

cleaned our selves up and then
we went on to Fairfield the county
Seat of Jefferson Co. Iowa where we
got to then we went to a house and
stayed all night - her name was
Mrs Miller She is an Advent. (7 day)
After supper we went out to visit
a lady ^{who} ~~which~~ has been Investigating
our gospel She talks most favorable
and says she is going to be Baptised
if she lives long enough we stayed
and talked with her about 3 hours and
some of her family came and we
talked with them also and spent a
nice pleasant evening and about
11 o'clock we went to our room
and went to bed good and tired
for to day we have walked all
day with out any dinner but
that is all right if we dont care
we feel good anyway

May
~~April~~ 4 1899.

To day look like a very beautiful day
but it was cold last night - so after
Breakfast we started out for Eldon
again a distance of 18 miles on our
way we passed many fine homes
and it seemed every body was busy
working in the field (Preparing the
land for corn. This part of the
country is a nice place and there is
some beautiful homes through here
we walked through to Eldon
Arriving here at 5 o'clock and went
to Mr Goders and had supper and
felt fine after walking all day

May 5 1899.

This morning we are going to put
in some garden for Mr Goders folks
to use. took the rake and the hoe and
some had lot of ground cleared

and raked and at noon we
had some of the garden put in
after dinner we planted some
Potatoes and Beans in the afternoon
it has clouded up and now to
night it look like raining again
after we were through with the
garden we began getting ready
to go to Ottumwa Elder Anderson
went and got my shirts from the
Laundry and then we had a
good bath and went to bed

May 6 1899.

Today is cloudy looks some like
storm we are getting ready
to go to Ottumwa we did not go
at noon but waited until Evening
and then went up on the Exc. Train
when we arrived at The depot we

got off the train and met Edna Jan.
She was there to meet us so we
went up to Mr Jones. The Folk were
all glad to see us in the evening.
The girls sang some songs and played
the organ and we had music
and spent a pleasant Evening

Miss

April 7, 1899.

To day is Sunday and it is raining
besides and that always makes it
so dreary and tiresome so we
have done nothing but sit in
the house all day so there is
nothing to write about this is our
Fast Day but we forgot it until
it was too late to fast. in fact
I never thought about it until night
this evening the streets are so slick
one can't hardly walk around town
but a few hours sleep will soon fix that

May
April 8. 1899.

Ottumwa Monday morning clear
After breakfast we went ~~to~~ ^{down} to
look around town and see what
it looked like we think there is a
good prospect for some Elders to
come in here this summer and
hold some good street meetings and
perhaps do a great deal of good and
there is an excellent chance here to
do some street preaching well the
day has passed and gone and now
we are preparing to go to conference
I went in to the Boston Store and I
bought me a new white shirt and
a couple of ties and collars and
again in the evening I went back
to a Barber shop and got shaved
and had a good chance to talk to
the Barber and the gospel and he was
very much interested in what I said

May
April 9. 1899.

well to day a man came to Paper Cousins house and me and my companion helped the girls to put the Carpet down after and put the furniture back in the rooms. Also we went down and looked around town and I bought me a new shirt and took it to the laundry and had it done up. so I can have have a change on. all so purchased some collars and ties. this is all for to day.

May 10 1899.

This morning we went to the train and purchased our tickets for Red Oak and after a long ride we passed through some very beautiful country and after a ride of 175 miles we got off the train at Red Oak. we met Elder Erickson and went up in town and there were me 3 or 4 other Elders and we were taken

to a Hotel or a Lodging house, where
the Elders had made arrangements
for us to Lodge, we afterward visited
some other of the Elders who were Lodging
in another Part of the Town and had
another good visit - and met several
Elders who had recently come out
2. of their lives close to me at home.
We were all glad to see each other and
talk over old times.

May 11 1899

To day we have done nothing except go
to the Depot and meet other Elders
and get acquainted when we are all here
there will be about 20. or more and we
expect to have a good time while
we are here at Conference we have
had about 1000. little leaflets printed and
distributed over the Town and gave
every body a chance to come out
and hear what the messengers have

to say Red Oak is a city of about 5000
Population in the western Part of the State
of Iowa and is quite a nice little town
and has a system of a mule cars for
their street railway, 50 years behind
any other city of that size in America
Still it look like a nice little place and
looks like a regular garden spot

May 12, 1899.

To day the wind is blowing hard and it
feels like a storm is coming up, and
still the Elders are coming in from their
different fields of labor all feeling well
and also glad to meet each other again
and have a good time. To day at 10
o'clock President L. A. Kelsch came and
was pleased to meet with the Elders
in the afternoon we looked around
town and visited and talked and
made some preparations to hold
our first meeting in the morning at

10 o'clock in the evening the elders
all came here to our lodgings as Pres.
Kelsch is Lodging here also and we have
all had at fine time talking and visiting
to gether and there seems to be a good
spirit among all the elders from ^{the} way
they talk.

May 13 1899.

Well This is our first day of Conference
so we were all up early and went
and had Breakfast and then went to
the Church. It looked as though we
are not going to have very much of a
turnout there was only the man came
besides the Janitor. President Kelsch
occupied the time in the forenoon and
in the afternoon Elder Taylor and
Elder Hammon occupied the
time and after meeting was
out and we went up then I
visited Pres Kelsch how it would do

to hold a street meeting he said
good go ahead and do so then we
went 5 of us Elders and got a Bible
and took our hymn book and went
around to one of the street corners
and stepped out on the side and began
singing and in a very short time we
had a large crowd and I took the
Bible and spoke to them on the Abuses
of the gospel and Occupied all the
time and after I was through the
Elders was all there standing behind me
they all said I done splendid and
I invited the people to come out in
the evening and hear us speak so
in the evening we had a splendid
turn out and a good meeting
and some good speaking also
and a good spirit was felt with
all of us and we were all pleased
with the time spent in meeting