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Diary of Wm John Snow 1870
Grand River Agency Sept 1 1871

To Day there was a white man killed
By the name of George P. Bulder
he was found by a man named
George Carrey and old timer the man
killed was riding a mule and the Indian
took mule and gun and the man
had the man that caught the mule
saw the trail with it out said this is
my trail I want it the Indian said
all right he also had an arrow
hat and said he killed the man
and took mule and gun and gun
he never was punished there was no
law then says they gun and bullet
he was killed on account of a Indian
Woman the white man was about to
hit her and the Indian was
jealous of him and thought the best
way to go would be to kill the white
man so he did it and kept out to
the hostile camp Wm John

Leavenworth Ball

Oct April 7 1900

To Day is a Big Wind the ice
is about all gone out of the River
Wm John

Leavenworth Ball Oct 8 1900

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is about all gone out of the River
Wm John

Cannon Ball Tuesday April 10 1900

to day is a good day and Lots of
 teams is getting Back from Mandan
 the river is good and Cannon Ball
 is down and i want to get out of there
 But Miss Parkins want me to go
 But i think it is for my Benefit to
 go and so for my self i have lost several
 head of Cattle and horses and think
 i must leave the store i hate to see it for
 Miss Parkins is awfull good Woman
 to work for i know Mr Parkins in 1872
 when i was a Soldier at
 Fort A Lincoln Dak he was working
 in store for R. C. Oip M. Jahn

Cannon Ball Dub Station

Thurs April 12 1900

to day an old Indian Chief By the
 name of Wolf Necklace has just
 died aged 75 years he was prominent
 in all the treaties with the Government
 and had a Big Influence of his
 tribe i have known him since 1872
 at Old Grand River Agency Dak
 when he died he was a Judge in
 the first Court at Cannon Ball Dub
 Station he has also Bin to Washington
 also to the Omaha Exposition 3 yrs
 ago he also signed all of the treaties
 made with the Government But he
 is now no more his life has gone
 beyond the way we all will have
 to go down as later

M. Jahn

Fort Rice D.T. Sept 9 1871

To Day there was a Expedition left
 this Past to go the yellow Stone River
 the Expedition was to guard the
 Surveyors in making a line for the
 N.P.R. road this was 4 companies of
 the 22nd inf 2 companies of my
 Regiment 17th inf 100 Native Scouts
 25 Sioux Scouts about 25 citizens
 belonging to the Surveying Party
 the Expedition was under the
 command of General Whistler the
 Army was under command of
 General Rossier Ex Confederate General
 he was a brave man my Capt was
 Capt Marcott Co H 17th inf. We lost one
 soldier he got lost of course the Indians got him
 We was gunned two months coming home
 We got burned in coming through
 the Bad lands on the little morrie
 We saw Buffalo inds antelope and lots
 of other animals it was a hard
 trip But we was all young and tuff
 was also an Expedition with
 General Stanley and Custer August
 1873 it was a Big Expedition We got some
 men killed by inds and had a pretty
 hard scrimmage at Pappies Pillow
 on the yellow Stone Gen Custer
 lost his ardily he was killed
 this in the Expedition that Rain in face
 claimed he killed two White men
 for which he was afterwards arrested
 Mich you will see on another page of
 my diary Mich i think he should
 ought to be hung it was cold
 blooded murder or is the World
 W.P. John

Standing Rock Agency Dec 15 1890

Word has come from Grand River that the Police in arresting Old Sitting Bull that a fight took place in which five Police was killed and Old Bull and 6 of his men fell in trying to assist in rescue the Old Warrior the Police killed Men Indian Police and all good men when news came to the Agency the Orders were called out an Expedition was sent nearly all winter but there was not much suffering for it was a good winter after the Indians left this Agency they got in a fight at a creek called Maudred Knee border close to Pine ridge Agency with the old

7 Cavalry Custers Old regiment and there was a good many killed on both sides the officer killed just to Soldier with him at Ft. A. Lincoln his name was George D Wallace he commanded the Sioux Scouts on the Expedition in 1874 which was called Custers Black Hill Expedition he was a good officer

Wm John

Dec 16 1890

which was in mandan news came that Old Bull and a lot of his men and five Police were killed on ice near here and went to Standing Rock and was at the funeral of the Police who was killed in trying to take that old rascal Sitting Bull if you need Sitting Bull and Old Bull in 1873

Wm John

Grand River Agency May 11 1873

To say there came Party near Big
 a fight - the Indians came in to
 the agency and said they came to
 fight - But - the Agent and
 Commanding Officer being old Soldiers
 was not easy scared - This was galls
 out - fit - So the Commanding Officer told
 them he did not even to fight -
 But - that - he did not - come to
 be scared and told them the
 best thing they could do was to
 go back to their camp as when
 they saw they could not - scare
 him they all skip - out - But - an
 evening they shot - several shots at
 the old Tilgg and some bullets went
 through it - But - that did not
 scare the old officer - I have since to
 see these very Indians that would
 spit in your face to say they are
 glad to ask you for something to
 eat - I am glad that - I have since to
 see them - I came amongst
 them in 1870 and tell you
 there is lots of difference now and
 when I came amongst - them
 Bad. Gall. antelope Corn. King
 Belly fat - Kid Eagle and Lots of
 other old chiefs turned out to
 be good old men all have
 since died - Poor old Sitting Bull
 they had to kill him to make
 a good fire out - of him it is
 that General Harney once said the
 only good Indian was a dead Indian
 that is about - what - I think says John

Cameron Ball Morton Co N.D.

May 12 1900

Word has come from Standing Rock
that an old timer by the
name of ~~Wm~~ Whitsett Bitter
known as Spot has just
died he was a old friend of
mine we worked together in 1875
went to the Black Hills together
in 1878 he was also a scout for
the government when i was a
soldier he was a good all around
man

Wp John

Cameron Ball
march 29 1901 Morton Co.
N Dak

I was told yesterday that a man
is dead that had a Bad
Record that it was a Negro
known as Frank Black Hall
known as one that took part
in the murder of the Spicer murder
a few years ago it was an
awful crime this man did of
Indian boy the younger.

Wp John

Cameron Ball mar 24 1911
to day I and my little boy killed
Eight Rabbits we got them
under the house and caught
all of them

Wp John

in 1875

Standing Rock Oct-15-1880

Left to say to go on a Buffalo Hunt and went as far as Whiff-Clay hills We got into Buffalo the Prairie was Black with them there was my self and Ed Sunkhu Dr. minus was a Lieut. Ogle Linus- Lemke J. D. Padler was a and about- 400 Indians when we got- arrived- Buffalo the Indians tried to make us obey their orders and there was a kick in as interpreter and we saw we could not- get- along with them so we left- them and started home we had a good time along the Indians wanted to run things and we would not stand it- so sooner than have any trouble we all left- them and turned back for home the Indians are awful- wicked- would let- us Body Leap the Waggon train when we the march and at- night- we had all to camp together and we did not- like it- they was also Dasey and when we killed Buffalo they would claim it of course they outnumbered us so we could not say nothing or we thought- the best- way to save trouble was to leave them and so we turned back we camp- in our fire breaks got grass and wood

W. Zahn

Nov 1902

1913

1919

Cameron Bad Martin Co W.D.
Mar 18 1901

Word has come from Macedonia W.D.
of the death of an Old timer
By the name of Fred Whiter
He was a good all around man
and a friend of Capt - Wm Badger
also his son Wm Badger and
Every body is sorry of his death
The Capt - Badger spoken of here
was my Capt - along time and
inust - say that he was a good
Officer was like a father to his men
Every body liked him he is
also dead Wm Zahr

Cameron Ball

Martin Co W.D.

