



Lydia Vinton and Family Diaries

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March 13th 1879

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- March 13 The air is full of snow & the ground is fast ice becoming white. Wilfred went to St. Louis last Friday the 7th. He goes in the interests of Mr. Heagerton of Wheatland Dakota we have heard from him three times.
- 14 A bright morning 3° below 0. Last night the ground is only partly whitened with snow. We are to send to the station this afternoon, & hope to hear from Wilfred.
- 15 A letter & postal from W. last night. He was in St. Paul, about to go to Fargo. This is a bright clear morning. Mr. Vinton has just gone to Waseca. Mr. Wellman here yesterday.
- 16 Wrote to Willy, & part of a letter to Julian N. J. & to Gordon. Cold & cloudy this forenoon brighter in afternoon. The roads are hard, but smooth. A letter from Willy yesterday. Nearly sick to day with pain in my right side.
- 17 Am feeling better to day. R. called at H. at Drums this forenoon & will go to Mr. Dunsen's & Clements this afternoon. Mrs. Dunn has a son a few days old.
- 18 Mr. Vinton has been to Waseca to day, is serving as jurymen. Two young men called to get to work. Letter from Wilfred at Fargo.
- 19 Mr. V. at Waseca again to day. Ada went to Mr. Dunsen's & Clements. Weather clear & cold.
- 20 A very pleasant day. Old man East called. Willy & Arthur Clement came over & staid an hour & took home some slips of filaments. A letter from Willy. Mr. Vinton came home a little after dark.
- 21 Snowing a little to night. Mr. V. will not come home. Did not hear from the office to night.
- 22 Martin has been to the office & brought a letter & postal from Wilfred at Wheatland. He may come home next week. This morning the

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was about four inches of snow has been thawing off fast. Mr V. came home just at dark Sunday 23. It has been a windy disagreeable day. Snow is all gone. Sprinkled a little this afternoon. Wrote to Willy.

Thurs 27. The last two or three days have been pleasant. The Germans are all putting in their wheat. Today is pleasant & warm but windy. Mr Winton & sister N. have gone to Aukstouna she to stay a few days. We expect Julia Beebe to night. Letter from Wilfred yesterday. He asked to have a package of clothing expressed to him which his father will do to night. He will not come home for a month. N. received a letter from R. three days ago.

Friday 28 Charley Dailey came home with Mr V. last night instead of J. B. a letter from Willy & a letter for Wilfred from Mr Walker at Berthold. A thunder shower during last night. Pleasant to day but windy.

Sat 29 another bright morning. a letter & paper last night from Mrs Leach in Nebraska. Mr Winton is sowing wheat this morning. Yesterday sent a package brought home by mistake, & two letters to Aukstouna, by Mr. Stoughton. Evening. Willy, Emma & Julia came unexpectedly to night & brought another letter from Wilfred.

April 2 This is a cold windy day, snow in the air now & then, & now & then a little sunshine. Willy went home Monday morning leaving Emma & Julia to stay a few days or weeks. He took Charley D. home Sunday & brought sister N. back. Wrote to Wilfred.

Sat 5 a bright morning. The ground has been

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too much frozen for sowing grain since Monday. Pleasant & warm yesterday. Mr Powell's boys came for a calf. cow folks weighed a fat cow, weight 1385. wrote to Willy.

Monday 7 Yesterday was a pleasant day but the ground froze last night too hard to sow wheat till nine o'clock this morning.

Thurs 10 It was a little rainy this & yesterday morning. The well diggers have been at work since Monday afternoon three days & a half. have hole 60 feet deep. Letter from Wilfred & Helen. Wrote to him Tuesday. Evening. Emma & Julia have gone to bed. the men are talking in the kitchen. Mary is cutting out a dress. I am finishing a bed quilt to save the present style of calicos. N. is making a calico dress for me.

Sat 12 a mild morning. Mrs Duran & Mrs Clement took tea here yesterday afternoon. The well is 72 feet deep & they are still in blue clay. The ground is dry & it has been a good time for seedling.

Thursday 17 I have been sick since Saturday in the night with pneumonia. The Dr. has been here twice, is coming again tomorrow. Am better & hope to be up again in a few days.

Wed 23 Am still in bed. the much better have to day written postals to W. & W. & to Gordon & finished a letter to Helen. The weather continues dry but warm. Mr Wellman is here working on the barn. Philip Philips sings to night at Warsaw. Emma & Julia went home last Saturday the 19. Dr Ware was here last Friday the 18.

Thurs 24 Cloudy but no rain yet. a letter from Wilfred yesterday. Soap is being made. Mr W. is working on the barn.

Sat 26 Yesterday was another pleasant day. The soap was finished. I spent the day ^{in the sitting room} lying on the lounge most of the time. Mr Winton has

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gone to Masaca with a load of hay for Mr Wellman, & Martin went with them to drive a fat cow. no rain yet. Neighbor Dunn went to Ada with a load or more of live fat hogs. We hope he will come home by the office & bring the mail. The well after being bored to the depth of 88 feet was abandoned & the men are coming next week to begin another.

Sunday 27 The wind is blowing cold this morning but the sun is shining & there is no appearance of rain. Did not hear from the office last night. Mr Vinton brought home a load of lumber for an oat bin. afternoon - mail brought by the Dunn child^(m) a letter & postal from Gordon. also a letter from Wilfred to Emma, which Mr B. has taken to the office to remail. a letter to Pomona & paper to Mr Dunn.

Monday 28 noon. The well diggers have come again. Mr Wellman & Mr Heavner are also here.

Tues. 29 - The Stoughtons came with Julia Beebe yesterday & went home in the afternoon. we are afraid they were caught in the rain. Two letters from Wilfred this afternoon & one from a Neb. man inquiring about Capt. Bird's address.

Wed. 30 It has been very pleasant & we have all been very well. Mr B. has been using his new sulky plow, & Martin drawing manure & the well borers going on with their work. have gone down 65 feet.

Thursday May 1st a very bright morning. Mr Clement has just gone by to Awatonna.

Friday 2 Mr Clement brought the mail last night a letter from Emma & Julia. The well

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Tues. 6

men broke down & went home after dark & haven't come back to day. no rain yet. we are to have no well after all. The men after going down 77 feet, gave it up & went away. we had a hard freeze last night. Ice on a pile of water at the barn - half an inch thick.

Wed. 7

another bright morning. Mr Wellman & Mr Vinton have just gone to Masaca. wrote to W. & W. & Mary Stevens. Mr W. painted the ventilator on the barn this morning.

Thurs. 8

Cloudy & sprinkling now & then

Sat. 10

A good rain last night but the sun is shining this morning.

6 o'clock afternoon. Have had another hard shower

Sunday 11

another rain last night.

Mon. 12

Warm & cloudy. thundering & threatening rain. wrote to Wilfred. Little Julia & Gordon. Willow cuttings sent to Wilfred.

Tuesday 13

Thundering & cloudy most of the day but little rain. moved the cook stove into the back kitchen. Mr B. sold a calf to Sonnaman for ten dollars.

Wed. 14

Mary whitewashed the milk room & pantry & dried the clothes of the previous days washing.

Thurs. 15

Bright morning, cool. Mr Vinton has gone to Masaca to get Mr Wellman to make an oat bin in the barn. Mary is whitewashing the dining room. Had three letters from Wilfred yesterday. a letter from Emma to Ada. Mr W. did not come.

Sat. 17

A cloudy morning. Dea. & George Wood & Ole, were here yesterday. Mary white washed the kitchen.

Sunday 18

wrote to Willy. Mr Vinton & Julia Beebe went to Awatonna to church this morning. a letter yesterday from Gordon to W.

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Mon, 19 Guest chamber cleaned. G. Root here this morning. Had a thunder shower this forenoon.

Thurs, 22 My room cleaned yesterday, to day the sitting room. Mr B. went to Wareca. a man left a map of the county here. Price \$12.

Sun, 25 Day before yesterday cleaned the closet in my room. Early yesterday morning Ada was taken sick. & about 8 o'clock gave birth to a son. We had sent for Mrs H. Drum. & Mrs Clement. Mr Vinton also went to Aumontona for Dr. Ware, but he did not get here till after the birth of the boy. Had a thunder shower last night & it sprinkles & has been cloudy all forenoon.

Mon, 26 Has been a dismal damp cloudy day.

Tues. 27 Another cloudy damp morning. Mr. Clement has just called at the gate, on his way to Aumontone. wrote to W & W. Saturday & to Wilfred again Sunday.

Wed, 28. We had a very hard storm last night of rain hail thunder & lightning. & it looks stormy to night. we were disappointed about getting a letter from Wilfred to night. Received one from Willy.

Thurs, 29. noon. Mr Vinton has gone to Wareca by the way of the station. Wilfred may come to night. Notwithstanding the appearance of rain. we had a pleasant night & to day has been bright but very windy.

Friday 30 Wilfred came & is well.

Sat, 31. 4 o'clock afternoon. our folks have gone to the station for Willy & Emma.

Monday

June 2. Yesterday was a pleasant day no one went to church. Wilfred & his father have

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gone to Ala. The weather pleasant & cool. Willy & Emma did not come Sat, we expect them tomorrow. Ada & the baby are getting on very well.

Tues. 3 noon. This is a beautiful day, our folks are going to the station again after Willy.

Wed, 4 Willy Emma & Julia came last night & also Mr Webber, Cong'l. minister from Wareca. We had music & singing this morning & a pleasant time.

Thurs, 5 Willy's folks have just gone home. Julia B. rode over with them. to the station. Mr B. is going to Ala. this afternoon & I am going ^(thru) with

Friday 6 Wilfred has gone back to Wheatland & we are left very lonely. & find it impossible to be cheerful.

Sat, 7 Mr B. went to Wareca

Sun, 8 - a very warm day. G. B. went over to the Dibble school house to S. school

Mon, 9 9 o'clock a.m. It is raining softly. The men working on the road will doubtless have to stop. N. went to school just in time to escape the rain.

Tues, 10 A pleasant day. The men are working on the road again to day. We have heard nothing from Wilfred yet. have not heard from the office. The little boy & his mother are getting along well & will soon be down stairs. Mosquitoes are beginning to get troublesome & we are getting the bars ready.

Wed, 11 - a warm pleasant day. Dr. Ware came unexpectedly last night & stayed till this forenoon. Two letters & postals from Wilfred. Letters from Roxie Willy & Gordon & a package of napkins from Boston.

Thurs, 12 Mr & Mrs R. Stoughton & Alvin came to night.

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- Sat. 14 a somewhat rainy afternoon. The Stoughtons went home in the forenoon.
- Sun. 15. Bumping. It has been a gloomy day. J. B. went over to S. S. with the Clements. Have had a headache all day. N. had a letter from Isora Smalley two days ago. Ada has had three letters & a postal from Wilfred since he went away. Baby was weighed this afternoon 9½ lbs. has gained 2½ lbs in his three weeks.
- Mon. 16 a pleasant day. Mary has washed. The bees have swarmed for the first time this summer. Ada came down stairs this morning & is spending the day in my room. The baby cries a good deal to day.
- Tues. 17 morning. Pleasant & rather cool. Frost night before last. Letters sent this morning by Ma Clement to W & W. Gordon R. Dixie & J. Bimerson.
- Wed. 18
- Thurs. 19 Austin's 62nd birth day - went to Waresen to attend the reunion of the 1st Minnesota regiment.
- 20 + 21 The men worked on the road. The night of the 20, nine of our chickens were killed by some wild animal.
- Sun. 22 Mr Vinton went to Aa. to take Mary. Julia B. went over to S. S. Martin tried a swarm of bees.
- Mon. 23 Had beet greens for dinner. Austin gone to Waresen. meeting of the Town Board. weather warm.
- Tues. 24 a thunder shower. Received letters from Willy. Gordon & Wilfred. & photos of the Whittand farm building & employees.

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- Wed. 25 Ada went out riding for the first time & she & Julia dressed the baby first time. Hee was also taken up to H. Drums.
- Thurs. 26 A. had a letter this morning, from W. & one from Mrs Hawkes. another shower last night another young colt this morning, belongs to Dr. Ware.
- Friday 27 another rain this forenoon. N. did not go to school.
- Sat. 28 a beautiful cool day. Mr Vinton went to Waresen. Two men took dinner here. a Mr Muckey & Mr Wilkins from Medford. sent letters to W & W. & Helen.
- Sun. 29 Mr Vinton & Julia B. went over to the Dibble S. S. & around by the post office home. Ada rode out again to day.
- Mon. 30 Mr V. went to mill at the station. Put bar on dining room window.
- Tuesday July 1st another hard shower towards night A. went to the station again.
- Wed. 2 Rained hard again this morning. N. rode to school with H. Drum. Walter Dunn & family went home this morning after the rain. a little colt belonging to Dr. Ware got hung in his halter down by the barn & choked to death. a swarm of bees was hived, & one went off.
- Thurs. 3 Last evening we had a terrific storm of thunder lightning & rain, & hard rain in the night. The whole country must be covered with mud & water.
- Friday 4 Mr Vinton is just starting to Aa. to take Mary Brisbane to stay two or three days with her friends. Martin has already gone to Waresen. Ada, J. B. N. & I. spend the day alone, or with no man about the place. Later, I went to the woods with the

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Clements. Bees swarmed. Mr Kilts, with the help of a man from Mr Durri's hired them. Mr V. got home from Ca. brought home news of a tornado, & fire by lightning.

