pin [?] collar but Cuff Links

Mr. Mc-Shirt- 15-1/2 Col, 15-3/4. Pin [?], W. Chain.

Sierra Nevada range

Humbolt range

Ruby range

Nevada opal mine

New stone Louieite [This gem stone name not found on the internet.]

Honest Mining and Gem Company

Large families among the poor.
old age insurance.

Lower standards of American citizenship.

Political gratitude.
a lively expectation of favors to come.

State of Cal. 770 miles long - 370 miles wide, and 2 hundred and 50 million population.

Sundries

Jan 14	Picture	.25
Jan 14	Post cards	.08
Jan 14	Baloon [Balloon] trip	1.00
Jan 17	Post cards, car far[e]	.10
Jan 18	Tablet	.25
Jan 18	Beauty pins	.19
Jan 19	Collection	.35
Jan 20	Comb	.25
Jan 21	Redondo beach	.50
Jan 21	Post cards	.05
Jan 21	Medacine	.60
Jan 22	Toweling	.82
Jan 23	Match _____ P_ccirds	.19
Jan 23	Collar stays	.10
Jan 23	Trip	.30
Jan 26	Collection, car fare	.20
Jan 27	Post cards	.08
Jan 27	Gas bill	.63
Jan 28	Old Mission trip	1.00
Jan 28	Pins	.59
Jan 28	Penant	.15
Jan 28	Post cards	.13
Jan 29	Sundries	.77
Jan 31	Pins	1.75
Jan 31	Old Mission trip	.80
Feb 1	Hat pin	.50
Feb 2	Collection	.10
Feb 3	Post cards, soda [?] cream	.30
Feb 3	Beads	.10
Feb 3	Reservation	1.00
Feb 3	Postage stamps	.25
Feb 4	Figs	.25
Feb 4	Coat cleaned	.75
Feb 5	Mrs. Steel	2.50
Feb 5	Gas [?]	.25
Feb 5	Car fare, trunk check	.70
Feb 6	Car fare	2.15
Feb 6	Lunch	.20
Feb 7	Post cards, stamp	.25

Letters	Cards
Kate III	Bell [?] H. I
John II	Hattie P. I
Roy II	Mrs. Giss [?] I
Mrs. Fields I Mr. I	Mrs. Higby I
Kiddies I	Mrs. Fields I
A. Carrie I	Mrs. E. Robins [?] I
A. Nina I	Marguerite I
Mrs. Snyder I	Geraldine I
Mrs. Wells	John II
Frank	Roy II
Madge	Aunt Mary [?] II
Francis	Aunt Carrie I
Mrs. Cook I	Laura
A. Mary I	Mrs. Moffatt
Swayzes I	Mrs. Chapel I
Dr. I	Mrs. Wetheral
Jesse I	Swayzes I
	Madge II
	Francis II
	Katharine I

[Note:

Kate = Refers to Katharine (Thomas) Roat, Nellie's daughter

John = Probably refers to Nellie's son, John William Thomas

Roy = Refers to Nellie's other son, Roy Cresswell Thomas

Fields = Refers to Mr. and Mrs. Fields, or Rev. and Mrs. Fields, of Court Street Methodist Church, Flint, MI.

Kiddies = Might refer to her grandchildren.

Francis = Might refer to her friends, Francis A. Case, usually called Mrs. Dr. Case.

Jesse = Jesse Levi Roat, her son-in-law, husband of Kate.

Marguerite & Geraldine = Two of her granddaughters.

Carrie = Her aunt, Caroline "Carrie" (Moore) Lamson, Saginaw, MI.

Aunt Mary = Unknown for sure who that referred to. She may have been Mary Catharine (Bates) Brown, Nellie's aunt on her father's side of the family, sister to her father who was Hosea Bates. Mary lived in Jackson Co., MI.

Laura = Probably Laura (McDonald) Lamson, wife of Walter J. Lamson, son of Carrie (Moore) Lamson.

Swayzes = John and Fronia or Sophrona, see the 1922 diary for information about them.

Jan 17, 1913	Rent	1.75
Jan 18	Groceries	.10
Jan 18	Dinner	.19
Jan 19	Dinner	.23
Jan 20	Dinner	.19
Jan 20	Groceries	.24
Jan 21	Dinner	.27
Jan 22	Dinner	.15
Jan 22	Groceries	.27
Jan 23	Dinner	.24
Jan 23	Supper	.13
Jan 24	Groceries	.22
Jan 24	Dinner	.20
	[total]	4.18

Jan 24	Rent	1.75
Jan 25	Dinner	.21
[Jan 25]	Groceries and supper	.50
Jan 27	Dinner, groceries	.20
Jan 28	Dinner	.15
Jan 28	Groceries	.08
Jan 29	Dinner	.27
Jan 29	Groceries	.08
Jan 30	Dinner - supper	.33
Jan 31	Dinner - supper	.32
	[total]	3.91
	[total should have been 3.89]	
Feb 1	Groceries	.06
Feb 2	Dinner	.25
Feb 3	Dinner	.26
Feb 4	Dinner	.25
Feb 4	Groceries	.27
Feb 5	Dinner	.30
	[total]	1.39

Floid Atterbery [No possible match found at Ancestry.com in 1910 census, CA, using various spellings of first and last name.]