Sunday Mar 31 1901

To say icest - the Capt. with and
is Bad aient - all the ice But
I think it will soon go out as
is getting our Pak to loose a lot
Wm Zahr

Cameron Ball April 12 1901

Have Bin Building a house and
and about done with it. it is
for a kitchen and at present the
weather is splendid Grass is beginning
to look green Wm Zahr

Jan 29 1904

Cannon Ball May 31 1901

came home last night was under the rock for protection day and it was a good day and there was a large crowd of Soldiers Citizens and Indians Father Martin gave the Oration and is a very able man an such occasion
M^r John

Cannon Ball

June 24 1901

Last night there was a Big storm it was almost a deluge it tore down trees and houses and are it the Soldiers when I went to Monday next day
John

Cannon Ball

July 8 1901

This morning it is a nice mare and colt struck by lightning
M^r John

July 17 1901

M^r John my Bay

has gone to make hay for Edward Clark I should have kept him home but he wants to make a few dollars for him self I like to see him do well John
(How you is taking)

Cannon Ball Dec 10 1901

Ward came from Manitoba
to say that an old friend
of mine had died it was
awful sorry and him worked
for the last 4 years.
He was a good man. His name
was G. R. Smith
he lived next neighbor
to me and was a good
hard working man. He
got sick Thursday 5 of December
and died the 10 of December
it was awful awful to hear
it - the doctor said he died
of abscess of the Brain.
He was 42 years of age
and a good honest man.

M Zahn

Cannon Ball
Dec 25 1901

to say is Christmas and
I am at home with two
of my little girls the rest
of family went to the
Christmas tree and have
not got back yet - it is
now just 10 A.M. and
the weather looks like snow
at present there is a good snow
on the ground but it is
not clear till before another
Christmas even a many a
poor fellow will be under
the ground M Zahn

Cannon Ball Morton Co N.D.

Sunday Jan 5 1902

To say a Police by the name
 of Louis Hat - is buried he
 was on the Police force a
 long time and was a fine
 good Police Dunder stands
 he caught cold Cannon from
 Pappas Creek this winter
 and his cold turned to
 pneumonia he was very sick
 about 3 or 4 days
 Mrs Zahn

Cannon Ball

Sec 5- 1902

Yesterday I was over to
 Sub Station and Mr
 T.P. Ashley told me White
 he was in Monday he
 found a man dead and
 when he reported it he
 was arrested thinking he
 might have been it but
 the Enquest stated they
 thought the man killed
 him self I think so so
 Mr Ashley would not
 say a thing like that I am
 sure he said it
 heart - him when he said
 the man was when
 he spoke to him he got
 no answer he then saw
 the man was dead
 Mrs Zahn

Cannon Ball Dak

January 4 Saturday 1902
 To day the Indians
 was asked to sign a Paper
 Professor to them to
 take their land in allotment
 and there was some of
 them would not sign it
 so I told my own name
 John to sign it and
 he was the first man
 to put his name on it
 it is a good thing and
 the Indian has better
 so something pity some
 for the time is coming
 when he must
 work for a living like
 the white man
 does and the owner he
 put it the better for him

W. Zahn

Cannon Ball

June 11 1895

Hon H.S. Parkin died at his home
 on Cannon Ball this morning at
 Hart folier he was a good
 man and a friend of mine

aged 49 years
 W. Zahn

January 14 1902

to say there was a delegation
of Indians started for
Washington to have a talk
with the Great Father as they
call him meaning the
President the Indians that
went were
Maad Bear Walking Doctor
Standing Alder
Thunder Hawk Sherkka
and Red Tomahawk
M^oZahn

Cannon Ball
M^ortimer Co N.D.

March 14 1902

to say there was a Big
Blizzard set in and lasted
20 till Sunday 16 and it
was awful there was lots of
stark snow all over the
country and it hurt lots of
human lives when we
have all the needs around
the country the man staying
with me Mr Wilson said
10 head of cattle
M^oZahn

Cannon Ball

and over 23 1902

to say it is raining and
Cannon Ball not broke up yet
water piny high and think
it will go out any time

M^oZahn

Febr. 8 1902.
 Cannon Ball Mortar Co North Dakota

~~under the red and blue
 It~~

This ~~is the story of~~

It is understood that five American soldiers perished with Seymour's men, when admiral Seymour in his retreat found himself so hard pressed that he was unable longer to carry his wounded with him he asked them: Which do you prefer to be left to the mercies of the Chinese or be shot by your own comrades? as the admiral put the question, the tears were running down his cheeks. We prefer death, to torture. Shoot us now, that we may die like men, was the piteous response of the helpless men. A firing squad was told of, and while the little allied force stopped and beat off with gun fire, the Chinese hordes that surrounded it, inside its lines, and act of mercy was performed as the firing squad carried out its orders. Do you wish to die boys? tears choked the admiral's voice - "By the blood-red hands of the heathen or your comrades - have your choice." Then made they answer in chorus, each voice honest and true. Kill us! In mercy kill us under the Red, White and Blue! Take this said one, to my mother - a keepsake from her Boy - It's only a soldier Button. See page 4

Canon Ball

Martin Co NB

Thursday Sept 8 1903

Ward came from Standing Rock
to say that Mrs Clark's little
Boy was axidentally shot
and killed by one of
Louis Premeaux's little Boys
Little Boys should never
play with fire arms

Wp John

Thursday Sept 8 1903

to say there was a
large lot of Indians
crossed the main river
some from Pagan creek
some from Fort Totten
some from Disitons there is
going to be a Big
conference all of
the churches is going
to gether and there
will be a Big time
Wp John

Francis J. J. J.

Canon Ball

NB

Cannon Ball

Sat- Sept- 12 1903
to Day it- is snowing
and a Party Big Blizzards
have and Benkins are
all prize the Indian outfit-
men are having a Party-
Hard time of it there
Rations are running short-
and unless help
is given there some of
them will suffer with
cold and Hunger

M P Zahm

Cannon Ball Morton County
N. Dak. Oct. 12 1903

Sunday
Today is Sunday all at home
also it is very rainy

The occurrence on the first day of the year at the store of John C. Leach on the Cannon Ball, particulars of which are fully detailed in another part of this paper, is much to be regretted. Nobody regrets it any more than does Mr. Leach himself, who as a matter of self defence took the life of Alfred Morain. Those who will read the testimony given to the coroner's jury will believe that if Leach had not killed or disabled Morain the tables would have been reversed, and Mr. Leach himself would have been killed. It is to be hoped that the United States authorities will make such investigations as will enable them to punish the parties who persistently and regularly sell whiskey to the half breeds in that locality. States Attorney Campbell has decided that no good purpose would be served by prosecuting Mr. Leach; that no jury would convict him of any crime in connection with the death of Morain, and public opinion will fully agree with the States Attorney. The occurrence is deplorable; but at the same time, those who have known Mr. Leach for a

M P Zahm
April 7 1906
Cannon Ball
N. Dak.