Sat. 5 Austin went to Waraca with a load of oats. brought home a calf. Dr. Ware made us a short visit.

Sunday 6 a dark rain morning. no going to church. & many will hardly get back to day. 6 o'clock. The afternoon has been pleasant, but it is very warm & look like rain again.

Mon' 7 10 o'clock a.m. Mr Vinton & Julia B. went to Ca. two hours ago. The rain is pouring as if there were to be another flood & there is continuous thunder but as yet no very vivid lightning or crashing thunder like that of the evening of the 2nd.

Tues 8 a clear bright morning after the rain.

Wed. 9 another dry hard rain last evening & it continued to rain a good part of the night. It is pleasant this morning, but we shall expect it to cloud up & rain again this afternoon.

Thurs 10 Rained again last night & is not very pleasant this morning. Yesterday was a very warm day. 86° above l. a letter from W. to Ada, & one from Gordon.

Friday 11 nearly 11 o'clock, cool & pleasant. Mr V. & Martin are cleaning out the granary. We hear of destruction of crops & of buildings torn to pieces by wind of people killed by lightning & by tornadoes in different parts of the state, but as yet we have been spared. Torrents of rain have fallen, but we hope now to have more settled weather.

Sat. 12 weather continues pleasant. Mr V. gone to Waraca with a load of corn.

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Tuesday 15 went to church Sunday. heard Mr Merrill first time. went up to Mr Howes, yesterday. Mr Vinton went to Waraca to see about a road. We put up a bed for the men at the granary. Rained last night or rather just at morning. has been cloudy & rained a little this forenoon. A new man came to work yesterday morning.

Wed 16 much cooler & pleasant. our folks began haying yesterday.

Thurs 17 Cool & pleasant. good hay weather. Sent letters to Roxie, Willy & Gordon yesterday & received one from Helen.

Friday 18 Still pleasant & cool. Packing a box to go to wheat land. The men drawing hay into the barn.

Sat. 19 Good weather continues. Austin is sailing up the box to go up north. We have just shelled our first peas for dinner. & took the box to Waraca.

Tuesday 22 Mr & Mrs Spelman & their three children (came after bed time Saturday night & went home yesterday, Mon. forenoon. Mr Vinton & Mrs Spelman went to Waraca to church Sunday & heard Mr Merrill. Mr V. has gone to Ca. to get the buggy mended. Baby weighed 12 lbs. this morning. Mr Cruikshanks stayed here last night. very warm 89° above l.

Wed. 23 cooler & cloudy. Letters last night from W. & W.

Thurs. 24 Still cool & no rain. 60° this morning called at Mr Durri & Clements last night. Haying is getting on. The barn is full & a stock finished in the north field. Ada is getting ready to go to Oronotown Sat. on her way to Wheatland, Dakota. The baby has not been quite well for a day or two, a little from Welfred, also one from Mrs [Humphrey]

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Friday 25. a cool pleasant day. Had two feather beds renovated by a man who goes about the country with a team, doing that kind of business.

Sat. 26 Ada + baby, + Julia Beebe have gone to the station to take the train to Oia. They are to start to Dakota Tuesday. A letter from Roxie last night from Swanton. Mr. Brewster to Waveren in afternoon.

Mon 28 Went with A. to Oia. yesterday, to see if the Dakota party continued all well, saw them at Mr. Stoughton's, took dinner at Dr. Wane's. got home about 9 o'clock. roads very dusty. Have written to Willy + a few lines in Harry's letter to Roxie + Julie, + to Gordon. Our folks began harvesting by cutting wheat in the north field next to W. Drum's. First green corn for dinner.

Tues. 29 Mr + Mrs Wellman took dinner with us, Mr Cruikshanks called this morning + left the mail. Scribner, Atlantic + Golden Rule, two of each from Col. Drum. no letters except one for Mary. very nice weather for harvesting.

Thurs 31st Our hired man John left us yesterday without word of warning, + when intercepted + interviewed. said the work was too hard. I would be apt to strike a lazy man, that harvesting was hard work. We have two now for a few days one to bind with Martin, + one to set up the grain. a letter yesterday from Wilfred + a postal from Julia Beebe from St. Paul. They were so far safely on their way to Wheeland.

Friday Aug. 1st The two ^{men} ~~men~~ Mike Spilan + the Goodell relative, have gone. + we have a new man. It was raining, + Mr. Winton + Martin went to the station. brought a letter from Willy

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Sat. 2nd a nice cool day. Wheat cutting finished north of the road + they are now cutting oats in the field next the garden. a letter to Willy yesterday.

Sunday 3 Went down to the station this morning to see a sick child of Mr Goodrell's. a postal from J. B. for Harry. Our last hired man's name is "Patten Crumby". He is to stay a month. several of the Germans were cutting wheat to day. There is lightning + thunder in the distance.

Mon. 4 We had a soaking rain last night + it is too wet this morning to cut + bind wheat.

Thurs 7 Yesterday + day before were pleasant days for harvesting. Mr. Zearly, here to dinner yesterday. a young man from Mr. Clements who has worked one day is going away this morning.

Sat. 9 Fine weather continues. W. went to the station yesterday with Willy Clements brought letters from Wheeland from Roxie + Sam in Swanton, + from Mr. Drum in Boston. Letters to Wilfred. J. B. Ada B. to Denver, to Chicago + postal to Willy. Evening. Grain cutting finished at noon. + the setting up, finished to night.

Mon. 11 The stacking going on. Went to church yesterday + heard President McGowan's son preach.

Tuesday 12 Mr Cruikshanks took dinner with us. Mr. Merrill + Mr. Bush called this afternoon. Ripe tomatoes for supper.

Friday 15 a little rain yesterday. The two days before were pleasant. Mr. B. is going to Oia. to day. a letter from Fayville two or three days ago.

Sund. 17. Last week made a white bed comfort

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+ finished a braided rug. Mr Vinton brought a box from Aia, which Col Drum sent from Boston, when he came home Friday night. Mary went up to H. Drum's last night to take a calico dress to Mr D. a present from Ada. Weather pleasant but quite cool. Martin + Crumley have gone to the station. wrote to G. B. last + also to Willy. Letter from Emma + Julia

Mon. 18 The stacking stopped at noon by the rain. sweet corn put out to dry. had to be brought in + dried over the stove

Tues. 19. went to Warica. + happened on a very pleasant gathering at the church. a number of Amoskoma people were camping at the lake + were invited by the church people to a picnic tea at the church. I went over to do a little shopping got a cover for the lounge.

Wed. 20. R. covered the lounge. Austin went to the station. a letter from Ada

Thurs. 21. A. is mowing the yard. Willy Clement has gone to the station. I did a little painting this morning + we washed curtains. Heard yesterday of the burning of the Tremont Temple of Boston, when I first heard Moody + Sankey

Friday 22 No letter from the Drums as expected. I have a lame toe. Mary dropped a tub on my foot last night + I was kept awake by the pain from the bruise.

Sat. 23 Changed window curtains in my room + in the north east chamber.

Sund. 24. Went to church + when on the way home stopped at Williams Lindsay's, to attend the funeral of their youngest child. Mr Forbes

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Methodist minister preached a short sermon Mon 25. a little rain in the morning.

Tuesday 26. Have been very busy to day doing various things in the kitchen. During the last few days, have painted and varnished good many things about the house. Mr. trimmed a pair of pillow shams + Mary did them up. Our apples are falling off very fast - in these days. The Siberian apples are very small this year. wrote to Willy + to Ada last Sat. Our folks are getting on nicely with the haying. We set up a little back to day cleaned carriage seed yesterday.

Wed 27. Mr + Mrs Latham + Mrs Dearborn were here 86° about 1.

Thurs. 28. Austin went to the station partly expecting to bring back Col Drum + family. brought a letter saying we might look for them tomorrow also a letter from J. Beebe + one from sister Julia

Friday 29 The Drums came, Col. D. Austin + Simon went to Warica in the afternoon.

Sat. 30. Simon + his father went down to the lake a while in the morning. in the evening they went to the station to get the trunks. a letter from Willy

Sunday 31. we all stayed at home. Had ripe melons yesterday + to day.

Monday Sept. 1st Mr Vinton + Col. Drum went to Aia. this morning, came back just at dark. The day has been pleasant. Mr Tuttle called with a load of pumpkins.

Tues 2 Mr Crumley went away. H. Drum called

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- in the evening
- Wed, 3 Our folks went to Waraca fishing.
- Thurs, 4 Have been looking for the Humphreys a letter from Wilfred.
- Sat, 6 Willy's folks came.
- Sunday 7 Austin, Roxie, Willy, Emma & Julia & I. went over to church, a very cold day, we nearly froze. were very sorry we did not take buffalo robes. Mr Merrill preached a powerful sermon.
- Mon, 8 Austin, Col. D. & R. Willy & I. went to Co. made several calls, took dinner & tea at Mrs Daileys got home about 9 o'clock. Willy went home from Co. on the evening train. we went in Mr Lathams carriage having exchanged with them for a few days.
- Tues 9 Dr. & Mrs Ware & Evelyn, came about noon & went home about 6 o'clock evening.
- Wed, 10 This morning A. took Col Drum, Emma & Simon to Waraca. E. & S. to see the dentist. Col D. to take the cars for Boston.
- Thurs 11 It is raining & Austin had to stop plowing. Have put up a few cans of tomatoes & apples. am having a cold & sore throat.
- Friday 12 My throat better. cold more in my head.
- Sat 13 Mr Hawkes folks came before noon, staid till 5 o'clock. Mr Dinton & Simon went to Waraca late in the afternoon. Henry went with them.
- Sun 14 Had our first frost last night. but the weather is mild & pleasant to day. none of us went to church.
- Mon 15 a bright windy day. We have been working at crab apples & potatoes. Simon brought home two ducks.
- Tues 16 The Humphreys came in the forenoon.
- Wed 17 The Humphreys stayed till afternoon.
- Thurs 18 Mr D. Martin & Simon went to Waraca to a circus.
- Friday 19 R. & I. made catches. Austin sold a two year old steer for twenty five dollars.

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- Sat, 20 The weather continues very dry. we have had one or two light frosts. Martin is helping. Mr Dunn thresh. Austin is plowing north of the road. Haven't heard from the post office since Tuesday.
- Sun, 21 a pleasant day but none of us went to church.
- Mon, 22 Martin is starting off with the steers to drive with others to Wilton & beyond. Emma & Julia are going home to day. Received letters from W. W. Gordon, Col. Drum & Alice Austin has a hard cold.
- Tuesday 23 a nice day but it seems like fall & the leaves are fast turning yellow. Austin N. & R. & Simon have gone to Waraca. Mr Clement brought us the mail this afternoon. Letters from Col. D. Helen & Mrs Humphreys & postal from Hattie Christie.
- Wed, 24 Mr Dunn brought the mail. a letter from Col. D. to R. & a postal from Willy.
- Thurs 25 The men are plowing & digging potatoes in these days. I am picking a cornfat of old cider.
- Friday 26 Dry fine as ant weather continues. The leaves are turning yellow & beginning to fall. We tied the cornfat & visited. Three years ago to day sister Roxie & I. were in Chicago.
- Saturday 27 N. & R. called at Mr Clements.
- Sun 28 Rained this morning. leaves falling.
- Mon, 29 Took R. to the station to go to Co. to stay a few days. Rained again this evening. The threshers went home from H. Drums just at dark. Mr Clement went to Co. & took his two boys. a letter from Willy.
- Tues, 30 Mr Cruikshanks called & left the mail a letter from Mrs Christie. one to R. from Mr D. one from Sheridan & from Gordon to R.
- Wednesday
- Oct. 1st a strong wind from the south. moved the

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stove in my room back to its old place
a man called for dinner while we were at the
table. Mr Clement brought us a quantity of beef
this forenoon 80° above 0.

Thurs. 2 a lowering morning, continues warm. The
man who called yesterday proved to be a
lightning rod man. A. & H. are getting ready
to go to Co. after sister R. 60°

Friday 3 Mr & Mrs Wellman were here to dinner.

Sat. 4 made tomatoe pickles.

Sund. 5 A. & H. went over to church in the evening.

Mon. 6 A. R. & S. went over to Mr Hawke's. The wind was
very high & the weather very warm. From 80 to 86°
for the last five days, in the middle of the day
nights very warm & uncomfortable.

Tues. 7 weather continues dry & warm. There is scar-
city of water in the country, many wells
are dry.

Wed. 8 Simon went over to the lake very early
this morning, in company with Mr
Clements' hired man, hoping to come
upon a flock of wild geese, got a shot
at ducks, but saw no geese.