Radford Lynn [?] [No possible match found at Ancestry.com in 1910 census, CA.]

Walter Hensley [There are two entries for the name Walter Hensley at Ancestry.com, 1910 census, CA. One is Walter L. Hensley born about 1898, CA, living in San Jose, Santa Clara, CA, and the other Walter B. Hensley born about 1902, CA, living in Ophir, Butte, California. Neither one of these seem like the age to be included in Nellie's notes.]

Irvine Jones [There are no entries for the name Irvine Jones at Ancestry.com, 1910 census, CA. There is an Irvin C. Jones born about 1903, CA, living in Dayton, Butte Co., CA, and an Irvin Jones born about 1906 CA, living in National, San Diego, CA. Neither one of these seem like the age to be included in Nellie's notes.]

George Adams [There are 89 entries for the name Percy Brown at Ancestry.com, 1910 census, CA.]

Percy Brown [There are 11 entries for the name Percy Brown at Ancestry.com, 1910 census, CA.]

Iven Norris [No possible match found at Ancestry.com in 1910 census, CA.]

Geo. McAwarlin [?][No possible match found at Ancestry.com in 1910 census, CA.]

Stanley Mitchell [No possible match found at Ancestry.com in 1910 census, CA.]

[All of these except for the last name have an "x" marked in ink.]

Mr. [?] W. K. Norris, Durham Calif. [In a search at Ancestry.com, no possible matches were found.]

Mrs. Joe Jones, Durham, Calif. [In a search at Ancestry.com, no close matches were found. There is a Joseph C. Jones and wife Retta A. Jones living in Kimsheew, Butte Co., CA and a Joseph P. Jones and wife Jennie L. Jones living in Dayton, Butte, California.]

L. D. Morse, Durham, Calif. [Durham is in Butte Co., CA. There is a Lyman Dwight Morse listed in some records at Ancestry.com, living in Chico, CA, which is also in Butte County. In the 1910 census there are two listings for a Lyman D. Morse, one born about 1828 in NY with wife Mary E. Morse, living in Chico and the other Lyman D. Morse, was born about 1894 in CA and was living in Hamilton, Butte Co., CA. More information is needed to determine who Nellie was referring to as L. D. Morse in Durham.]

Los A. _____ [?] by [?] the consatidory [?] San Pedro and Wiliamsen. L.A. [?] pledged 3 million Dollars for emp. [improvements? implementation?]

Los Angeles, 124 public schools, 41 colleges, 1900 teachers.

Mary Andrews Clark, Memorial Home, 386 [written in ink] Loma Drive, Los Angeles - Cal. [There is an article on Wikipedia about the Mary Andrews Clark Memorial Home.]

Florence Calderwood, 3807 No. Griffin Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. [In searching the city directories at Ancestry.com, for Los Angeles, she was not found at the Griffin address; however there were people with the last name of Calderwood listed on Griffin Ave, but not 3807. In census records on Ancestry.com, Los Angeles, California, in 1909 a Florence M Calderwood is listed as a clerk at Parmalee-Dohrmann Co., residing on Glendale. In the 1910 directory a Florence Calderwood is listed as a steno for S F Bowser & Co and residing at 4508 Melbourne Ave.]

Loquat [?] tre. make jelly. [Perhaps the Loquat tree.]

Voganvillia a beautiful vine with purple blos. [Not found. There is a Boganvilla flower.]

Fish. Smoked Albacor.

Boat - three hundred of them to 1 mile ft. of Lumber. Slip of water allows 30 boats to unload at one time.

Redonda Beach. Swimming pool. Capacity of pools 480,000 gal. Fountain supply, hot - 1400 gal. per minute. more than 1000,000 gal per day.