Henry Zahm

ALFRED MORAIN KILLED

1904
He Was Crazed With Whiskey and Proceeded to Pound John Leach

Mr. Leach After Due Warning Shot Morain To Protect Himself

The Jury Justified the Killing

On Friday night at 8 o'clock, Alfred Morain, a mixed blood, was shot and killed in the store of J. C. Leach, on the Cannon Ball river, by Mr. Leach. Mr. Leach went immediately to the sheriff of Emmons county, and gave himself up, and was brought to Mandan on Saturday by Mr. Shier, and turned over to the Morton county authorities. Mr. Leach was badly scarred up on the face, and needed attention at the hand of a surgeon.

He reported to the authorities that Alfred Morain was quarrelsome in his store, attacked him with an axe handle, grabbed him by the shoulders and bit his cheek, and inflicted other injuries on him; that Leach told him if he did not let him go he would have to kill him, where upon Morain said he would kill Leach anyway. Leach then took a shot gun that was there, and purely as a matter of self defence, discharged it, and killed Morain. The appearance of Leach's face, and his general reputation for not being at all quarrelsome, caused his story to be very generally believed.

On Sunday morning Acting Coroner Killand, States Att'y Campbell, Sheriff McDonald, H. G. Voss, Drs. Bunting and Furness, Mr. W. S. Parkin and Mr. W. T. Givens, went to the scene of the shooting. Mr. Voss represented Mr. Leach.

On Monday morning an inquest was held at the Cannon Ball by Acting Coroner Killand, with a jury consisting of W. S. Parkin, John Ellison and W. T. Givens. Testimony was taken as follows:

Thos. A. Short testified that he was 50 feet from the store of John Leach at the time of the shooting, which was about 8 p. m. Witness went into the store after the shooting, and saw Morain lying there, still breathing. About five minutes after he gasped, and died while witness had hold of his hand. Shortly before the shooting he heard John Leach say—"Alfred, this is my place. I want you to get out of it. You have pounded me up three or four times, and if you touch me any more I will have to shoot you because I can't be run over and pounded in my own place." He repeated this five or six times; then witness heard Morain shout—"I'll kill you" using several oaths with the remark. Witness's wife came out of her house, crying, saying she was afraid to stay there as the men had been drinking all day, and witness went into his own house. Was in the house about three

minute asked him to go. He said he thought Alfred Morain killed. Witness went into the store and found Morain lying there as stated. An axe handle was lying about ten feet from the left hand of Morain. There was blood marks on the counter right over the body. Morain had the appearance of having been drunk. Morain was about 25 years old, a very strong man, and weighed about 190 pounds. J. C. Leach was in there, and his face was bloody, had a cut under the right eye, blood on his forehead, and on his neck. In fact his face was all bloody.

Arthur Hewitt testified that he lives at the Cannon Ball sub-issue station. On New Year's day he was at P. Shier's about a mile and a quarter from J. C. Leach's in Emmons county. Mr. Leach came over there and said he had shot a man, and said he wanted to give himself up to Sheriff Shier of Emmons county. Leach had a mark under the right eye the size of a dollar, and there was blood from his

ear to his mouth. Leach was not under the influence of liquor, and witness remarked this at the time.

Charles Morain testified that he was the father of Alfred Morain and lived at Cannon Ball, Morton county. On the evening of January 1st. was in Leach's store when the shooting occurred. On January 2nd. was awakened by Ed. Donahue and informed that his son was killed. When his son was drinking he was terribly quarrelsome and had no respect for his father or any one else, and was a dangerous man. Witness had warned his other sons to be careful and not get into trouble with Alfred. Had warned Alfred that if he did not stop drinking he would get into trouble.

Edward Donahue testified as follows: Was in Leach's store on Jan. 1st. In the evening there was no body in the store except John Leach, Alfred Morain, his father and the witness. Alfred Morain claimed that some one had hid his bottle of whiskey, and he started for the back room to look for it. He took the lamp out of witness's hand, and went into the back room, and upset it in a barrel of straw. The flame was put out, and witness told him he had better come back as there was no whiskey there. He came out of the back room and walked to the front part of the store. John Leach was sitting at his desk, or had gone behind the counter—witness was not sure which. Alfred Morain threatened Leach continually, and Leach asked Morain in a friendly way to go home, and then ordered him to go. Finally Leach said that if he pounded him, he would have to kill Morain. Morain was pounding Leach at this time, and abusing him. Morain said to Leach—"I'll kill you yet, any way." It was about five minutes after Morain came out of the back room that the shooting occurred. After the shooting, witness said—"My God, that man is dead"

that he would go over to the sheriff and give himself up. Morain and Leach were friendly before the shooting, and took dinner together at Leach's house. Shortly before the shooting Morain had some trouble with his father and was choking his father when Leach interfered. There was an axe handle at the foot of Morain. Witness saw Morain take an axe handle from a box when he came from the back room, and took it to the place where the shooting occurred. Morain become very quarrelsome as evening came on, and he always did so when drinking. Morain had been drinking during the day. After the shooting witness saw blood on the right side of Leach's face and nose.

The coroner's jury took an adjournment to Mandan and on Tuesday took additional testimony.

Dr. F. E. Bunting testified as follows:

I am by occupation a physician and surgeon; reside at Mandan; am authorized to practice in North Dakota, have practiced here for six years; examined the body of Alfred Morain deceased, at the store of John C. Leach near the Cannon Ball, Morton county, North Dakota on the 4th. inst; the cause of death was a gun shot wound; the wound was located in the region of the groin, extending downward and inward into the left leg; the wound entered in the groin on the left side; this wound produced death. I made an examination of John Leach in Mandan on Saturday the 2nd inst at my office. I found a bruise wound under the right eye, and a bruise on either side of the forehead above the eye, and a wound at the angle of the jaw on the right side caused probably by a bite; there were teeth marks. The teeth marks were visible on the wound. The wound below the right eye was an abrasion of the skin, a bruised cut, inflicted with a blunt instrument or fist, something of that kind. I was present when the coroner's jury met at Mr. Leach's store to examine the body of the deceased. I learned where the body was found in the store immediately after the shooting. I saw some blood marks on the counter. The body was lying upon the floor and the blood marks on the counter were about even in position with the feet of the dead body; right above the feet, a little on the top of the counter, near the edge. I examined the body at the request of Mr. Leach.

Dr. Gilbert B. Furness testified as follows: I live at Mandan, North Dakota; am 30 years old, practicing physician, and have practiced here for seven years. I was present at the inquest held on the body of Alfred Morain, deceased, at John C. Leach's store, Cannon Ball, Morton county, North Dakota on January 4th. I examined the body, which was dead. I found the cause of death was a gunshot wound and the shot had entered in the left groin, and the wound descended down and in, extending towards the right; I learned while there, where the body was first found immediately after the death, from the evidence presented. I made an examination of the counter and found some blood marks there. The blood marks were immediately above the point where the body was described as having been found. I made an examination of Mr. Leach at Dr. Bunting's office on Saturday the 2nd inst. and found he had

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The jury retired to consider the testimony and returned the following verdict:

THE VERDICT.

State of North Dakota, County of Morton ss. An inquisition held at the store of John Leach at Cannon Ball in the county of Morton, State of North Dakota, on the 4th day of January 1904 before Olaf H. Killand, Justice of the peace in and for said County of Morton, as acting coroner of said county, upon the body of Alfred Morain there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed. The said jurors upon their oath do say that the said Alfred Morain came to

Sat Jan 30 1904 Cannon Ball
Muster Co. W.D.