Thurs. 9 we have had a nice little rain. Austin
has gone to the station to get Mrs Dailey &
Mr Lee, a line to Mrs Stevens in his
letter.

Friday 10 Mrs D. & Mrs L. did not come, & Mr B. has
now gone to the station to bring Mr &
Mrs Dailey, a letter yesterday from Willy.
We are not to go to Waseca tomorrow as
we had intended. wrote to Welfed.

Sat. 11 Mr W. R. Simon & S. went to the station with
Mr & Mrs Dailey, they to go home, we to go
round by goose lake to Waseca. Stayed in
the furniture store during a hard shower,
while there selected an easy chair for A. a
present from R. S. went to the dentist & had

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a tooth pulled, we did a little shopping
& were weighed R. & S. Her weight 133. mine 119½
Did not go to church. Had a prairie chicken
for dinner.

Sund. 12

Mon. 13

Tues. 14

wrote to W. & W. A. & S. went to Waseca this afternoon.
A bright pleasant morning R. is packing to
go east tomorrow. Simon has gone to the
lake to take a last hunt. Jim has gone with
him. 82° above 0.

Wed. 15

we, Austin, R. & S. went to the station with to
take R. & S. to go to Boston. We are lonely with-
out them, but hope to see them another year.
The day has been warm & bright but it now looks
like rain.

Thurs. 16

went to Waseca. took dinner at James Claghams
called at Mr Merrills & Mr Latham. Rode home in rain.

Friday 17

weather a little cooler. A. packed & fastened a
gun box to send to Boston. Henry came in with
his baby's picture. Rained enough to stop the following
9 o'clock A.M. It is much cooler. 40° above 0. moved
the cook stove into the dining room, R. is covering
A's chair.

Sat. 18

Sun. 19

a pleasant day 54° - went to Waseca yesterday
afternoon. Stopped at Priests hotel. During the after-
noon called at Mrs Jennisons. did not find her
at home. called at Mrs Strong's. saw her beautiful
plants & aquarium. Returned to the hotel where
I met Mrs Dale & Mrs Alden, who were calling on
a lady boarding there. Got home at dark. Found
letters from W. & W. & Emma & postal from Col. Drum
paper from Helen.

Mon. 20

Threshers came to Mr Clements. A. went to
Waseca again with a broken plow. came
home. started his plow & broke a whiffletree.
sent letters to W. & W. but A. brought them back
again.

Tues. 21

A. is to go to station this afternoon. a bright

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morning. Hope to hear from R. Evening. H. & I. went to the station this afternoon with A. mailed eight letters for ourselves & one for H. D. Called at Mr. Barnard's. There were no letters except one for Mary. Met Mr. Clement on our way over & took the mail he was bringing to us.

Wed. 22 Rained a little in the forenoon, not enough to stop the threshing at Mr. Clement's, but the wind did.

Thurs. 23 31° above 0. Ice thick as window glass, first freeze we have had, we expect the threshing to night wrote to Helen & a few lines to Gordon in N. H. letter last Sunday.

Friday 24 We had twelve men to dinner, Mr. Wellman among them. The oats threshed, 600 bushels & thirty bushels of wheat.

Sat. 25 5 o'clock a.m. The wind is blowing & they may not be able to continue threshing. Five of the men stayed here last night.

Sun. 26 They had to stop threshing yesterday at half past ten. The three machine men & one other stayed to dinner. They are to come again tomorrow. This is a quiet pleasant day. we are going over to church tonight. A letter from R. Friday, & one from Sam & Iroa to R. a letter from Mrs. Humphrey & one from Willy last night, & paper from Mrs. McCoy.

Mon. 27 Threshing finished by working late. The men, the threshers & one other man - staid over night, & went to Mr. Daniels before breakfast.

Tues. 28 A washing done - a bed quilt among the rest, washed & dried & filled a straw tick for Martin's bed. Heerace Chase called in the evening. Mr. Cruikshank brought our mail & took dinner with us, or rather by himself. A letter from Gordon.

Wed. 29 9 o'clock a.m. Mr. Vinton has gone to Warsaw, Mary rode with him to school. H. Chase went with

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Thurs. 30 a. to town - a very hard wind all the morning a pleasant quiet day. Fopsy got loose last night in the stable & ate too much corn, was ailing in consequence this forenoon, but seems well now. A letter from Wilfred & Ada yesterday, & one from R. to R.

Friday 31 - wire doors taken off. Flier still troublesome but none out door to come in. A letter from Alice to R.

Saturday Half past nine o'clock a.m. It has been snowing for two hours or more with wind in the south. A. went to Warsaw this morning with the Lindrop wheat, taking it to market. It seems very wintry.

Sunday 2 Austin went to the office but got no mail except the Advance. Martin went home & rode. Dell wrote to Roxie & to Guitie D.

Monday 3 A. has gone to town, a bright cold day. I° above 0 sent a postal to Willy.

Tues. 4 Head sick head ache last night. Andy Dunn brought a package of handkerchiefs from the office after dark. Mr. Vinton has gone to election.

Wed. 5 - Austin came home this morning. He visited the school this afternoon.

Thurs. 6 a bright morning & not cold. A Johnson boy has come to help husk corn. Auntie & I sent a letter from Helen last night. one from Willy yesterday morning.

Friday 7 A beautiful, mild day, called at Mr. Clement's. G. D. brought the mail a letter from Wilfred & letters to R. from Bimfison & Gordon.

Sat. 8 were all ready to go to A. when it began to rain. evening made A. a pair of buck skin gloves.

Sun. 9 Mary's sister & her young man, came to see her. Mary is to go to A. Sat. to see them married the following Wed. we are going to A. in the morning, if the weather is favorable.

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Tues. 11 Yesterday went to Oia to do some shopping. Took dinner at Mr Daileys. Started home about 3 o'clock. came part of the way in the rain & were glad to get home at dark. just at dark & as it began to rain again. Saw the Dr. but did not call there, as Cora was sick with diphtheria.

Wed 12 This is the twenty sixth anniversary of fathers death. Mr Cruikshank was here yesterday & cleaned the organ. We brought Mrs yarn for Shaker, when we came from Oia, & a postal from Mr High. It is raining again, rained a good deal in the night. Our folks have been husking corn for several days, were expecting to finish tomorrow night. The rain is needed very much to fill up the wells & cisterns & sloughs for winter.

Thurs 13. The men are getting on with their husking. they didn't work yesterday forenoon. a fiddler called at the place.

Friday 14 wrote yesterday to Wilfred, & to Mrs Mr Coy. corn husking finished. Mr Clements son helped them most of the day.

Sat. 15 Austin was sick with a hard cold last night. has been better to day & went to the station this morning with Mary. Martin went home this morning to attend the funeral of his young sister. a month to day since R. went home. a letter from Wilfred.

Sun 16 Martin came back this morning. Austins cold has kept him in the house.

Mon 17. Willys 32nd birth day. have written to him but cannot send to the office till tomorrow. weather continues mild. Martin baked

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up the old house. Austin has not been at all well to day, but feels better this evening.

Thurs. 20. The Dr. has just driven in. Austins cold has been bad for several days. & Tuesday he wrote to the Dr. to come up, but it was very windy yesterday which was probably the reason he did not come.

Sat. 22. A. is feeling better this morning. The Dr. went home yesterday. Martin went to the station yesterday & is going again to day to get Mary.

Thurs. 27. My birth day, & also Thanksgiving day. had neglected writing for several days. we have no snow yet. & very moderate weather. Austin went to Oia Tuesday 25 & staid all night at the Drs. & came home yesterday. Mary, brother in law brought her home Sunday Mon. a young Swede came here to go to school & learn to talk. may stay all winter. Letter from Willy first of the week. & one from Wilfred yesterday. To day & yesterday the weather has been gloomy & makes us think of the coming winter. no school to day.

Friday 28 Austin went to Wasica on the Lindray business.

Sat. 29 Ann Vinton went to Oia to get a plow fixed. The roads are good for wheels. There is a sprinkling of snow. but not enough to prevent the fire running in the grass on the slough north of us. Featherbed man called.

Sunday 30 Martin went over home. The new man August went to his church, Oysters for dinner.

Monday Dec. 1st A. went to Wasica & finished settling the Lindray estate business.

Tuesday 2 Mr. B. & Martin went to the station with wheat. Price \$1.00 - ours was already sold for 98c.

Wed. 3 a. m. we have put up a leach in the back kitchen to make soap. cloudy mild weather.

no snow only enough to whiten the paths.
Papers yesterday from R. + Wilfred, + letters from
Gordon + Julia Taylor to H.

Thurs. 4 Windy + cloudy. Soap made yesterday Had
a headache in the afternoon. Our old cat noses
departed (with some help) "to never come back
any more" Miss Curry the school teacher + Andy
Dunn spent the evening here

Friday 5 It rained all Thursday night + has continued
to sprinkle part of today

Sun. 7 A bright but cold day. Martin went over
South to church Double windows put in Friday

Mon. 8 Martin finished his nine month work
+ went home this morning. Sent mail to
the office by J. Dunn. Letters to R. Helen, Alice +
Gordon

Tues. 9 Whitewashed the paring

Wed. 10 Mr. Cruikshanks called with the mail +
put a new reed in the organ. Mary
whitewashed part of the Kitchen after
school.

Thurs. 11 Wilfred's thirty sixth birth day, weather colder
5° below 0. Snow enough to whiten the ground
Mary finished whitewashing the Kitchen before
school

Friday 12 6° below 0 a letter from Wilfred to night. A
went to the station with wheat. \$1.18 a bushel

Sat. 13 a comfortable day. The washing hung out +
dried in an hour or two

Sun. 14 a little snow + colder. Home written to H. + W.
August went to church Henry called. Mr + Mrs
Clement spent last evening here.

Mon. 15 A letter from Mrs McCoy + postal from Willy
yesterday. Some people called + had their
dinner in the Kitchen + put their horses in
the barn, am making a buffalo robe out
of pieces. 16° below 0. Mary has gone to Mr Dunn's to get

Tues. 16 snow enough fell last night to make a little
sleighing

Wed 17 Pleasant winter weather. A. is going to the station

Lizzy Kauter just came in to warm her feet on her
way to school.

Thurs. 18 Albertin has gone to Waseca. It is snowing fast
with wind in the south.

Friday 19 went to Co. to do some shopping took tea at Mr
Dailey, slept at the Dis. Saturday morning went
out after breakfast + did a little more shopping
took dinner at Mr Dailey + came home.

Sun. 21 snowed all day but was not very cold.

Mon. 22 The wind blew in the night + no doubt drifted
the snow, but the sun is shining + not much wind

Tuesday 23 A. is going to Waseca. Mr Cruikshanks called
yesterday brought the mail. A letter from Mrs Wilson
to H.

Wed. 24 28° below 0, this evening, moonlight + still. school
closed to day. made a pair of buffalo mittens -

Thurs 25 Christmas, 33° below 0 this morning. The roads not
badly drifted, but very little travel.

Sat. 27 Yesterday was good winter weather, 11° below 0.
weather much warmer + very pleasant to day. The
Hawks children came over + staid till 2 o'clock
we have had no mail since Tuesday. H. D. has
gone to the station

Sun. 28 Evening, we went to church, A. H. + J. Mr
Clement went with us. he and Mr Satterly preach
instead of Mr Merrill. The Methodist church
at Waseca was burned Christmas day. Letters
from W + W. last night. Two from Wilfred

Mon 29 Mary Brisbane went to Co. to go to school.
She has been with us nearly three years
a good + faithful girl + bles fair to make
a good scholar. H. went down to stay a week.
A. brought home a new stove for the sitting room.

Tues. 30. A. has gone to Waseca. Henry went with him
a postal to Wilfred. we put up the new stove this
forenoon.

Wed 31 August went over to his church leaving Mr C.
and me alone.

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This morning the wind blew furiously from the south for a while, but the day has been very mild & pleasant & to night is still & I find enough to do about the house to keep me busy most of the time. Just have read to day several chapters in the life of Charles James Matthews.

Friday 2. Went to Waseca to preparatory lecture

Sat. 3 Weather warm & the snow rapidly disappearing, a letter from R. & postal yesterday & letters from Wilfred & J. Bube & Gordon from ^{Rich} Taylor.

Sun. 4 Continues warm. A. is to go to Co. tomorrow after sister N. will be obliged to go with a wagon August went over to Suede Johnsons this morning before breakfast to take a letter, a postal from Willy.

Mon 5 Austin went to Co. & brought R. home.

Tues 6 Received a letter from Maggie Brislane asking to come here to work for us. Papers from Boston & Col.

Wed. 7 A. has gone to the station. took a letter to Maggie Brislane & postal to Mary.

Sunday 11 Mr. Crumly came here Friday & is staying over to day. went to station yesterday with A. Received a letter in the night & the wind blew very hard afterwards wrote to Willy yesterday & a postal to Wilfred. Received a letter from Julia Taylor Friday & one from Thursday the day we called to see Mrs. Dunn who was sick.