Dec 24	Paper knife	.50
Dec 26	2 napkin rings	.20
Dec 26	Abolonia [?] pins	.20
	Mrs. Cases book	1.35
Dec 28	Red [?] _____ [?]	.35
Dec 28	Card	.15
Dec 30	H-chief and _____ [?]	.40
Jan 1, 1913	Trip and St. car	.60
Jan 2nd	Pig [?] and beads	.15
Jan 4	Car fare	.10
Jan 6	Ink wells	.70
Jan 6	Baskets, wisteria vine	.45
Jan 6	Jap Lackard	.25
Jan 5 [sic]	Collection [the 5th of Jan, 1913, was a Sun.]	.10
Jan 7	Car fare	.50
Jan 8	Jap box, post cards	.32
Jan 9	Car fare	.10
Jan 10	Car fare	.20
Jan 11	Stamps	.26
Jan 12	Collection	.10
Jan 13	Car fare	.05

Dec 20, 1912	Room rent	1.75
	Trunk from depot	.25
	Dinner, supplies for S.	.65
	Tips to porter	.75
Dec 22	Dinner	.25
Dec 23	Dinner	.28
Dec 23	Car fare, post cards	.14
Dec 24	Groceries	.45
Dec 24	Car fare	.15
Dec 24 [?]	Xmas dinner	.45
Dec 26	Dinner Long Beach	.28
	Triangle Excursin	1.28

	Groceries, car fare, treat	.35
	Post cards	.15
	Supplies	.25
	[total]	7.43

Books

Julia Meiros [? or Mieros or Muros], R. R. Spring [This book not found on the internet.]

My Mansion, Van Dyke [Perhaps the book The Mansion by Henry Van Dyke, published 1911.]

Xmas in the Afternoon [This book not found on the internet.]

Dec 27, 1912	Room rent	1.75
Dec 28	Dinner	.25
Dec 28	Groceries	.10
Dec 29	Dinner	.30
Dec 30	Dinner	.33
Dec 30	Groceries	.26
Dec 31	Groceries	.26
Jan 1, 1913	Groceries	.13
Jan 2	Dinner	.17
Jan 2	Water	.05
Jan 3	Groceries	.25
Jan 3	Dinner	.18
	[total]	4.03

Bularian Collars - 35

Softer colors [?]

Bulgarian Coat, Collar .15

Jan 3, 1913	Room rent	1.75
Jan 4	Groceries	.15
Jan 4	Dinner	.20
Jan 5	Dinner	.24
Jan 6	Dinner	.28
Jan 8	Groceries	.17
Jan 9	Groceries	.20
Jan 10	Dinner	.21
	[total]	3.20

L. D. Morse. [unknown person, apparently quoted below]

I'm not particularly tipped on Mich. where I was a boy, it was Away back to Michigan. Now I'm a man, and on the jumping off place of the West. It's Away back to Mich. still.

Jan 10, 1913	Room rent	1.75
Jan 11	Dinner	.25
Jan 11	Groceries	.17
Jan 12	S. Dinner	.34
Jan 13	Dinner	.19
Jan 13	Figs [she wrote carfar and crossed it out]	.15
Jan 14	Dinner	.25
Jan 14	Supper	.13
Jan 15	Groceries	.10
Jan 16	Dinner	.25
Jan 17	Dinner	.27

Jan 17	Groceries	.15
	[total]	4.00

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Seattle Transfer.

T. H. Cresswell, 320 Lincoln Ave., E. Saginaw, Mich. [He was probably Thomas Barlow Cresswell, the husband of Nellie's Aunt, Cornelia (Moore) Cresswell. They lived at that address in the 1910 census.]

High bridge, 321 ft. high, Length-2180 ft., Texas

Rev. C. F. Mattheis, Anna, Ill. [Unknown person. Perhaps the C. F. Matthies age 78 and wife Augusta age 71, living in Anna, Union Co., IL in the 1910 census.]

[Rev. C. F. Mattheis] Division St., Los Angeles [Nellie listed the Anna, Ill. address for him and also the Division St., Los Angeles address for him. No city directory information was found for him in Los Angeles, CA.]

Mrs. Jay McLaren, 620 Flower, Seminole Aprt. [unknown person] [He was not found in city directories or census records at that address. There is a Jay McLaren in the 1910 census living in Alameda, Oakland Co., California, address 28th or 79th Street, Jay L. McLaren age 48 married once 20 years, born MI, parents born MI, physician, with a wife Frances A age 46, married once 20 years, 1 child, 1 living, born Michigan, parents born NY, child June V, daughter age 13, single, born MI, parents born Michigan, parents born MI.]

Mrs. F. A. Case, 3491 Chuncey St., Oakland, Cal. Station G. [She was Mrs. Francis Case, Nellie's friend from Michigan. She was not found at that address, Ancestry.com, city directories, Oakland, California. The spelling of the street might be Chauncey. In a 1925 directory she may be the Mrs. Frances A Case, Oakland, California, resides 386 61st.]

Mrs. F. E. Spencer, 851 So. Flower St., Los Angeles, Cal. [Perhaps the Mrs. Spencer listed several times above.] [She was not found at Ancestry.com, city directories, Los Angeles, California, looking for anyone with the last name of Spencer living at 851 Flower Street. There are Spencer listings living on that street, but not at 851 Flower.]