To Day is a Big Blizzard
Snow is Blowing Hard
One half yesterday first-
half this mornig it is all white
M^r John

Cannon Ball
Muster Co. W.D.

Feb 1 1904

To Day is a Big Blizzard
and i went to
the Ranch and when i came
home i had a hard time
to get home but i made it
all right it was a Bad one
M^r John

But will fill her heart with joy
just tell her that I love her. In
this my dying day, and that
never could forget she
taught me how to love my
Tell her I see the dear old home
the roses at the gate.
Tell that I made my peace before
it was too late.
Tell her that I never was a
and died a soldier. Tell
and promise that you'll
wrap me up in the old Red
White and Blue. The firing
squad was mustered.
Heaven's gates were opened
wide and the savior was
then in waiting for every lad
that died. The red of his uniform
he white of his breast.

The tears in his eyes
so true,
gives them a home
forevermore with God's

Red White and Blue
Berry 3

This I could not do as the next
day I left my dear old home
never to return

But often since then if I
feel gloomy I think of the
little girl with golden hair
and the remembrance of
the smile on that sweet face
always cheers me

William P. Zabner

Leannon Ball ND

Thursday, March 24 1904

To day there was an other Blizzard
commenced and I went to the
Parkman Ranch and coming home
it was pretty bad it lasted Thursday
all day all night Friday all day
and till about mid night
when it ceased Blinding But
while it lasted it was Bad
But that is the way in all Dak

W. Zabner

april 3 1904 Cannon Ball Morton Co N.D.

to say iam at home
and it is a good day the
snow is about all gone
and the ice is 6.13. Went
out last night so igers
~~at~~ We will have spring
my John

Cannon Ball
April 3 1904
i saw Black Hills this morning
he said he came from Standing
Rock yesterday and that my
three children at school was
all well and that he was
made a Police man in Black Hills.
Was Bin a Police a long time ~~is~~
and is a Pirty god god and
also that John Yellow was let off
of the Police force he also ~~has~~ Bin
Policeman a long time
he also said the government is
going to force the Reservation
if so it will give jobs of work

W. John

Cannon Ball Dak
April 3 1904
at present i have just
five head of cattle this
winter But think i will
lose no more this was as
hard a winter as we ever
had i think But such is
life on the Plains
W. John

When shall I hear the
banjo tumbling
Down in my good
old home
Francis Zahn

Gannon Ball
at

Gannon Ball
Madison
County
N. Dak.



Gannon Ball
Madison
County
N. Dak.
Henry Zahn

Cannon Ball N. Dak.

March 8 1908

~~Today is a very windy and stormy day.~~

Jerry Zahner

Cannon Ball
N. Dak.

Morton County

N. New Salem
N. D.

God
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Samson Bell N. Dak. Dec 1 1905

My Dear folks please Dont.
for get my family

	Birth Born	Day	Year
George Jahm	apr.	2 nd	1878
Robert Jahm	mar.	3	1900
Josephine Lizzie Jahm	Sept.	1	1902
Kate eliza Jahm	11 Apr.	11	1904

Your truly
J. Jahm

Take this

Cannon Ball

Monday Dec 31 1906
 at home with two
 of my little girls busy and
 mother here you over to
 church and it is now 11 o'clock
 and this old year is nearly
 gone and as far as I know
 all of my family is well
 & at school at 12 o'clock
 to Carlisle Pa 3 at home
 may God watch over us all
 so Adieu your friend
 By

W. John

Tuesday Cannon Ball

January 1 1907
 Well the old year has past and
 gone never to return it is
 is cloudy and looks like snow
 well hope we all will live and
 prosper in this new year and
 that God may give us all good
 health and prosperity so 1906
 is past and gone but what
 will be left of charges before this
 new year is gone may a
 poor fellow that is all to
 night will be under the ground
 before next year this time
 may God have mercy on us all

W. John

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Common Ball
N. Dak

*Here I sit and write
this lonely page
forget me not kids*

Yours

Francis J. Allen

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Lannon Ball's Date Dec 1 1905

Mihun ka wanji pi tohan yan
ya ni ya on pi kahan yan
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Maka akan iyo ta ya kiga
wa on owasi dolo ya yapi
tohan yan wan kahan
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H. B. Zaher & Family Jan - 1924

- 1481 Cold - John has measles
 1482 Still cold.
 1483 " "
 1484 36.0 below zero
 1485 Warmer John up.
 1486 Fair & hawing
 1487 Beautiful weather had went trapping and back
 1488 Cloudy but moderate
 1489 Cloudy wind from north
 1490 " cold some snow falling
 1491 Continued cold -
 1492 Victor Wilma & I went to bed with measles
 1493 Cold - Pretty sick bunch
 1494 ~~Monica~~ Russel comes to keep house -
 1495 Still cold - time passes slow
 1496 Continued cold & cloudy
 1497 Fair but cold Auntie Wells came Victor & Wilma up -
 1498 Fair & cold - I get up -
 1499 Cold diets to do -
 1500 Colder yet
 21 Cold continues
 22 Warmer Vic & Wilma venture out
 23 Not so nice Wind from So
 24 Cold but we wash a few pieces
 25 Not so cold Agnes ~~Robinson~~ goes out to Adomes party -
 26 fair but quite chilly
 27 Cloudy but warmer
 28 Warm & sunshine & hawing
 29 Warm & show -
 30 Rain & show cleared by noon
 31 Ideal day -
 Jan 1 A Spring day went up town -
 2 Sunshine in morning cloudy & rain by night went to Wells for day
 3 Wind from north - cold
 4 Sunshine & cold
 5 " " " " colder by night
 6 " " " "

- Feb- 7 Cold days & windy
- 8 Sunshine & warmer
- 9 Partly cloudy but warm
- 10 Sunshine but chilly
- 11 Sunshine warmer raked yard.
- 12 Partly cloudy
- 13 Warmer with sunshine & clouds
- 14 Cloudy but calm cold at night
- 15 Cold wind from S.
- 16 Cold wind with snow
- 17 cold N.W. wind
- 18 fair cold all my plants froze -
- 19 cold & fair
- 20 " "
- 21 Snow but not cold
- 22 fair & warmer
- 23 " " " "
- 24 Warm Ideal
- 25 " "
- 26 " Betty arrived -
- 27 Warm Sunshine 1st day Farmers Int. Catholic Ladies Soc. Supper
- 28 " " " " " " " " " Lunch
- 29 Cloudy Rain Chilly 5 doz eggs for month.

15 " " " March -
 Aug 24 1924 Went to Tembulake Council - Stayed all night at Tourist Camp - fine time, but all in when we got home.

Aug 30 - Light Frost

Sept 12, 1924 Another Light Frost
 " 19 - " " "

Sept 28 - William & Butch Kellum went to Solen set on Sept 22 & brought Grandpa home with him It rains & gets quite cold the last of the week. Start to Solen Sept 27 with Grandpa - get home at midnight of 28th. Very cold night drive.