Mon 12 Mr. Crumly went to the station this morning sent a letter to Wilfred by him. Afternoon Mr. Crumly came back & went to Mr. Durns to work.

Tues 13 A. went to Co. took the old sitting room stove a fine wind all day.

Wed 14 Mr. Crumly came back early in the morning said he was going back to Maristown, was

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not able to work. A. brought in a mink he had caught in a trap in the hen house. The ground continues bare, a south wind blew. Addie Dunn brought in a wreath which Mary Brislane had learned to make in school & which Mrs. Dunn & her niece had put together for Mr. Howe been making a flannel under shirt for A. we have been for the last few days been reading Tremly Personage, by Froloffe.

Friday 16 a beautiful day, washed & hung part of the clothes out doors.

Sat. 17 Mrs. Lirth day. Austin went to Watonna took the founding barrel to have it newly bolted & took Mary's wreath to her. Letters from Helen Gordon & Sam High.

Sun 18 A. & I. went to church. Warm & sunny day.

Mon 19 weather very mild. made mine nest.

Tues 20 went to Mr. Clements in the evening.

Wed. 21 - A few inches of snow fell last night & it is snowing this morning. wrote to R. this morning. postal to Gordon. & letter to Maggie Brislane yesterday.

Thurs. 22 snow enough to make a little sleighing. our folks killed two hogs yesterday took them over to Mr. Clements to butcher.

Friday 23 - went down to Mr. Plummers in the afternoon after we came back. A. went to the station & letter to Wilfred to Wilfred, the day before, a postal to Willy.

Sat. 24 Wilfreds boy eight months old to day. A. has gone to Waseca with Mr. Clement & Mr. Dunn to help take them flock to market. Sat. evening Raymond & Mary Sloughsten & their youngest boy came to stay over Sunday.

Sun 25 Austin & Raymond went to church.

Mon 26 - The Sloughstons went home. took a letter to Willy. Received one Sunday from him, saying Amman was

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sick.

Tues, 27 Made sausage. Mr Cruikshank called & played & sang for an hour or two. A letter from Willy & Gordon & one Monday from Wilfred

Wed, 28 Johnson boys came in the evening to see August

Thurs 29 snowed in the afternoon. Andy Dunn brought a letter from Alice & posted from Willy made head cheese & did housework most of the day

Friday 30 snow enough for good sleighing. wood drawing

Sat, 31 Austin went to the station with a load of grain to have it ground for feed. About noon the wind blew & filled the air with drifting snow but it didn't last long, wrote to Mrs Stevens. Letters from R. & Willy.

Sunday

Feb. 1st We thought of going to church but the roads have not been traveled much since the last snowfall. August went over to see his friend the Johnsons. Made tea on the sitting room stove, & had our dinner on the little table in front of it. Only three of us, A. R. & myself.

Mon, 2 Ground hog day. Pleasant & bright early in the forenoon. Towards noon grew cloudy & now at 5 o'clock is snowing a little & looks stormy. Washed with August's help

Tues, 3 A. went to the station after a load of feed. Brought a letter from Augusta D. & one to A. from ^{Deputy} R.

Wed, 4 Has snowed a little nearly all day. A. went with Mr Dunn to the funeral of Mr Bickney's mother. H. D. came in & made some ink of logwood. bichromate of potash, ferrussiate potash & soft water

Thurs 5 Pleasant but cold. Went with A. to A's. Took lunch & dinner at Dr. Ware's. Mrs W. was away on a visit to her mother & Mrs Cooper was keeping house for the Dr. called at the Darleys.

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Friday 6 A man here & bought cattle. Mr Clement & Mr Burner called. A. has a load of hay ready to take to A's. To ^(not stop) morrow. Colfax was to be here last night at A's but we could

Sat, 7 The wind blowing from the south, sounds like a thaw. A. went to A's & got home just before dark. Took 7 day eggs to market 16 cts. The Iowa man came back & stayed over night, & posted to Wilfred, a book from R. were intending to go to church but the wind blew most of the night filling the roads with snow. August went to his church.

Mon, 9 Washing done, wrote to Julia's Taylor & a note to R. in Mrs. letter. Mr C. went to station, a letter from Wilfred & postcard from Willy. Letter to R. from G. & pack of yarn from Boston.

Tues, 10 - A. went to town this morning with H. Dunn. I have spent the forenoon in the kitchen, baking &c, R. is making a wrapper. August chopping wood at the door, mild day.

Wed, 11 Thawed all day & rained a good part of the time. A. mended his harness. Sam straightening hair for a switch

Thurs, 12 Colder this morning, snow went off fast yesterday & being frozen now, the roads must be very rough. I took cold nearly a week ago, & have a troublesome cough.

Friday 13 Mr Wellman came. He is going to Brookings Dakota, to line. Letters from W. & W. & paper from R.

Sat, 14 - A still, bright day. A. has gone to Warren. Took some black walnut boards for a corn cup-board which Mr Wellman is to make before he goes away sent tub of butter to market. Posted to R. ^(over)

Sun, 15 Wrote to A's. A. went over to see Mr Clement who is sailing with a cold. The roads too rough to go to church. I have too much of a cold. August has ridden Doll over to Sweede Johnsons to get his paper. A. has written to Willy.

Mon 16 Warm & what snow there was, thawing fast. A. & R. saw wood part of the day. A. went to station with a sleigh & found more mud & water than sleighing. Old Mr White called to tell us, things was to be preaching at the Plummer schoolhouse in the evening & also Tuesday evening.

Tues. 17 Colder this morning. H. Drum has called.

Wed. 18 A. + man have been drawing wood this afternoon. N. has read aloud & finished "The Baiters" (by Trollap.) while I have worked at straightening ^{hair}.

Thurs. 19 Austin + his man are going to Warsaw to drive some cattle sold to the Iowa man, a week or more ago.

Friday 20 We spent a very quiet day yesterday N. + I. Nobody even came to the door. I sewed a little & worked at the hair on my switch. read a little & tho' I was busy in the kitchen during the forenoon baking. They did not get home from town till dark.

Sat. 21 A. went to town with H. Drum + brought home the corner cupboard Mr Wellman made to put in my room. Sent 8 doz eggs to town last Thursday 16 cts, & yesterday sent 3 doz, 2 doz were ^(broken).

Sun. 22 Weather this morning, like spring. August gone to his church, afternoon, wrote to J. Beebe. Austin + N. went to the station. were gone an hour + five minutes. A letter from Emma, enclosing one from little Julia, & a letter from ^(Friday) Wilfred.

Mon. 23 A washing done, oiled the new cupboard, which by the way is butternut, instead of black walnut. ^(G. Garink) A man cleaned out the three chimneys. Did some mending in the evening + went to bed tired.

Tues. 24 Austin has gone to Warsaw on town business. The ground is bare again except a little snow + ice in spots. It did not freeze last night. Papa to Wilfred.

Wed. 25 It looks like snow this morning. Frost last night. A. is going to the station this morning. Evening, a letter from Augusta Daily with the news of Mrs Mc Glashan's death. A. went to the station again this afternoon, a postal from Willy telling us to look for himself + family on Sat. He has been feeling quite unwell to day.

Thurs. 26 Postal from Wilfred telling of the continued blockades of the railroad. Some valentines from Gordon. + paper from Mrs Trivett, Mr Kingsley + Charles Austin's son from Genoa, came just at dark to stay over night.

Friday 27 Austin went to Co. this morning. Enough snow has fallen to whiten the ground. Sent 6 doz eggs to market 12 1/2 cts.

Sat. 28 A. went to station + brought Willy's folk home in a driving ^{storm.} snow.

Sunday 29 all stayed at home. Too rough to go to church.

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March 1st a bright warm day. The snow is melting fast. Willy's folk went home this morning. We were sorry to have them go so soon. They were all looking well + we hope they have enjoyed their visit. Julia is a pleasant - well behaved child + bids fair (owing to being sensibly trained) to become an intelligent sensible woman.

Tuesday 2 The wind is blowing ice from the trees nearest the house, on to the roof making a sound like hail. A. has gone to Warsaw took letters to Augusta Daily + to Wilfred. Two paper last week from Mrs Trivett, an old friend who lives in Washington D.C.

Wed. 3 A warm day. Rained a little this morning. Austin + men have been drawing hay from a stack into the barn. Did some baking this forenoon, have had a headache this afternoon. Roads again muddy, + there is not much prospect of their being good very soon, no mail since Saturday.

Thurs 4 a cloudy day, + the afternoon drizzle + gloomy. Mr Clement went to the station, Postal from Willy. Letter + paper from Sheridan to N.

Friday 5 H. Drum went to the station - brought a letter from Gordon. Advance + stock journal. Men drawing manure.

Sat. 6 Austin + H. Drum went to Warsaw to attend a meeting of the anti horse thief society. Mary + Arthur Clement came a little while.

Sun. 7 a cold day clear + bright + the ground being bare, it doesn't seem so cold as it is. Roads are rough + very little travel. August rode Doll over to his church to day.

Mon. 8. A. is going to the station + Mr Clement with him. Have written to Mrs Humphrey, sent postals to W. + W. to Gordon, paper to sister Mary, Wilfred + Grace Stevens. Evening two paper from Wilfred. Letters from Col. Dunn + Sam High to N.

Tuesday 9 Town meeting day. A. went to town early. being on the town board. August helped us wash. Baked bread + ironed feet.

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of the clothes. R. finished the white woolen shawl she has been crocheting. A. came home at 11 o'clock p.m.

Wed. 10 - A. went to the station & brought home a load of feed. No mail except the Radical. Roads frozen & rough. Finished my switch.

Thurs. 11 - A cold wind all day. The men have been drawing manure up to what is to be this year's corn field. Have done a little sewing, mostly in the way of mending.

Friday 12 - A very gloomy day - cold enough to snow, or too cold rather. A. has been busy making box stalls for some of the horses. Have had no letter from Wilfred in two weeks. In the house we do but little besides getting our regular meals & washing the dishes. Parched coffee made ginger cakes & a custard for tea. wrote to Mr. Drum. & began a letter to Mrs. Stevens.

Sat. 13 - It has been snowing, & the ground was white when we got up this morning. A. went to the station this forenoon took August with him. brought a letter from Wilfred & two to R. Agnes & Lucy Drum came in for an hour.

Sun. 14 - All staid at home. Read - rested & wrote to Wilfred. The Drum hired men came in the evening to see August.

Mon. 15 - A bright still morning. The snow sparkles in the sun but it will doubtless all disappear before night. Evening, it has not thawed much to day. but continues cold. A load or two of wood drawn.

Tues. 16 - Mr. Enrikshanks called at the door with our mail & a letter from Gordon & postal from Willy.

Wed. 17 - Austin went to Co. with H. Drum. brought a note from Bertie D. Dr. Ware & Mrs. Cooper have gone to Dakota to buy some land. A postal to Willy.

Thurs. 18 - another light fall of snow last night. It has been much warmer & the snow has rapidly disappeared. August has gone over among his Suede friends to stay over Friday. Henry came in this forenoon. Dr. Young came to see their baby.

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Friday 19 - letter from Mrs. Leach. & one to R. from R. a warm high wind late in evening. men were busy drawing poles for a fence.

Sat. 20 - A. went to Waseca on town business. weather bright & warm. roads very muddy. Later, A. brought five gallons of sorghum syrup. 50 cts a gallon. He took 7 doz eggs to market. & let a dog.

Sun. 21 - A. went over after Dr. Young for one of the Drum children. Staged to church. Communion two weeks from today. If the roads improve, we may be able to get to church.

Mon. 22 - a postal from Col. Drum, & Scribner, paper from R.

Tues. 23 - a letter to night from Wilfred & also from Gordon. Postal from August D. made an apron.

Wed. 24 - Herbert ten months old. men have been sawing & chopping wood. Thunder & lightning this evening & a storm of snow or sleet from the south east. A young calf at the barn, first one of the season. Have been making scrap book.

Thurs. 25 - The sleet which came last night has been thawing all day. stock increasing. another calf this morning. August went to the Suede settlement to stay over good Friday. Willy Clement brought the mail. Paper, & the "Gem Puzzle" from Sam High & Shudson letter to R.

Friday 26 - Little Mary Clement came & spent the day with us. another calf but it did not live. men come back after dark. no mail. Sewed a few carpet bags.

Sat. 27 - It was raining this morning when we got up & continued raining most of the day. The roads must be in a dreadful state. I have been in the kitchen most of the day. doing a little baking & a little cleaning. made yeast & started a Keg of vinegar. have also made a few additions to the scrapbook.

Sunday 28 - A pleasant morning, but deep mud everywhere. It's a poor prospect for going to church, even next Sunday & fitter still for farmers to sow wheat this week. Baked beans for dinner & fresh horse radish.

Monday 29 - washing day. Postal from Willy. A Boston Journal from R. giving an account of the burning of the Journal building on the night of the 21. A letter to R. from Sora.