Mrs. Alma Woods, 7343 - 53rd [?] Ave., So. E., Portland, Oregon [unknown person] [She was apparently the person found in the online city directories at Ancestry.com, Portland, Oregon, City Directory, 1916, J. Frank Woods, wife Alma L., supt. Portland Newspaper Union, h 7343 53d av SE.]

Mrs. Carrie Lamson, 1931 So. Washington Ave., Saginaw, Mich. [She was Mrs. Caroline (Moore) Lamson, Nellie's aunt. She lived at that address in 1910]

Mrs. Thos. McCullen, 780 Canton Ave., Detroit, Mich. [He was Thomas McCullen, the husband of Nellie's Aunt, Cordelia (Moore) McCullen, They lived at that address in 1910.]

Mrs. W. C. Mills, 48st. Garfield Ave., Columbus, Ohio [unknown person] [The city directories were searched at Ancestry.com for this person. There are several people with the last name of Mills living on Garfield, and some living on 48th street, but none seem to match a Mrs. W. C. Mills.]

Mrs. John Snyder, 110 Witherbee [?] St., Flint, Mich. [unknown person] [She may have been listed in the 1910 city directory found on Ancestry.com, as Maria Snyder, widow of John, boards 710 E Witherbee.]

Mrs. Higby [This is an incomplete entry, she wrote Albert St. and then crossed that out.] [unknown person] [She might be found in the 1910 census in Flint, Michigan, as Rose E Higbie age 54, husband William H age 57, living on Elbert Street, no house number given. See also the entry below.]

Mary Patrick, 716 Thompson, Flint [unknown person] [She is listed at Ancestry.com, city directories, Flint, Michigan as Mary Patrick, bds [boards] 716 Thompson. She is listed at Ancestry.com, 1910 census, Flint, Michigan, as Mary M. Patrick, aunt, age 72, single, born MI, parents born NY, living with Arthur and Alice Bryers or Fryers, more information is given in the census.]

Mrs. N. S. Steele, 901 S. Flower, Phone Broadway 2066. [unknown person] [It is not known were this person lived, but if in Los Angeles, no matching person was found in city directories or the 1910 census at Ancestry.com.]

Mrs. Rose Higby, 57 Elvert St., Flint, Mich. [unknown person, see entry above]

Mr. Frank Johnson, 2707 [or 2767] Judkins St. Seattle, Wash. [unknown person] [The city directories were check at Ancestry.com, for Seattle, Washington. There are many Frank Johnson entries, but none found on a Judkins street. There are entries for last name Johnson on Judkins street, but none that matches. The 1910 census was also checked but no possible match was found.]

Bullocks [?] corner B-way 7th. 4th floor. Learn to crochet [?]

Larkan [?] peada [?] Lacanida [?] Drive (Lock-en[?]-yead [?]

* Oneonta resting place. Oneonta Indian.

[Books]

The Magyar [?] by Alexander Irvine. [Probably “The Magyar: A Story of Social Revolution” by Alexander Irvine published in 1911.]

On-e-on-ta [This probably refers to the pronunciation of the above Indian word and town.]

Wood Carver of Lympus [Probably “The Wood-Carver of ‘Lympus’” by Mary E. Waller published in 1912.]

The Harvester Queed [?] by Jene Stratten Porter [Probably “The Harvester” by Gene Stratton Porter, published in 1911.]

Ann of Green Gables, L. M. Montgomery [Probably “Anne of Green Gables” by Lucy Maud Montgomery published in 1908.]

The Following of the Star [Probably “The Following of the Star” by Florence L. Barclay published in 1911.]

Songs

Absent, words by Catharine Young Glen [Probably found on the internet, sheet music, Absent, words by Catherine Young Glen, music by John W. Metcalf, published 1899.]

A Perfect Day, Words and Music, Carrie Jacobs Bond [Probably A Perfect Day by Carrie Jacobs-Bond, writer of both the words and the music, published in 1909. An internet search tells that in Carrie’s autobiography she told the story of writing this song saying it “came to me as I was viewing a wonderful sunset from the top of Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside, California.”

Dr. Gibbons. good. [unknown reason for entry and unknown person]

[The following is written on the inside back cover.]

_____ [a few words unreadable]
Huntington beach, R. R. &c [etc.]

Mrs. Ellen Cronk, 1403 Magnolia St., So. Pasadena. [At the beginning of this diary she gave the address of Ellen Cronk as 14003 Magnolia St.]

Sandy Gulch

28-14 cost [?] for board [?] in L. A.

[On the outside back cover Nellie wrote several words, but most of them are unreadable. One of them appears to be "Dinners."]

* [Regarding Oneonta, found on the internet, a scan of a copy of Sunset Magazine, May 1, 1904-Oct. 1904, vol. 3, pg. 453-454, published monthly by the Passenger Department, Southern Pacific Company, San Francisco, California. These pages mention that the name Oneonta means "resting place."]