Oct - 1924 Fine weather until 4th - The Rain cold - Frank Well's house but nice & watchman saw very cold - dead feels pink

see go out to Ilos Calahans - Fine weather from then
 until 10 - Visited school on the 9th 11th Misty &
 damp William goes to Wakapalla - Sunday the 12th Rain &
 cloudy & chilly - Head returns home & winter was Now fortnight
 Fine weather for rest of the month except a few days
 of cold winds - On Oct 18 - started for Mandan got as far
 as Litch No. 1 RR. Left Litch Sun. 19 arrived at 11:30 in Mandan
 Spent 20th at Clark's place Auntie Wells enjoyed the day
 to get back in time to see Sonny. Oct 21 went to Pisarrak
 and saw the sights there home. Cold wind & glad to get home
 a fine trip & slept in a tent & at Lacina camp
 On 24th the first Parent Teachers meeting a fine Program
 On 25 a farewell party for Peter Kenrick at Kenrick's
 " 26 went to River after supper service. So ends the month
 Nov 1 - Heavy frost On the 2nd still cold but see all journey
 out Francis Adenels to a party for Bob Fuhmann - Not
 so cold for the next few days - So on the 5th we go to Fuhmann
 to eat another fine supper with Bob - Continued cold - On the
 7th the great excitement Morris town St. Bank robbed ???
 8th - Clear & warm looked over trapping grounds
 9th " " warm Took in Holy City Picture at Presby. church
 10 Clear & cold with N.W. wind 11 still cold - Calm wind front
 Brown. 12 - 6 below zero - 13 warm up a little. 14 Nice day - 9th minister
 15 - Partly cloudy 9 more rats - 16 - Fine day (7 more) Late for church
 17 - Sunshine but windy - 9 more mice 18 a grand day warm - went to
 Math with O. S. 19 - Fine day steady got home & nothing much
 during rest of month cold with snow until last day which was ^{dis}
 I deal so we drove out to Mike Leason's, On the 27 - Mrs. S. Kempton
 Nov 1 - Fine day went to Mrs. S. Kempton funeral - Weather warm
 cold with snow - for most of month - On 20 - shipped 20 - furs to Shubert
 | got 2nd prize - 1 liter -
 Can bring in \$35 for milk 7 - So goes 19 2 4 Elizabeth Zaky

Hello Dear friend
I will tell you some
great-y stuff you every heard
on your life time

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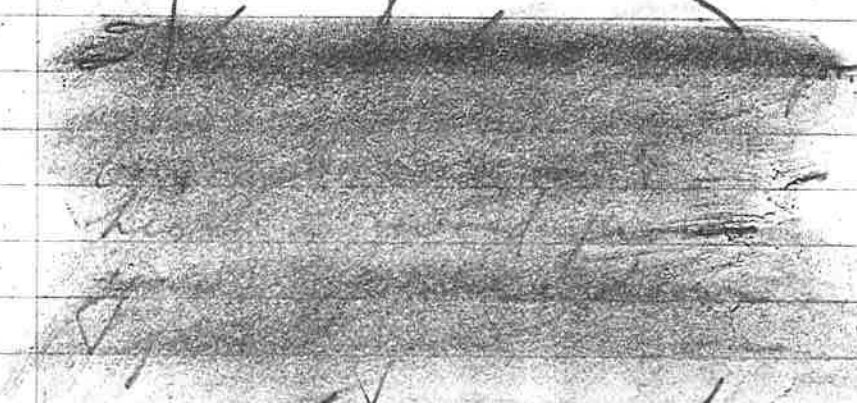
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Francis Jackson, Dak.

March 10 1906
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Kind friend



Henry John

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Damon Ball. 7/2/95

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Francis Zeller

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(Sept 23 1906.)

Just this lonely page I write
(Forget me not)

Hoping to be remembered
(When I am far away)

Amour Page, Montreal Co.

Oct 27 1905

Here in this lonely page I write
for in future years if I am out of sight.



When this you see
Remember me —
Even if I am dead.
This is for everybody to see

Your truly
W.B. Zahm

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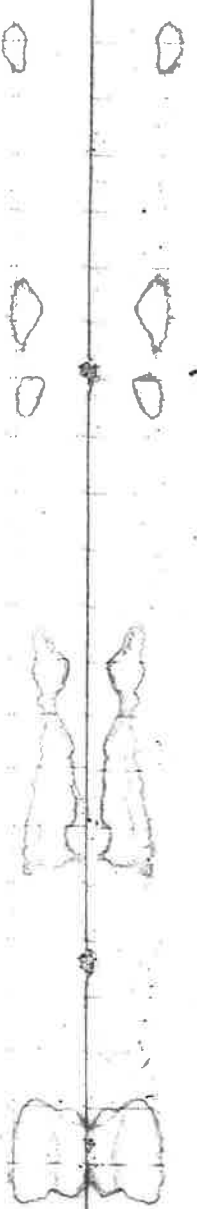
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(Aug 21) (Cowboy Song) 1907)

When I think of the last great roundups,
 on the eve of Eternity's dawn,
 I think of the host of cowboys,
 who have been with us here and have
 gone, and I wonder if any will greet me
 on the sands of the Westgreen shore:
 That fire met with so often before.

I often look upward and wonder
 if any the wrong trail have taken,
 and fail to "be in" ever there,
 for the trail that leads down to perdition
 is paved all the way with good deeds.

But in the great roundups of ages,
 But the way to green pastures, though narrow
 leads straight to the home in the sky.

and Jesus will give the passports,
 To the land of the sweet by-and-by.

For the savior has taken the contract
 to deliver all those who believe?

At the head quarters ranch of his father,
 In the great range where none can deceive,
 The roundup by the angels in judgment,
 must pass? Death his all-searching eye.

No maverick or slick will be tollied
 In the great book of life in his home.

That down through the ages have come,
 The tailings must turn from the gate.

No road brand to gain them admission
 But the awful sad cry "Too late"!

When the rider shall cut the big herd's
 That the cowboys will be represented.

In the ear-mark and brand of the lord
 To be shipped to the bright, mystic regions

over there in green pastures to lie
 and led by the crystal, still waters.

In that home in the sweet by-and-by.

by Henry John

Cannon Ball N Dak March 12/1908

John Daker
Born Feb 15 1881

Joseph Daker
Born June 20 1883.
Died Sept 8 1887.

William Daker
Born Sept 14 1885.

Henry Daker Born April 1 1888

Charles Daker Born Oct 30 1884
Died May 29 1890.

Francis Daker Born May 4 1899

Josephine Daker Born March 28 1893

Dora Daker Born July 1 1895

Alice Daker Born Oct 25 1897

Hellen Daker Born June 18 1900

Anna Daker Born July 15 1903

George Daker Born April 2 1898

Robert Daker Born March 3 1900

Josephine Daker Born Sept 1 1902

Fizzie Daker Born April 11 1904

Channon Ball
N. Dakota

July 6 1907

Dear friends

This you see please remember
me when I am far away from
you

Yours Truly.

Channon Ball

Leannon Ball

morning Co. N.D.

July 18 1904

Went to Standing Rock

to have my cattle left and

there is about 20,000 head to

be left on Standing Rock Range

they left from 10:00 to 15:00 head

per day they will be

about 20 days of being all of

them

Mr. Zalm

Cowboy Dance

Yellow Hammer

Cameron Ball Martin Co N.D.