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- + a package of three skeins of Saxony yarn for the finishing of the fringe of K's shawl. Letter to Wilfred & postal to Willy & note in his letter to R. & Gordon.
- Tues. 30 A bright, windy day, ground fast drying up. Had a small cock put up in back kitchen, hung up beef to dry. For dinner, corned beef & joint of mutton with steamed corn meal pudding for dessert. Mr. Clement called - another calf to day.
- Wed. 31 Rained part of the day, seed wheat cleaned up. Sewed carpet rag - mended stockings &c.
- Thurs. 1st April 1st A. started to go to the office, but found the mail at Henry's. Henry D. & Willy C. went to the office. Cooky cleaner man from Northfield.
- Friday 2 A gloomy April day. It is raining this afternoon. Men are drawing dirt round the well.
- Sat. 3 A. went to town & found the roads so bad, that we cannot think of going to church to-morrow. Have been sewing carpet rag most of the day.
- Sunday 4 A quiet day, & sunny most of the afternoon.
- Mon. 5th Washing day. Willy Clement went to the office. A letter from Mrs. Humphrey & one from Wilfred. Postal from August D. with the news of Dr. Henshaw's death. Postals to R. & papers & postal from Willy. Wrote to Wilfred & little Julie. August went to Johnson's to meeting.
- Tues. 6 Sunny most of the time, but cold & disagreeable. A. plowed a little in the corn stalks. But found it hard work - another calf yesterday.
- Wed. 7 Pleasant but cold. Men have been dragging hay into the barn. Have been sewing a little & writing a little when I have not been in the kitchen. Wrote to Mrs. Humphrey & sister Mary & postals to Wilfred & Julie Taylor.
- Thurs. 8 A pleasant day. Dr. Moore came about noon & took his horse home, which has been here since last Sept. but he leaves another in its place. Sent our mail to the office by him, wrote to Helen. Have been cleaning house, in the upstairs of the old house.

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- Friday 9 The warmest day of this spring. A few bushels of oats sowed. Their first attempt at seeding. Finished cleaning out the old chamber & R. & S. bound & repaired a bed quilt.
- Sat. 10 A cold windy day. Addie Dunn made us a little visit. Mr. Whittier & Mrs. Wadsworth the latter woman made us a call & staid to tea.
- Sunday 11 A bright pleasant day. A. went to Cavatona. Letters from W. & W.
- Monday 12 Wheat sowing. A little sowed Saturday to begin. The Dr. came up to change horses.
- Tuesday 13 The Dr. staid all night & has just gone home. It is a warm bright spring morning. The black birds are chattering in the trees. The atmosphere in the distance is smoky like Indian summer evening. It has been very warm today 80° above. Wheat sowing north of the road. Mr. Cruickshank called at the door with the mail. Postals from Mrs. Humphrey & Gordon letter from sister R.
- Wed. 14 A very windy day. Mr. Merrill called & took dinner with us. Henry Dunn is sick. R. has gone up to see him. Mr. Clement has gone to the station to telegraph for Dr. Young.
- Thurs. 15th The ground was frozen this morning & the sowing could not go on till late in the day. H. Dunn called. His little boy is much better. Dr. Young came over this morning, & we sent postal by him to Mrs. Wadsworth, & to Wilfred. Received a note from Mrs. W. yesterday. Partly made a pair of buckskin gloves for A. registered letter last night from Wilfred.
- Friday 16 Wheat sowing finished north of the road. A pleasant day, & grew warmer towards night. Finished the gloves & added a few wraps to my book. Wrote part of a letter to R. & also to Wilfred. Another calf last night.
- Sat. 17 Wheat seeding finished.

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Sunday 18 Forenoon, Henry's man brought in the mail a few minutes ago. Atlantic, Scribner, Press, Advance, Postal from Willy & Joseph. K. Evening. The wind has blown a gale most of the afternoon has rained a little & is warmer. Fan man had a colt this afternoon.

Monday 19 The wind has blown hard all day, washing down, but clothes could not be hung out to dry. A little dust of snow on the ground this morning which soon disappeared. Cats cleaned up & sowed. Yesterday wrote to W. & W. & R.

Tuesday 20 Went to Waseca in the afternoon. called at Mrs Strong's & Mrs Latham's did a little shopping. went to Mrs Wadsworth's to see her sister. called at Mr Merrill's on the way home. Took our mail to the Waseca office. Got home just at dark.

Wed; 21 The Kit mare had a nice colt. we were busy most of the day with our house work.

Thursday 22 Mrs Heawkes & Mr Merrill with their babies, here. Our folks are getting in oats. The grass is beginning to look a little green by the roadside but the prairie is still the color of dead grass.

Friday 23 This has been a windy disagreeable day. Austin has not been well & has staid in the house most of the day, August has been dragging in oats.

Saturday 24 Little Herbert is eleven months old to day and I received a letter to night from his mother and a postal from Gordon & one from Mrs Heawkes. Austin a postal from Mr Wellman & R. letter from Sherrill.

Sunday 25 It has been a cloudy day. Mr Clement came in this morning & got his mail. I have been reading aloud to Austin one of E. P. Ross' stories. Friday night there was a hail storm at St. Mary & at Ovestonna. It rained here & there was a little hail with the wind & rain.

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Monday 26 Andy Dunn, brought the mail a postal from Willy. Tuesday 27 A bright spring morning. The three young warmen colts with their dams, are running about the yard - the trees are beginning to show their leaves & the grass is a shade greener each day.

Wednesday 28 A wet afternoon tho' it has not rained hard a boy stoped at the door about noon & asked for dinner. His name was Howe, he came from the west on horseback staid two or three hours & went on to Ovestonna. Mr & Mrs Hillman came last night & stoped over with us. They were on their way to wells. we look for them back on Friday a stranger with a team has stoped & asked to staid over night. It has rained enough to make the roads muddy. Mr Wellman came yesterday and took away his horse. added a single harness with Austin for a buffalo robe. He is moving to Brookings, Dakota.

Thursday 29 August has been rolling the can ground. The man who stayed here last night, was a Mr Nelson from Kasson. Parched coffee, stewed fruit, worked at feathers, & did various things about the house. It has rained a little enough to keep the roads muddy.

Friday 30 Mr & Mrs Hillman came just at tea time.

Saturday May 1st The Hillmans went home this morning & Austin went to Waseca. It has been pleasant all day. Willy Clement went to the office, sent a postal to W. H. & received letters from W. & W. When A. returned from Waseca he brought Mrs Wadsworth's sister, Viette Carris - who is to work for us this summer.

Sunday 2 The day has been very warm & pleasant. 86° above 0. Mr Merrill preached at the school house this afternoon.

Monday 3 The day has been warm - bright & rather

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we did not wash, but cleaned the kitchen,
R. called at Mr Dums & Clements.

Tuesday 4 warm & very windy. a man from Marshfield
took dinner with us. A. has been plowing
The washing done & kitchen windows washed.

Wed. 5 Had dandelion greens for dinner, Mr Binton
broke his plow & went to Ware to get it fixed.
sent a letter to Wilfred.

Thursday 6 Very warm. Put up a new single bed-
stead in the small bedroom upstairs
88° above 0.

Friday 7 Thunder last night & cooler to day.
Regulated the closet in my room. One
of the Johnson boys came this morning to
work a few days. The garden begun. & litter
from the yard & about the raspberry
bushes burned. R. has been working at the
raspberry bushes trimming out the dead
canes & raking out the loose trash &
tying up the bushes. Plum trees in
blossom.

Sat. 8 A letter from Wilfred & one from Mrs
Humphrey, & one to R. from R. Scribner
& Atlantic Boston papers &c.

Sund. 9 wrote to W. & W. & Factor. The Dr. sent a
man with a horse for Mr Binton to use
but having another engaged, he sent
him back.

Monday 10 Washing day. A man came in the afternoon and
blasted some rocks in the plowed ground, stayed
over night. Immigrants camped near the house
& put their cattle & sheep into the barn yard.
Addie & Mary Dunn. Mary Clement, Agnes & Lucy
Dunn were all here in the yard after school
and enjoyed themselves as only children can
running here & there. now at the barn to see the
calves & chickens. and frightening the cows
with their flying drapery. A what it is to be young.

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Tuesday 11 a bright cool morning. The immigrants have
gone on their way to Nebraska. Addie Dunn just
came in to get some chlorate of Potash. Little Mary
was sick with sore throat.

Wednesday 12 Called at Mr Dums & Clements yesterday forenoon
in the afternoon windows in sitting room washed
the carpet taken up & stove taken out in the morn-
ing. To day the carpet was put down again the
double windows taken off. Had a headache with
some haul.

Thursday 13 Sunny this morning but rained half the night with
a good deal of thunder & lightning. Had some churn-
ing of butter this morning. Have just begun to
make butter. To put down our getting a
tub ready to send to Wheatland to Wilfred.
The potatoes are being taken from the cellar &
put in the granary. Letter from Gordon, & paper
from Gustie with the news of the death of
Marvin Bailey's wife.

Friday 14 a pleasant cool day. our folks are planting corn.
Saturday 15 corn planting during the day. A curious thing
happened to day. A greasy cotton rag was found
on fire just ready to burst into a blaze close to
the partition in a corner in the kitchen entirely
away from the stove or fire, & no one knew any-
thing about it, or had been near it with fire.

Sunday 16 Mr D. went to the post office. a letter from Wilfred
& two packages, postal from Willy. letter & postal to R.
with papers. a paper from Mrs Stevens. Mercury at 80,
Looks like rain.

Monday 17 A little rain in the morning, not enough to stop
corn planting for the day. Washing & bread baking,
88° above afternoon & early evening.

Tuesday 18 attended to a double churning & was busy
through the forenoon about many things. 74° at noon
cooler towards night. It rained. R. gathered dande-
lions for dinner.

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Wed, 19 Pleasant most of the day. but sprinkled several times. & there was thunder in the distance. In the afternoon we put on a quilt. The men still planting corn. August went to Mr Dennis to get seed corn. a large part of ours having been destroyed by rats.

Thurs 20 Cold this afternoon morning at 46.

Friday 21. Austin went to Wareca & Vi, went with him. a light frost last night. August has finished the corn planting. The day has been cool. still & bright. Adelle Dunn came to the gate with her little brother Johnnie. a little tottling fellow. a little more than a year old. Portals to W. & W. & sent Wilfred a tub of butter by express.

Saturday 22. Went to Watona with A. morning cold & cloudy & threatened rain, but cleared off & grew warmer, evening bright moonlight. got home about 9 o'clock. a letter to Mr Humphrey & to Wilfred & a birth day present to little Herbert, a silver knife & fork. Mrs Ware had gone to St. Paul & taken their little girl Evelyn to have her eyes treated. Letters from & Gordon & portals from Willy & Sam High.

Sunday 23. Four o'clock afternoon. It has rained most of the day. is clearing up now. It is Trinity Sunday. August has gone to his Sweden church & is to stay over Monday, to a continued meeting. There was to have been a meeting at the school house to see about organizing a Sunday school. but the rain kept every body at home. Little Herbert's birth day, one year

Monday 24. cold to day, washing put off for baking & churning. Made 13 lbs of butter.

Tuesday 25. Churning again to day. 12 lbs butter,

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German woman, a Mrs Zimmerman come & bought a calf. #12. Horseback peddler, Irish called.

Wednesday 26. Has threatened rain all the morning. but has cleared up now at ten o'clock. R. & I will go to Wareca this afternoon, if it remains pleasant. Vi is washing & is to churn this afternoon. Letters to R. & me this morning, from R. Sent a crock of butter to Mrs Dailly, by H. Drum.

Thursday 27. A pleasant cool day. a leak put up & a barrel of soap made. we went to Wareca yesterday. made several calls & did a little shopping. got home about 9 o'clock. Mr Clement went to the station twice. a letter from Wilfred. Had received the butter & one to R. from Sheridan Scribner, Atlanta, paper & a glass stopper from R.

Friday 28. We have had coloring black in the big Kettle in the back yard, ironing & churning in kitchen & dining room, & quilting & reading in the sitting room. a man with a team, has stopped here to stay over night.

Sat. 29. Quilt finished in the forenoon. Two letters one from Wilfred saying they had received me Baby's birth day present, & one from Mary Birks. Wrote to Ada, & sent portals to Willy, Gador & his mother. A. & R. rode over to the station, Mr Brazier's house was burned yesterday. Austin saw the smoke & flames, but didn't know that it was a building. Cloudy this afternoon & sprinkling this evening. we hope it will not rain as we intend to go to Wareca soon, & the roads are dry now.

Monday 31. A pleasant cool day. washed & did up some lace, finished binding the new quilt & made some preparations for going away.

Tuesday June 1st. Forenoon. This is a beautiful day, Martin Severson has come to work again, this time for four months. P. M. John & Frank Chambers were here this p. m.

