Thursday April 23rd 1891

Not having any else to do this morning I commenced cleaning the yard in front of the house I got through at 3:00 P.M & to my estimation I done a good job. Father & I then started on a prospecting trip & explored the cañon South East of us. When we got down to the delta we made up our minds to go on down to George McManus' as it was only a half mile. We went down there & luckily found him at home, we got home at sundown I got a few samples for my "geological collection of every kind of stone".

Friday April 24th 1891

Elmer went over to Capt. Willards this morning & about the time I thought that he would be back, I shouldered the pick & shovel & started over to Beaver Valley (I 6 Wests place), with the intention of working an hour or two on the Lost Cabin lode No. 1, When I got over there I put off working at the mine until it was some cooler, so I helped Mr West plant potatoes until about 2:30 P.M. We then went up to the mine, I first tried the placer clay that I found & threw away on the 3rd day of April 1891 & discovered a new hitch in the placer mining of the Black Hills. There was a coat of Verdigrease in the bottom of the pan & indications of lots of gold but the Verdigrease had floated it off. We then went up to our stone prospect & found that the ledge is rich in Galena (silver bearing). I went home in the moonlight