July 4 1904

To say I am at
Home the family has gone
over to Sub Station to
celebrate the fourth
Have all gone. But me
and two little girls are at
Home Henry Zalm is hearing
cattle for a Russian
M. Zalm

June 26 1904

There was a man
By the name of Joseph Clark
committed suicide by shooting
himself. Confession is there
is a woman in the case
young man. Be ware of
petty crooks or those
that wear them for they
can ruin a man
M. Zalm

also another man

By the name of
Ben Shafter out at
Glading also shot him
self he was a cow boy
and a good man
with cattle he lost
lots of cattle last winter 1904
and papers say that is
the cause of the loss
M. Zalm

Cannon Ball North Dakota

March 25 1904

I was over to Ranch of
 Miss A. J. Parkin and heard
 that there was a Big loss of
 stock in yesterday's Blizzard
 G. H. Bingham lost 30 head
 of cattle Peter Thine across
 the river lost about 300 head of
 sheep and Thad Clark lost
 some cattle and the Indians
 have lost about 50 head of
 horses and a good many
 cattle
 W. J. John

Cannon Ball

April Sunday 17 1904

heard to say that
 Green Thomas Little Girl has died
 she was sick a long time
 she had with consumption
 W. J. John

April 19 1904

to day went to the Ranch
 of Miss A. J. Parkin and found
 a horse stuck in the mud
 in Cannon Ball and tried
 to pull him out but could
 not and when seen then
 I thought I would try to
 pull him out and when
 got to where he was he was
 dead also the Indians about
 him and they said it belonged
 to an Indian called many horses
 W. J. John

Cannon Ball N.D.

Sat March 26 1904
 I heard yesterday that A.C. Wells
 your sub agent that
 was pinned - a fine month ago
 has been repaired I am glad
 of it he is all right - you
 Bet - and hope he will get
 along all O.K.
 W.P. John

Cannon Ball

Martin Co N.D. March 30 1904
 to day went in my cellar and
 found all of my Pallas freeze it is
 a Big loss so in other was
 about 30 Bushels W.P. John

March 30 1904

I heard a fine say ago of the
 death of an Indian by the name
 of American Horse and the Report
 is they started to bury him in
 the Bliggair of Mar 24
 and that they got lost and left
 the wagon and camp on the
 Prairie till after the dinner
 W.P. John

March 30 1904

at present the old C.B. is getting
 pretty weak the ice has not
 gone out yet
 John

ready to be registered on my petition

Cannon Ball



June 4 1903

There lived in Mandan
another old timer
By the name of
Saranee Brown Better
known as Bob Brown
he went to California
in 1849 and
lived in Mandan
~~the~~ May 27 1903

W. J. John

Cannon Ball

Aug 20 1905

Martin Co N.D.

There lived at
Standing Rock another
old timer By the name
of Louis Pineau he lived
Aug 21 1903 and
himself to go together in
early days as far back as
1879 and we have had
some great old times
together But he
has gone before us he has
paid the debt - We all owe

W. J. John

Friday 29 1905

Friday

Cannon Ball
Morton Co N D

Sept- 8 1901
to say iheard awful
Dad news news that Ruts
the nation in mourning
it is the attempt to assassinate our
President William McKinley
idid not think that there was
a Person so Sanible Lnd as to
try to take the life of as good
a man as our President
they ought to skin the fellow
alive and then Burn him

Cannon Ball ND Sept- 15 1901
the American People is still
throwd in more mourning
news has reached here the death
of the President Sept- 14 1901
it is awful thing to be shot
down By a base coward
like the man Czolgosz it is awful
that a man be shot Be President
4 years without being in danger
of his life By such base
cowards as is in this
country McKinley was a
good Christian like man
liked by evy body But he
is dead and God never to
Return to us any more
and all they can do to the man
who shot him is haul him
that is no Punishment he ought
to be Burnt at the Stake and
made suffer for such a bastardly
crime may God Punish him
W J John

Cannon Ball Morton Co N.D.

Thursday May 25 1900
 I have just heard of the death of
 an old Comrad named Josie Jourdau
 he belonged to Co E 1st inf-
 U.S.A. he was Post-Baker and
 was a good an understood
 he died from a wound in
 left Breast received in Battle
 with Indians on Dana creek
 in Kansas in 1867 the
 Battle called Foursyth fight-
 the Soldier was under
 Gen. G. A. Foursyth U.S.A. then of
 the 6th Cav was in my self
 Soldier under Gen Foursyth in 1874
 he was a good officer. Wm Jahn

Cannon Ball

Morton Co N.D.

May 30 1900

to Day was at Standing Rock
 and there was a Big Turn out
 the crowd selected the Soldiers
 Graves first and then all marched
 to the Indian Cemetery
 the Service here spoke by
 Father Martin O.S.B. and
 Aration in Indian was by
 Father Bernard O.S.B.
 the Indians are also branding
 their interest money and
 there was all at a gog
 Wm Jahn

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Cannon Ball Mon April 30 1900

to day is a good day and iam
doing lab. John

Cannon Ball Tu May 1 1900

to day it is windy and
iam fixing to. Plus for corn
John

Thursday May 3 1900

to day i was down at CB
store and over to Dub store
and came home and got
pice Poles to fix my fence
around my field. C. R. Smith
pitched my mare from an
igit - from him some time
ago she is a good animal
W. John

Cannon Ball N.D.

Friday May 4 1900

to day iam fixing corral for
my cattle. W. John

Sat May 5 - 1900 Cannon Ball

to day is a good day and
iam clearing up around my
house things was in a hell
of a shape. When i come back
an old place Indian man
taken most - all of West corner
here and fences all broken
But - i have got most of them
put up again so i can raise
a crop this year
W. John

at home on Cannon Ball

Wednesday April 25 1900
 mended horse last night
 to day iam fixing harness for
 my battle and horses it is
 a good day little wind
 Mr Zehn

at home Cannon Ball

Thursday April 27 1900
 hauling manure good day
 Mr Zehn

at home Fri April 27 1900

This morning one of my
 mares had a colt. I think
 she would have it. So
 soon will go to plowing Monday
 29 and plant my potatoes
 Mr Zehn

Sat April 28 1900

Cannon Ball to day it is
 raining and went over to
 Pub Station and also to CB and
 saw Mrs Williams she feels awful
 bad and is going away Monday
 thinks she will go back east
 it told her it was the best thing
 she could do Mr Zehn

Sunday April 29 1900

Cannon Ball
 at home all day got most
 of my stock at home every
 thing all ok
 Mr Zehn

Common Ball Friday April 20 ¹⁹⁰⁰

To Day is a good Day & aft- it is
a little Windy and Indians are
commencing to farm and i hope they
will have a good crop for they are
a Poor Set of People to risk for
there selves and further more they
Don't like to work very well
But the time is coming when
they will have to work like
like many Poor White People has to

Henry is got a ^{my John}

Common Ball Sat April 21 1900

To Day is a good Day the
Indians are getting stuff to go
to farming with But i don't
think they will do much it
is this way every year they
talk its and work they
want

my John

Common Ball April 23 1900

Will iam was in the
was expecting to go yesterday
But Mr. Bally has come yet
iam getting an illness to go
and commence to farm

my John

Common Ball

Sun April 24 1900

To Day it is Raining and iam
going home to day H. M. P. is
taking my Plais in the

my John

Cannon Ball Out Box

April 17 1900

To Day it is cold and
 Windy and I have moved
 most of my stuff up here
 and am waiting for
 H. H. Mr. Duce to
 see and finally get an
 order ranch A. C. Mills
 Went to mandarin

My Frank has gone
 out to claim to day
 and I will go to as soon
 as some body takes my
 place in store