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talking of buying some cattle. It has been raining which is not favorable for our trip tomorrow. wrote to Mary Brisbane, a week ago to day Austin & I went to Clearing in had a pleasant day & very good roads, got there about four o'clock. The next day, Thursday, we with Willy, Emma & Julia went to our best cattle in the town of Concord where we had a pleasant visit, but on starting home, found the sky overcast & a storm rapidly coming on. but it did not burst upon us till by fast driving we were within two miles of home & just at a Mr Miller's, where we drove in unloaded ourselves, & the men had barely time to get the horses into the barn when a storm of rain & hail poured down deluging the ground & cutting the leaves & branches from the trees - destroying the tomatoes & other things in the garden. the hail filling about the roots of trees &c. meantime the water came streaming through the roof of some of the rooms, fortunately not the one where we were. after the storm was over, we drove home past heaps of hail that had been washed along by the rush of water. no hail had fallen at Waseca. It rained nearly all the following night, but next day we all went to Dodge Center, took dinner at Dr. Gower's, called on Henry McConnell an old acquaintance, at his store, took tea at Mr Heil's, & returned at dark. It had rained in the afternoon & soon after bed time, it began again & rained through the night & at intervals through the forenoon. at one o'clock we started home, arriving at Ca. about five o'clock. It again rained through the night but cleared up in the morning, & we came away from Mr Daileys about twelve o'clock & arrived at home at half past two, found Charley Humphrey & his two sisters here. They had come the night before through the storm, but their close carriage had kept them from getting wet. During our absence heavy rain had fallen here & some very

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large hailstones but there was no wind, not a window was broken, nor the crops badly damaged. Monday afternoon Charles Brinton & wife came & stayed till this morning & till nearly noon. Yesterday Austin & Charles went to Waseca & brought the news of the nomination at Chicago of Gen. Garfield for President. A. brought home a butter worker. The bees have swarmed to day first time this year. A. has gone after a load of sand for the Bragins, who are going to build a new house. It is beginning to rain again.

Thursday 10

Martin & August are working this afternoon for Mr Clement, will be driven in by the rain. A young Mr Clark came, is taking the census, stayed over night.

Friday 11

Mail came at evening by a German boy. Austin went to the station, took a letter to Wilfred, & to R. & postals to Charles Brinton, & Mary Brisbane. Mr Johnson assessor from Waseca, with his man, came & stayed over night. Mr J. is blind from cataract.

Saturday 12

Austin went to Waseca this morning & Di. & August went with him. Mary & Martha Humphrey, six & ten years of age, are here to stay during the absence of their mother who has gone on a visit to New England. The children of the neighborhood came to make them a little visit this afternoon. Their home is in Faribault.

Sunday 13

A letter from Wilfred with little Herbert's picture. R. has gone to the Dibble's house to Sunday school. It has been pleasant, tho we had a little sprinkle middle of the day.

Monday 14

It has rained the greater part of the day & began early in the night. Austin was to have taken his shot horn to Waseca.

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but postponed going on account of the rain.
Cooler but still cloudy.

Tuesday 15 A. went to C. A. Martin starting early with the
short horn. found roads very muddy.
Jane Daniel, called on the way home from her
school. she is teaching in the next district east of us.

Wed 16 a pleasant day. men worked in the corn

Thursday 17. Another pleasant day. The hired girl Vi, Camis,
went home. A. took her to the station.

Friday 18 men in the corn. N. ironed, & we churned &
it didn't rain.

Saturday 19. Austin took August & went over near
Deer Woods to help fix a certain piece of
road. The day has been very pleasant. I have
been making a white sargue this afternoon,
& N. has worked on a greenedine dress, she is
making over. The little girl have enjoyed their
out door play. The little Dream girls came
to play with them this forenoon.

Austin is sixty three years old to day.

Sunday 20. A warm bright day. Sunday school N. & the
little girls attended. A & I. went to the post office
Letter to Willy. Received one from him & from Wilfred

Monday 21. The bees swarmed the third time this year. Pleasant day.

Tuesday 22 Churned & ironed, had beet greens for dinner.
a young man called to see about insurance.

Tuesday 29 a week has passed since I have written
here. Last Thursday Austin went to Waseca
Friday he went to Summit in Steele Co.
to see Mary Brisbane who is to come and
stay with us through the harvest.

Saturday we went to Watonwan to see Mrs. Shuts
& came home Sunday afternoon. went in the
morning to the Episcopal church to hear
Mr. Tanner. Monday A. went to Waseca on town
business, which was not finished & he has
gone again to day. This morning we received

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the sad news of the death of Julia High Taylor
our niece. She died in Denver Col. on the 22nd
of this month leaving a girl babe a week old.

We have a Swede girl to stay two weeks,
she came yesterday morning. is washing to day. Mary
Brislane decided not to come. A letter last night
from Willy & one from Mr. Humphrey written at
Redwood Falls. to Mary & Martha, on our way to C. A.
Sat. A. received a letter from Wilfred with a
present of ten dollars for his sixty third birthday.
Wed 30 a pleasant day. The men worked on the road.
went to Andy Dunn to see his mother just at
evening. Painted mosquito bar frames for windows.

Thursday
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after a smart rain which stopped the work on the
road. A. went to the station took letters
for N. & to W. & W. & postal to Mrs. Dailey, also
took corn to be ground for meal. Henry
Dunn went to C. A. in the afternoon to take a
swinging girl home Belle Davidson. Mr & Mrs
Clement & Miss Dibble called at the door to
talk about the children's picnic they are to
have tomorrow in the woods, churned 12 lbs
of butter, repainted the frames of the wire screens
for front windows. Letter & postal for the little girls.

Friday 2

Men worked on the road, went with the children
to Mr. Clements just at evening. we did a little
extra washing & ironing.

Saturday 3.

Looks a little like rain this morning. The Clement
& Durnon are going to the woods to have the picnic
their children. Letter. after dinner N. & I went with
the girls to the woods & joined the picnic.
we are planning to go to church tomorrow to
hear Mr. Cobb.

Sunday 4

It rained this morning, but we went to church
& heard Mr. Cobb preach a home missionary sermon.
S. B. this after noon at the school house. & bright
& pleasant weather.

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Monday 5. Celebration at Waseca, Martin & August went early & have come home early. Willy Clement has gone to the station after the mail. Ida has washed & had a good time to dry her clothes. Had a few raspberries & currants for tea, first of the season. We are reading at "Imprest Tossed", are not much interested. N. has finished her green dress. Letter from Wilfred & postals from W. H. & Mrs H.

Tuesday 6. Ironing & churning. a few raspberries picked, & what currants there were, to save them from the birds.

Wed, 7. Barnum's Circus at Owatonna, Austin went to Waseca this morning, drove Kit, & Topsey & let their colts follow. canned a few raspberries picked yesterday. wrote to Mrs Stevens & to Mrs Humphrey.

Thursday 8. Had a heavy rain during last night, but it has been pleasant all day. Put up a can & bottle of currants. Ida picked two or three quarts raspberries. N. & the little girls went over to Mr Dunns.

Friday 9. Mr Humphrey and Willy H. came back from their western trip. Austin went to the station with wheat & the girls went with him. cloudy & looking very much like rain.

Saturday 10. Mr Humphrey not being very well, & having a sick horse, decided to stay another night. Austin, N. Willy H. & the girls went to Waseca in the afternoon with Mr H.'s carriage drove Joe & Topsey. again clouds & thunder, but no rain here till in the night.

Sunday 11. Mr H. & W. went home after dinner, a good deal of rain fell last night & this morning. Pleasant this afternoon.

Monday 12. Very warm weather 88° our folks are

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getting a load of hay south of the barn, the first load this year. Walter Dunn called at the gate this morning, on his way home from a visit to his mother & brothers. said we might expect Willy home this week.

Tuesday 13. wrote to Alice & received a letter from Wilfred. Mr Britton & Mr Clement went to station with wheat.

Wednesday 14. A beautiful day but hot. Mr B. is mowing the grass & weeds in the road this afternoon. Rick Middaugh's boy is here to help drive four of our cows over to his father's, where they are to stay for two months. let out for \$8. per day. sister is making her a visit to day. First green peas for dinner.

Thurs 15. Pleasant all day cooler. August mowed the grass & weeds around the house & Mr Britton mowed in the north field, we were disappointed in not seeing Willy to night.

Friday 16. Another pleasant cool day, the men worked at the hay. Will, Emma & Julia came about five o'clock this afternoon. Willy Clement & Tommy Dunn went to the station this morning, brought a letter from Mr Humphrey & postal from Gustie Daily & letter for N. from Sheridan.

Saturday 17. Willy & his father went to station this forenoon, a postal to Mr H. This afternoon they went to Waseca postal to Wilfred, a cool pleasant day, with the exception of a slight shower this afternoon. The three little girls have been very happy in their play, had a little ride this forenoon with W. This is a beautiful evening, still & bright the moon at its best. Not enough wind to stir the shadow of the trees.

Sunday 18. Another fine morning. communion in our church to day - some of the family will go -

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Monday 19 weather cool. 66° this afternoon, 56° this morning. Willy & family went home this morning. Yesterday Mr. Vinton, Nancy, Willy & I, went to church. Several persons united with the church among them Mr & Mrs Sudcluth & daughter Mrs Wright & Mrs Leland. The services were very interesting & impressive. A letter from Wilfred & one to Mr. from Gordon.

Tuesday 20 The Humphrey boys came about four o'clock. The little Dunn & Drum girls were here to see the child.

Wed. 21. Austin took a tub of butter to Maraca to send to Wilfred. Charles R. went with him. got back about 11. Mr & Mrs Alden ^{& the two boys} came just after dinner & went home about four o'clock. a short but pleasant visit. Mr A. goes tomorrow out into Dakota. The H. boys started home at half past two o'clock.

Thurs. 22 Another pleasant day. The haying continued. Mr B. went to Owatonna this morning & we expect Miss Augusta Dailey ^{to come} home with him. Mr & Mrs Jennison from Maraca. with Dr. & Mrs Beecher from Belmont. Mrs G's father & mother, made us a pleasant visit to day.

Tuesday 27 Last Friday & Saturday. I was quite unwell, had overdone & taken cold. A went to Oa. Sunday after the doctor who came home with him, & went back that night. Gertie came Thursday as we expected. Sunday night Mr & Mrs Barnard called. Yesterday letters from Wilfred. Ada, & Mrs Stevens & Mary. at evening Mrs Dunn & Mrs Dunn called. To day Mary Humphrey came for the little girls & took them home. we miss them very much. They had been here so long we had become greatly attached. Harvesting begun here today.

Friday 30. Has been raining to day. our folks had been cutting oats west of the house. weather has been very warm for two or three days, but most of the time a good breeze. favorable for the harvesters. Raining this forenoon.

Saturday 31. The field of oats west of the house finished, & the wheat began in the north field. Not as far as

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expected

Sunday

August 1st First sweet corn this year for breakfast. Mr Vinton went to Oa. this morning to take Gertie home. A pleasant day. R. went down to Sunday school. Mrs B. came home before sundown. Brought a letter from her Humphrey & postcard from Willy & mail for the girls which we will forward.

Monday 2

Cool weather 56° - working day & good weather for drying clothes. Mr Emickshank took tea with us. Brought the mail - a letter from R. & the two magazines.

Tuesday 3

Another good day for harvesting. cool & still. wheat cutting across the road. This morning 48°. Idensin made her a visit. A. took some honey from a bee hive & got stung.

Wed. 4

Still good weather, mended the apron of the harvester. Green peas for dinner.

Thursday 5

Almost no travel on the road. Every body in the harvest field. Austin doing the chores, while the rest set up the wheat cut to day. Sweet corn for dinner. wrote to Gordon, & Mary & Martha R. & knit edging.

Friday 6

Mr Vinton broke something about the harvester & went to the station to get it mended. Letter from Willy & Emma, & the papers & letter from R. Letter to W. & W. & Gordon & Mary H. & mail to the H. family.

Saturday 7

Wheat cutting finished by working a little late.

Sunday 8

Austin & I went to church. went home with the Jennisons to dinner. The wheat is nearly all cut & ready for stacking.

Monday 9

A pleasant day after a gentle rain in the night. The men after setting up the wheat cut Saturday are cutting a little piece of oats that was left.

Tuesday 10

went over to Mr Clements this morning. while there, Mrs Dailey, Marvin & his two children from Ohio & Charles, came to spend the day - we were very glad to see them & had a pleasant day. Men busy all day stacking.

Wed. 11

Mr Vinton & I went to Maraca late in the afternoon to attend

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a sociable at the church, called at Mr Lindsay's on the way. Most of the farmers were stacking their grain a few were not done cutting. Made a few purchases at Cereals & Eckenbuck's, drove down to Mr Jonck. Claghorns & made a short call. Mr. C. rode up to the church with us.

Thurs. 12. A letter from Helen. no change in the weather or work. Stacking continues.

Friday 13. 93°. A good breeze this forenoon. It is half past six P.M. & the men are just starting after another load of wheat. The air is becoming cooler. We finished reading "A. Fool's Creed".

Saturday 14. Wheat stacking finished a little before noon. & oat stacking begun. Willy C. brought the mail. The magazine & photos of Col D. & R. & letter from Wilfred.

Sunday 15. Went to D.D. began to rain while we were there. August went to church this morning & Ida went home.

Monday 16. Cloudy & rainy. Austin went to Waseca after dinner. Thome Fan & Joe on the big wagon. Henry went to the station took a letter & paper to Wilfred & brought a letter from R. to H. A letter to Willy yesterday & a postal to Charles B. by Caddy Dunn to C.

Tuesday 17. This has been our worst day. Ida did not get home in time to wash yesterday - churned instead. Mr. B. began plowing in the north field. The men have been drawing manure. The oats were too wet from the recent rains to stack. Picked up a pen of plum from under the trees. Mr. B. took a few apples to town yesterday & exchanged them at the market for a loaf. Mr. Clement has gone to Waseca.

Wed. 18. 88°. Toward night a cool breeze from the north. Thunder & lightning latter part of the night. oat stacking all day. Ida picked

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up a pail of plums. made some additions to my scrap book or rather began a new one, knitted edging.

Thursday 19. Rained the last half of the night - cleared up again this morning but oats too wet to stack. Men drawing manure. Mr. B. plowing. Mr. Clement went to the station after Mrs. Burrier, a letter to Helen. Letter from Mr. Humphrey - postals from Willy & Gordon & paper from Helen. Sorted over the apples. Picked up ^(plum) more.

Friday 20. Pleasant day. began drying sweet corn. & made plum jam - prepared apples for canning. A. has continued plowing & the men have stacked oats most of the day. H. finished a pair of slipper for Mr. Vinton.

Saturday 21. Pleasant all day. Finished drying the corn. Stacking finished. canned a few plums & apples. trimmed feathers. Knit edging & wrote part of a letter to sister Mary.

Sunday 22. Austin & H. went to the station, took a letter to sister Mary & brought one from Wilfred & postal from C. Vinton. He has gone to the D. D. over north. Ida's two sisters came to see her.

August went to his church, began a letter to Mrs. Stevens. Cloudy & a little sprinkly. Started to mow but decided to plow. Ida washed & put her clothes on the grass. Succotash for dinner. Mary Clement & her little cousin came over & picked up a pail of plums.

Tuesday 24. Went to Waseca with Mr. B. who went off to see about laying out a new road. Went to Commerce to see about picture frames. Called on Cary, did a little shopping. called at Mr. Shaws & Shuler's. walked down & spent the afternoon at Mrs. Aldens. A cold, cloudy, misty day. came home about dark.

Wed 25. Mr. B. & I went to Dec. Wood to a sociable. another misty day, sprinkling a little at times. called to see Mrs. Dibble who is sick. Mrs. Nelson Daniels rode to her home with us from the sociable.

Thursday 26. Raining & very cloudy this morning.

Friday 27. Raining still. Rained all day yesterday & all last night with short intermissions. Put up plums yesterday. Mr. B. plowed two or three hours in the morning.

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Saturday 28 Cloudy again most of the day. cleaned the windows in sitting room. covered chair cushions. knit edging &c. N. called at Mr Clement & Durns. Ironing done. Men worked in forenoon about the old straw stack in the north field & burned it. Mr V. plowing in field west of ^{the} house.

Sunday 29. Went to Ch. this morning to church, heard a Mr Seargeant preach. Went to Mr Stoughton & called at Mr Daileys.

Monday 31. Cloudy & lowering all day, made plum jelly. Ida washed & tho' the sun did not shine dried her clothes. wrote to Wilfred. Henry D. & his children, picked up two or three pails of plums. A. continues plowing, men drawing manure on to the land.

Tuesday 31. A hard rain in the middle of the night & every thing seemed soaked this morning, cloudy all forenoon. sunny most of the afternoon, made plum jelly again & dried crab apples. N. picked up a large pail of plums. The Durhams apples are all gathered. The little Durns & Lizzy & Renter came for plums.

Wednesday
September 1st. Cut & dried crab apples again. Called at Mr Clements. An Irish woman came in with lace to sell. bought a little & paid three times what it was worth. It has been pleasant all day. a postal from Wilfred.

Thursday 2nd. Another pleasant day. sliced & dried apples. Postal to Willy by Mr Clement who went to the station with Mrs Burner. Mowing & putting up hay. Idas sister came to see her carried home a pail of plums. Letter to M. B. from Mr Christy & note from Hattie.

Friday 3. Allen & Charley Hawkes were here to day, August with a team went to help Andy Durn thresh. Mr V. & Martin worked at the hay drawing &c. Cloudy with more & then a little sun

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still & warm. bad weather for the wet wheatstacks. Saturday 4. Pleasant all day & our folks have made the most of it in working at the hay. mowing in forenoon & putting it up in the afternoon. August went again to draw grain for Andy Durns threshing. Found the Durhams apples spoiling & prepared & put them to drying stove. they would not keep at all up stairs or in the cellar & we wrapped them separately in paper, handling them very carefully. Addie & Mary Durn came for plums. Finished the lace edging for N.

Sunday 5. Austin & sister N. went to Ch. this morning. the day has been quiet, tho' the kitchen folks had a couple of their Sweden friends to dinner & two more came to eat plums under the trees, & Jimmy D. came to bring us a couple of watermelons. Mary Clement ^{Regina} in to see if Mrs Keenhouse wanted to go to S. S. over north.

Monday 6. another good day. The men have been stacking hay. Mr Binton went to Waseca to take Henry Durn who has gone to Ohio to see his mother who is very sick. Andy's quilt. & Addie & Mary Durn came for more plums. Have been fasting in my scrap book. A. brought home some picture frames Commers. This is the first day of the Minneapolis fair. The state fair at Rochester is said to have been a success. Tuesday 7. Pleasant day. men still haying. mowing finished to night. making scrap book, cool enough to have a fire in my room. Durn children & girl came & got two pails of plums. Besides the usual housework. Ida has baked bread. made yeast, picked cucumbers & ironed a little.

Wed, 8. Fair weather continues. rather cool 40° this morning. Letter from W. & W. McKimphrey & paper from Willy. Mrs H. Durn went to the office, wrote to N. Mrs Christie, & Willy. postal to Mary H. & sent Advance to Willy. men still

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haying. Had the first watermelon from our vines a very nice one.

Thursday 9. men getting up hay. A. plowing. Still cool but wind in the south & we hope there will be no frost. wrote to Mrs Stevens & Mary. Have been getting carpet rags ready to color putting away jelly & doing various things.

Friday 10. Colored carpet rags brown green & yellow. Windy enough to make drawing hay difficult. Plowing. First musk melon.

Saturday 11. Mr Vinton went to Aa. to mill & to bring Nancy home. High wind this forenoon & looking like rain this afternoon. Have been very busy doing the thousand & one things that come in the way of housekeeping. among other things, winding into balls the rags colored yesterday, washing & ironing a little, moving the plants into the house out of the wind. R. wrote to Wilfred. Melons & plums at dinner.

Sunday 12. A cloudy cold day. A. & R. came home last night before dark. Mrs Dailey sent me a number of plants (A.S.) Calla lily, geraniums, fuchsias, large cactus W. R. pinks.

Monday 13. A letter from Gordon & R.'s pictures.

Tuesday 14. Went with Mr Vinton to Wasca. called at Mrs Jensen's. Mrs Strong & Mrs Luthens. went to see Amy & ask about carpet weaving. A letter from R. at Springfield saying Mrs Drum was much better.

Wednesday 15. Our cows which have been gone to Rick Middaugh's two months, were driven home this morning. Amfoks finished getting up hay today. were prevented by high winds from getting through some days ago. Made chili sauce.

Thurs 16. went to Aa to see about carpet weaving. to buy the warp. The roads were good & weather pleasant but very warm, above 90°. Mr & Mrs Raymond Straighten & Mr & Mrs Hammond called here in our absence. Mary Clement came & picked up part of a pair of shoes but they are not as good as they have been & are nearly

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Friday 17

Austin went to Wasca this afternoon - expect the threshers here in the morning.

Saturday 18

Threshing machine came this morning. It has threshed rain all day. sprinkled several times & they had to stop awhile before dinner. They have threshed 299 bushels of wheat. Have been sewing carpet rags.

Sunday 19

Letter from Mr Humphrey, W. & W. & Ada. Strong wind from the west this afternoon & much cooler. August went to the office & took a letter to Willy & photo to Wilfred & Gordon & letter from R. to Alice.

Monday 20.

after threshing a while in the morning they had to stop. the wind blowing nearly a gale. Threshed nearly 150 bushels. sewed carpet rags. R. & I.

Tuesday 21.

The threshers came again last night at bed time & are now (after breakfast) getting ready to go to work. Evening. Threshing finished. 535 bushels of wheat. 610 of oats.

Wed. 22

Martin & August have gone to Mr Drums to help in their threshing. but it looks rainy. Austin has gone to his plowing. We have been expecting to lose our good pastor Mr Merrill but heard yesterday that he is to stay. It has not rained. Had the straw tick of my bed washed & filled with fresh straw. R. has gone to see Mrs Clement who is sick. wrote yesterday Wilfred & Ada. Have just been reading B. F. Taylor's "Psalm Book in the Garret".

Thursday 23

Cloudy all day & looking like rain. Men threshing at G. Dan's. A. plowed this forenoon. is gathering corn this afternoon. Made & remade Chili sauce. labeled & put it away. weighed carpet rags & find I have 56 lbs.

Friday 24

Went to Mr John Daniels this morning to get a wheel to twist some carpet rags. Dr. Ware made us a short visit. Sister R. went to Watona with him to spend a week with his sister Mrs. Cooper. Mr Cruickshanks called with the mail. A letter from Gordon & R.'s. letter from Sheridan. An crab

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apples were spoiling & we have used nearly the last of them. canning & drying them.

Saturday 25. Went to Amatorne this morning & took carpet rag. to Mr. Town who is to weave the carpet. Took dinner at Mr. Daileys. home at 5 o'clock & just before it rained. Stopped a few minutes on our way home near West Stoughton. to see them grind sorghum.

Sunday 26. A pleasant day but we did not go to church. Went to the station just at dark. to take our mail a letter to R. & postal to carpet weaver.

Monday 27. Washing out earlier than usual. Men finished thrusting for Mr. Dunn at noon began last Wed. morning & worked four & a half days.

Tuesday 28. Mr. Alden & Mr. Steele, agent selling Johnsons cyclopedia called this afternoon. Heave been busy making a covering quilt out of old dresses coloring a lining &c. Potatoes digging finished. Letter from R. in Springfield. he not the Drum not as well. George Wood called to see about hiring Martin.

Wed. 29. Twentyfour years ago to day we arrived here at our Minnesota home having started on the 5th of September 1856. from Ellisaville Conn. Co N. Y. Four years ago to day. sister Roxie, her two children Simon & Lizzie, & I, arrived at Deenton Ohio, on our way to Boston Mass.

A. went to Waseca took a 60 lb tub of butter to send to Wilfred. August went over to get his naturalization papers. Two men who are selling scales have stopped to stay all night. Put a quilt on the frames.

Thursday 30. A has been plowing part of the pasture back by the woods. Have quilted. Helped about the housework. prepared & stewed about the last of the transmittent apples. helped Ida gather the last hyssops. A. brought home last night from Waseca, a volume of Johnsons cyclopedia a present

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to him from Wilfred for his sixty third birth day, or the money paid for it was sent by him. Friday Oct 1st a beautiful day. A. went to the station with his first load of new wheat Price 75 cts. brought home a ton of bran. a postal from Will & Letta for N. from Sheridan. Press & Advance. Finished the quilt. Martin finished his four months work to night.

Saturday 2. Austin plowed in the north field. Bound the new quilt. Ida went home to go to church. Postal from Gustie D.

Sunday 3. A quiet pleasant day. August went to church leaving us, a small family, A. & myself.

Monday 4. Went to Aa, A. & S. to say good by to Mrs. Dailey. They were packed & the goods nearly all in a car, ready to go to Minneapolis. The family leave tomorrow. R. came home with us.

Tuesday 5. We brought the stove into the sitting room, & set up the stove in the guest chamber. A. went to Aa. again this morning, to bring Gustie to stay awhile with us before going to Minneapolis. R. picked a bushel of tomatoes this afternoon.

Wed. 6. Expected Mrs. Claphorn to call on her way home from Amatorne but she did not come. Gustie is making a brown dress for me. In the evening read aloud an article on Chicago in Harper magazine.

Thursday 7. A. broke his felloe and went to Waseca to get it mended. very high wind.

Friday 8. wrote to Gordon and to little Julia it being her birth day. A. went to the station with a load of wheat 76 cts. a letter from Wilfred and his picture. Two numbers each of the Atlantic & Scribner, from Col. Drum.

Saturday 9. A. went to Waseca to meet with the town board. High winds continue.

Sunday 10. Cloudy but still.

Monday 11. A. & R. started early in the morning for Waseca. a letter from Gordon & letter for Gustie. Good weather.

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Postal to Wilfred.

Tuesday 12. A beautiful day but rather cold. quite a freeze last night, or at least ice, quarter of an inch thick.