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Out Box Cannon Ball April 18 1900
 To Day took my chickens up here
 and in being so soon bid but
 at home Eng. thing was all right
 and expect to leave store next Sunday
 if nothing happens

Cannon Ball

Thursday April 19 1900
 To Day is a good day this
 is a Big Prairie fire across
 the river it is a Big one
 they are a Bad thing in
 this country after buying
 up people and every thing
 they have and all the range
 for many miles around

M. J. Galen

Cannon Ball Pub Station

April 13 1900

there was buried here to
 say an Indian man Little Chief
 or Red Bull he was a good
 man and good to work and
 a good friend to the Whites
 he leaves a wife and several small
 children But the Government
 takes good care of them
 W. J. Galun

Cannon Ball

Pub Station April 14 1900

there has been considerable horse
 stealing going on around here
 lately and there has been several
 arrested and some of the horses found
 and some body is going to get
 in trouble over it the parties in
 it are Indians of course it is not
 sure with yet and hard to tell
 how many will be in it
 W. J. Galun

Cannon Ball

April 14 1900

George Muntz came here
 on his way to St. Paul to
 be the agent he is trying
 to get a license from his
 Indian wife Muntz is a good
 man and lives on upper
 Cannon Ball now is Pitty
 Wall of
 W. J. Galun

Cannon Ball Sub Station

Wed. 11 1900 April
 To Day Mrs W. L. Wells got a letter
 that her mother was very low and
 she started for home this evening
 W. L. Wells left here about 7 o'clock
 to take his wife to mandan so she
 can take the train to night
 Elary and Laurie her two children
 went with her
 W. J. Zahm

Thursday April 12 1900
 Word has just come from Standing Rock
 of the death of a Mr. Williams he
 was an artist - him and wife came
 here from New York and was sent
 out here to study the Indian
 Caristics and was well liked by
 both Whites and Indians they were
 both young and trying to make
 their way in the world. Every body
 around here feels awful sorry for
 his beloved wife it is the way we
 will all go. W. J. Zahm
 one thing if you go to museum
 this artist painted a picture of
 old Wolf necklace and it was the
 last one he painted it is a strange
 fact but needless to the same
 night - Williams died old
 Wolf necklace the last man he
 painted also died the same
 night - and about the same hour
 after mid night - it is a strange
 fact - But it is so
 W. J. Zahm

Cannon Ball Sub Station

April 12 1900

Iron Road & about and Palencan
 Just his daughter she died with
 consumption she was married
 to a young man name Red Leaf
 she was buried according to Catholic
 Church the girl is getting so
 understand that they have got
 do better in the future and
 their girl hats aside i can see
 when are died they was put in
 Scaffolds or in tops of trees the
 way of Burial was done away
 or at least was order stopped
 of case sub of them did not believe
 with their orders for several year
 But to day every one that dies
 given a good Burial in the
 Ground

W. John

Cannon Ball April 8 1900

there was a strange thing happened
 neighbor lost about 10 or 14 miles
 was a child lost about 10 month old
 Every body had their opinion about
 when it was found pair Indians took it
 some pair Wolf carried it off others
 an Eagle some pair there was a
 Mountain Lion saw around that
 of the country or the when about a
 child remained a secret till about
 4 month when about 8 miles when
 the child home was its head
 the were put upon a high mountain
 a mile

W. John there are all things of mine

Fort A Lincoln D.T.

December 13 1874

To day one hundred Cavalry
under Lieutenant Tom Custer
left this Post to go to Standing Rock
Agency after an Indian By the
name of Rain in the face
and they got him and in now
in the guard house he was arrested
for helping to kill 2 White men
on the Expedition of August 4 1873
What was told the Yellow Stone
Expedition under Davies & Stanley
Col 22nd Regt - a good old Officer
rain in the face was a Prisoner about
2 1/2 or 3 months when himself and
a White man broke out of the guard
house and the ind got a way
But we caught the White man
about White man's name now stands
of course there was no town there then
the White man's name was Tom Harmon
and he was arrested for buying grain
from Indians

General Custer afterwards made
a raid on Bismarck and took
all the Government Property he could
find My Company being one of
the Raiding Party We had a Party
singly tried We arrested a lot of
Cattlemen Custer put them all in
guard house some got free some
got imprisonment some an Bail and
kept out so that Indian the
grain raid as we used to call it
We are having some lively times at
old

Cannon Ball Morton Co ND

Mon April 2, 1900

Yesterday icross Cannon Ball on
the ice at Parkin Ranch
But when icross had to go in Boat
J. H. Bingham & C Wells W's Parkin
Mr Wheeler was all ready to go to
Mandan and left while i was
at Ranch. W. P. Zahner

Cannon Ball Pub Station

Tuesday April 3 1900 Cannon Co ND.

This Morning the old river is still full
of ice and there was no mail yesterday
the water has backed up the Parkin Ranch
it is pretty bad at crossing a c Wells side
not get home from Mandan and think
they will have a hard trip of it
W. P. Zahner

Cannon Ball Pub Station

Wednesday April 4, 1900

river still full of ice mail could
not cross to say Cannon Ball
going down a little Indian
teams going to Mandan after
lumber down about all gone
But roads pretty muddy
W. P. Zahner

1900
Pub Station April 9
to say is a fine an iwalks are
to reach this morning and CB is
up pretty high lots of teams started
to Mandan But could not
leave But went up CB to find a
man

Out Store Cannon Ball Fri Mar 30¹⁹⁰⁰

to say is very warm and the snow
is going fast iam still in store
But intend going out as soon as snow
goes of the Prairie and Cannon Ball
Get down to ice cross think will
try the old ranch again and get all
of my stock together again i have not
seen some of my horses since i came in
store June 2 1897

W P Zahn

Cannon Ball

Morton Co N.D.

Indian banding Beef March 31 1900

Word came here last night
that the Indian fighters have
got to the Cannon Ball
about 8 miles West of this
Station and they are going to
send Rations out to them
the report is that they are pretty
hard up for something to eat

W P Zahn

Out Store Cannon Ball

April 2 1900

Ice Brok in river last night
for it was running full of
ice this morning it look as
if the river will be pretty high
lots of geese and ducks find north
But still it is pretty cold
and windy the snow is going
fast

W P Zahn

Grand River Agency Dak

Feb 22 1874

to say while out with the cattle herds
 on a island in the middle of the Mosier
 river opposite the Post there was a Soldier
 killed By an Indian the Soldiers name
 was Charles O Collins Co G 17 inf
 this was a Indian arrested for it But
 he killed him self later and it finally
 was found out to Be a man By the
 name of Grasping Eagle he went out to
 the hostile camp then on the Little
 Mosier River back to Galls Camp then
 Camp this he never was heard from
 till after the Custer Battle and when
 they surrendered to Major Douthett
 at Fort Buford he was amongst the
 prisoners But then the law could not
 take him for the reason that the
 President of the United States said
 if they would give up their guns
 and horses possible they would
 be pardoned for all their former deeds so
 that is the way that he went un punished
 saw him when they came under to St Rock
 in the Spring of 1881 under Stand the
 Indian was since died he came to
 Standing Rock with Sitting Bulls Band
 in 1881

M. John

in looking over this statement I regret to
 state that it was on the head at the same
 time Collins was killed and belonged to
 same Co as he did
 Capt - L. H. Dangers Co G 17 us inf

M. John

Long

N.D.

Cameron Bell Martin Co

DEC 15 1878

There Died at Ft. A. Lincoln
 a Person With a Past of history,
 it Was in the Person of Miss Noonan
 I used to know her as he as it turned
 out to be came up the River in 1872
 from the South With Custers & Cab
 ined her or him in 1874 and was
 told that it was a Mexican Woman
 knowing no better till she died 1878 it
 turned out to be a man in Womans
 clothes What was the cause no body
 ever knew supposition was that she or he
 had committed some crime and had
 sold Womans affairs to disguise her
 identity it was a strange case she
 was married to 3 others at different times
 the first one Private Mack was killed on the
 yellow Stone Expedition 1873 second one
 got a furlough and never came back
 the third one killed himself his
 name was Noonan He was an
 stable hand when she his wife died
 and when he heard it he blew
 his Brains out with his Riv Hammer
 he was Corporal G. E. & Cab

This was the strangest thing I ever saw
 Miss Elisabeth Custer speaks of her
 in her History of Boots and Paddles
 or Custers Life on the Plains
 being a member of the Past at
 that will certify to this statement
 saw her or him every day all summer
 for two years or more she is
 still living a neighbor he also saw
 her it is J. B. March of old Ft. Rice

is the only one I know that saw her

W.P. Z...

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Cannon Ball

Morton Co N.D.

Pub Station (Two)

Mar 28 1900

Judicus left last Monday
Mar 24 for lumber at mandan
and it has snowed since there
it at present a Big snow on the
ground and they will have a Bad
time of it for lots of their horses
are very poor But the Indian is
to blame he has done nothing all winter But
talk and tell what-ought to be done
But you get he about try to do it
unless he is made do it all they
think of is talking about the Bess farmer
and agent I think the agent and farmer
are too good to them they are a People
that will improve in good nature
and I think they ought to be made to
make a little more for their selves and
not run around begging all the
time of course they are not all
like some of them they do something
and some see nothing But the time
is coming when they will have to
work for a living like most white
People has to

W. J. Zeller

Cannon Ball

Sub Station

Mar 19 1900

to day was a
 Bad day But this evening
 the Miller has gone sudie
 and Miss bausolie has
 just come in from visiting
 the sick Indians and says
 that there is one dead it is
 a young man By the name
 of Alfred afraid of Soldier
 he was a Bright-Young fellow
 and his father was a Policeman
 and was killed in the Battle
 with Sitting Bull

Dec 15 1890

W. J. Zaher

Grant River Agency

July 4 1874

to day there
 was orders come
 for to Establish a
 new agency called
 Standing Rock and
 there was 16 of us
 soldiers detailed to go
 we left on the 4 of July 1874
 on the Steamer Mother Moore
 and was on the Boat all night
 landed at mouth of Parcupine July 5 74
 then went sudie river to where the
 Agency is now we got a at train from
 a colored man By the name of goah
 who was afterwards killed in the
 winter massacre of June 25 1878

W. J. Zaher

Francis
 Cannon Ball

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Cannon Ball

Martin Co ND
Mar 28 1900

Was soft snowing
 But is now blowing
 and think we will have
 a blizzard for this is
 a great country for blizzards
 its a great country i begin to
 think as general Hazen
 U.S.A once said that the territory
 of Dak was always fit for
 coyotes and Indians and that
 the Bad lands looked like hell
 with the fires gone and that
 was his idea about Dak i have
 traveled through the Bad lands
 and tell you it is a full looking
 country in 1871 while on the
 Expedition we lost a Soldier in
 the Bad lands and never found
 him at last i think the Indians got
 him or else he starved to death but
 dont think he starved for he had his
 gun and there was lots of game around
 But if the Indians got his scalp
 all right his name was Smith Co D
 (17 inst)

W. J. Zahner

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FORT A. LINCOLN D. T.

December 13, 1874

To-day one hundred Cavalry under Lieutenant Tom Custer left this post to go to Standing Rock Agency after an Indian named Rain-in-the-Face and they got him and is now in the guard house. He was arrested for helping to kill # 2 white men on the expedition of August 4, 1873 what was called the Yellow Stone Expedition under David S. Stanley Cal. 22nd Inf. a good old officer. Rain-in-the-Face was a prisoner about # 2 1/2 or 3 months when himself and a white man broke out of the guard house and the indian got away but we caught the white man about where Mandan now stands. Of course there was no town there then. The white man's name was Tom Harmon and he was arrested for buying grain from the soldiers.

General Custer afterwards made a raid on Bismark and took all the government property he could find, ~~my~~ my company being one of the Raiding Party. We had a pretty lively time. We arrested a lot of citizens. Custer put them in guard house. Some got free; some got imprisonment; some on bail skip't out so that ended the grain raid, as we use to call it. We had some lively times at old Lincoln but they are all past and gone. W. P. Zahn-----

September 1, 1871

GRAND RIVER AGENCY

To-day ~~was~~ They was a white man killed by the name of George P Balden. He was found by a man named George Carry an old timer. The man killed was riding a mule and the Indian took mule and gun and the man's hat. The man that owned the mule saw the indian with it and said, "This is my mule and I want it." The Indian said, "All right, He also had the man's hat and said he killed the man and took mule and hat and gun. He never was punished. There was no law then days only gun and bullet. He was killed on account of a indian man. The white man was about to git him and the Indian was jealous of him and thought the best way to do would be to kill the white man so he did it and skipped out to the hostile camp. W. P. Zahn-----

FORT RICE D. T.

September 9, 1871

To-day there was an expedition left this post to go to the Yellow Stone River the Expedition was to "guard" the "Surveyers" in running a line for the N. P. R. road "ther" was 4 "companies" of the 22 u. s. inf. 2 Companies of my regiment 17 inf. 125 Sioux Scouts about 25 citizens 100 Santee Scouts the 2t citizens belonged to the Surveying party. the expedition ~~party~~ was under the command of General Whistler the Surveying was under Command of General Rosser, Ex-Confederate General He was a brave man. My Captain was Captain Marcott Co. K 17 Inf. We lost one soldier; he got lost of course the Indians got him. We was gone two months. Coming home we was snowed in in the Bad Lands, on the Little Missouri. We saw buffalo, Indians Antelope, And lots of other animals, It was a hard trip but we was all young and "tuff" There was also an expedition with General Stanley and Custer August 1873 It was a Big Expedition. We lost some men killed by Indians and had pretty hard srimmage at "Pompey's Pillow" on the Yellow Stone General Custer lost his "ardillery" (artillery). He was killed. is the expedition that Rain-in-the-Face claimed he killed 2 white men which he was afterwards arrested which you will see a another page of my # "diray" (diary) which "ithink" was cold coded under "Scots" "world".

Cannon Ball Oct. 18th 1870
Jan 1 1871

This is the beginning of
a new year and I have been
on the old Missouri river
30 years I came up the River
in Aug- 1870 in the army of the U.S.A
and helped to survey the
first Rail Road from the River
going West that was the W.P.R.
We left Fort Rice the 9th
October 1871 and went as
far as the yellow Stone River
the Expedition was commanded
by Gen. Whistler 22 miles
the survey was under the
command of T. J. Ross
and he was a brave man
and all over the 72 miles
Expedition and all over

A. Custer's famous
Black Hill Expedition
July and Aug- 1874
at Fort Totten