Wed. 13. A. & R. returned from Warico last night a little after dark. but there was a good moon. A. brought home two colts he took from Willy in exchange for the Kit mare, which he led down. A. has gone to Warica this morning on town business. weather continues fair.

Thursday 14. A. went to Oualonne with Gurtie, brought a postal from Mr Humphrey saying Mrs H. had returned.

Friday 15. Rained in the afternoon & threshing had to stop at Mr Clements.

Saturday 16. Cold & raining & snow in the air. Put the cook stove into the dining room.

Sunday 17. A cold unpleasant day. enough snow to make the ground. August & Ida went to the ^{church} & the ^{Swede} church.

Monday 18. The day has continued cold & the light snow remains, & the clothes on the line washed to day are frozen stiff, now. at sundown, tho' the sun has shone all the afternoon. Postal from Willy, A. went to the station with wheat. August carried the beets into the cellar.

Tuesday 19. Quite a pleasant day. but not warm tho' the little snow we had. has nearly all disappeared. Austin has gone to take Gurtie to the train to go to Minneapolis this evening. The threshing machine has just gone by to H. Dahms having finished at Mr Clements. Wrote to Roxie & Wilfred.

Wed. 20. George Johnson of Warica was buried today. Austin plowed. August threshed for H. Drum. Mary Clement came over for a little visit. & Agnes Drum came for kerosene oil. A cold cloudy day. I have a cold, & this morning & during the night.

Thursday 21. August threshed for H. Drum till about two o'clock when they finished. Austin plowed. Finished my

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waterproof which I have been altering. Mr Cruckshank called.

Friday 22. Ida went home in the morning to stay two or three days. A. finished plowing in the north field. M. Bennett called to look at a fat cow.

Saturday 23. A. went to the station with wheat. brought postals from Willy & Charley Dailey, nothing from Wilfred. Put up a few cans of tomatoes & the last of the Hyplopy apples. Had churning done in the evening. weather more mild. Flies still troublesome in the house where there is a fire. both by daylight & lamp light.

Sunday 24. A quiet day, a young Swede man came to ask if he could board with us this winter, go to school & learn to talk English. Mr Clement took their girl home. Letter to Wilfred & postal to Willy. Ida came back after dark.

Monday 25. Cloudy in the forenoon, lighter in the afternoon & quite warm. Called at Mr Clements. A letter from Wilfred & one to M. from Gordon. men husked corn.

Tuesday 26. Cleaned my room. A. killed a hog, & went to the station with wheat & took the mail. brought letters from Gurtie. Mrs Parker & Willie Clement brought some plants to put in the cellar to be kept over winter.

Wed. 27. - Gloomy weather. Baking & ironing done. ^{27th} A. went to Warica this morning on town business. August husked corn. H. Drum called. Ida washed windows, ironed & skinned. Began a braided rag. Took off the wire screen from the south door in sitting room.

Thursday 28. made candles, H. Drum brought the mail. Letter from K. at Springfield, just before starting west.

Friday 29. a letter from Mr Barnard ^{29th} & Mr Humphrey & a Mr Smith took dinner with us. were on their way to Warica. Mrs Alsten & Mrs Leland called. with Ida helped. took care of the land & cleaned the house. Ida washed chamber windows.

Saturday 30. men husked corn. worked at my rag. & did various things about the house.

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Sunday 31. A. & R. went to church. good weather & fine roads. came home at one o'clock. After dinner S. went back in the lat. to find the little black colts which strayed off in the night. Mr Barnard came in the afternoon to ask about a girl. his wife was sick & as Ida was to stay with us but a week longer we let her go back with him. & we are now to do our own work for a while.

Monday

November 1st A. has gone to Waseca & taken what butter we have to sell. August is helping us about the washing this morning. is to husk corn in the afternoon.

Tuesday 2. Election day, Austin being one of the town board & being obliged to be in Waseca at the court house at the opening of the polls. went away at five o'clock. will not be home till some time tomorrow. The man went over later and rode the young mare Fan.

Wed. 3 A. came home just at night with the news of Garfield's election. Durnell is also elected our congressional representative. over W. G. Ward. Mr Clement came in the evening to hear election ^(news)

Thursday 4. A cloudy morning & slight rain. Mr Dunn & a man from Janesville here just gone down to the farm to look at the stock. Sent a letter to Emma yesterday. her birth day. A. sent butter to Minniea Peter

Friday 5. A letter from Willy last night with the news of William Gowers sudden death by being thrown from a wagon. A. is going to the station evening. A. brought a small lot of bran from the station & the big can of oil. wrote to Willy. a registered letter from Wilfred. Yesterday A. put a shelf across the window for plants. Vol. Middaugh was here to day to buy cattle or hogs. Amon was here yesterday from Janesville & bought cattle from several of the neighbors. A. sold him two young

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cows for \$78. They are to drive them to Janesville tomorrow.

Saturday 6 A. came home from Janesville at half past eight this evening. The day has been pleasant. August has husked corn. Beside housework I have worked at my rug. Mr. Colled at Mr Clements & Durnell. Mr D. is sick with a cold

Sunday 7 went to church A. & I. There is to be no service next Sunday except S. S. Mr Merrill is going to St. Louis to attend the council.

Monday 8. Washing. churning & ironing A. & the man husked corn. a letter. Portal & paper from Gordon. wrote to Gurtie. Portal to Mrs H. & to Willy.

Tuesday 9. Another good day for the husking or other farm work. am to go to Waseca tomorrow on the car, to stay a few days. Mr Clement & Mr H. Durnell went to Owatonna to day. Sent letter to Gurtie & Portal to Mrs Humphrey & Willy & will take one & also some paper to the office in the morning to Wilfred.

Wed. 10 Did not go to Waseca. Strained most of Tuesday night & has rained & snowed most of to day. colored black.

Thurs. 11. A rough unpleasant day. The wind has drifted what little snow had fallen & made the day seem very wintry. A. took up a hive of bees or rather smoked them out for the honey. made beer wax & churned. wrote to Willy. August went to the post office towards night. brought papers but no letters. Have worked on my rug this evening. Portal to Wilfred

Friday 12 A pleasant day but not warm enough to melt the snow. This is the twenty-seventh anniversary of Father's death.

Saturday 13 A. went to the station after train. brought the mail, a letter from Mr. Stevens, & postal from Wilfred. A couple of men in a covered wagon are staying in the yard to night. Have been cutting out ant & making a black merino quilt or futticoat. yesterday & today, we are rereading Vanity Fair!

Sunday 14 A pleasant day but the snow still stays. wrote to Wilfred & postal to Charles Winton. Methodist church in Wasceca dedicated. we did not go to church.

Monday 15 The wind has blown but it has been rather a mild day. Men have husked corn. The little Drum girls came down to get a jug of syrup. we did not wash.

Tuesday 16 The men husked corn in the forenoon & found it very cold work. August went to the station this afternoon & brought letters from Roxie in Portland in Oregon. Wilfred with Herbert's picture & from Willy enclosing a postal from Mrs. Humphrey who had written to me there as I had told her of my intended visit to Wasceca. Mercury at 0. this morning. There is no wind & it is a wonderfully bright moon light night.

Wed, 17 A still day. Men husked corn & are nearly through. The corn turns into the corn stalks. Began a letter to Willy to night. This is his thirty third birth day.

Thurs. 18 The husking finished this afternoon. we think of going to Ca. tomorrow if the weather is favorable.

Friday 19. Went to Ca. called to see Mrs. Town about

my carpet. Took dinner at the Drs. & did a little shopping. mailed a letter to Willy & postal to Gordon. home at half past six.

Saturday 20 Austin & men went to Wasceca. took two little crocks of butter to Mr. Johnson. brought home two barrels of apples. \$2.75 a barrel. snowed a little yesterday. This afternoon the wind has blown the snow fiercely along the prairie & winter seems to have come in earnest.

Sunday 21. Mercury 8 below 0 this morning. August went with some of his friends to the station. Brought potatoes from W. & W.

Monday 22. Austin with H. Dunn to help him took a dozen hogs to Wasceca for which he received \$3.85 at a hundred. weight 4250. A fine day. Letter to Wilfred. August helped wash.

Tuesday 23. Cloudy & more wind than we had yesterday. G. & George Dunn have been over this morning to make a colt trade. took home one of the young black colts. allowing \$90 for it in the trade. Wed, 24. Made a pair of buckskin gloves for A. Johnson boy brought the mail. Letters for G. & August.

Thurs. 25 Thanksgiving day. This morning we read the 18th & 107th psalms. had our dinner about one o'clock. chicken pie & 14° below 0 this morning.

Friday 26. milder weather. August helped H. Dunn husk corn. Churning again. Am knitting a pair of mittens for Gordon, & making a pair of woolen shirt for Austin.

Saturday 27, my fifty eighth birth day. Austin went to Wasceca. brought home better crocks, & a birth day present to me of a pair of cuff pins. A letter from Willy & little Julia & a scarf for me from Julia.

Sunday 28.

Monday 29. Walter & J. Dunn. & a young Mr. Richardson

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called in the evening. Finished Gordon mittens.
 Tuesday 1. weather moderate snowed a little. Mary Clement
 came over for another little visit, worked on my
 skirt. Finished a letter to Julia Denton.

Wednesday
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Finished the skirt. did some baking. A. settled this
 evening with August for his summer work.

Thurs. 2 A. went to the station brought a letter from
 Wilfred. Fixed my black & gray dress. Postal
 to Willy forgot to send Gordon mittens.

Friday 3 a good day. the men have been drawing hay
 from a stack in the north field into the barn.
 Willy & Janny brought the mail. a letter
 & paper from Sheridan to us.

Saturday 4 wrote to Wilfred & Gordon sent his mittens. A. went
 to the station after a load of feed. Hannah Sampson
 came in. a postal from Willy. mild weather,
 misty & looking like a thaw but the
 wind is in the northwest & roars in the
 tops of the trees like a coming storm.

Sunday 5 a cold windy day. August has gone to
 the post office to take a letter to his sister
 in Sweden, who is to come to this country
 soon. R. sent a package yesterday by mail to
 Maggie Burdson.

Monday 6 cold winter weather, 12° below 0. The district
 school began.

Tuesday 7, snowy all day. A. was going to Waraca
 but didn't like to drive the horses in
 the storm. H. Drum came in for an hour or two.

Wed. 8 A. went to Waraca. got school books for
 August. 17° below 0. August walked to the
 station last night. got home at ten. a
 letter from Galtie & postal from Wilfred.

Thurs. 9 a pleasant day, am knitting a pair of
 oversocks for Ada, & making a woolen shirt

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for Austin.

Friday 10.

A. went to Waraca this morning & H. D.
 went with him. He led home a pair of
 mules belonging to the Dr. to keep for the
 winter. made a sand bag for a foot warmer
 convenient for warming a cold bed, a dress
 washed butter worked over sweeping & dusting
 in the back part of the house. knitting &c.
 A. came home between seven & eight. August
 has gone into the Sweden neighborhood to
 stay till Sunday night.

Saturday 11.

Wilfred's thirty-second birth day. Have begun
 a letter to him. H. Drum went to the station
 brought a letter from Mrs. Humphrey,
 & from Willy & postals from Gordon. Mrs.
 Hawkes. Col. Drum, & Raymond.
 Henry came in the evening to get his jug of
 syrup.

Sunday 12.

a mild day. wrote to Charles Dailey,
 & finished Wilfred's letter. One of the
 Johnson boys brought August home
 with a new trunk.

Monday 13

Austin went to Waraca & got a small load
 of boards to use about the stable. weather
 continues mild. Has rained this afternoon.
 sent the mail to Waraca. A. brought home
 the butter crocks sent from Minneapolis.
 Mrs. Eckenbeck of Waraca was buried
 today. August went to his church
 again. Postal to Willy sent with the
 letters written yesterday. Churning done
 this evening. 18 lbs. Finished the woolen
 shirt. washing not done today.

Tuesday 14

In the afternoon A. & I. went to Aa. to attend
 a sociable at Mr. Stoughton's. came home at
 one o'clock a.m. Fine hard smooth roads
 good wheeling poor sleighing, we went
 with the buggy. Letters from Carl Fred & Ada.

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Wed, 15th Got ready to go to Mr Hawke's but some of the horses & colts ran off in the field, & before A. could catch them it was too late we are to go tomorrow if weather is favorable.

Thurs, 16th Went to Maraca & to Mr Hawke's, Mrs. H. is getting ready to go to Maine on a visit to her parents & friends. Have had a headache all day, but it has left me this evening. wrote to Wilfred.

Friday 17th wrote to Mrs Humphrey & to Gurtie

Saturday 18th Knit most of the afternoon on the oversock. August went to the office in the evening sent the letter to Mrs H. & G. a postal from Willy & the papers. A. finished new stalls in the barn for the colts.

Sunday 19th A. & R. went to church this morning, have not returned. It is nearly night has been cloudy all day & the trees are thickly covered with a white frost there has not been wind enough to blow it off. August went away this forenoon & has not yet returned. Arthur & Lucien Clement came for their mail.

Monday 20th mild weather everything still covered with frost. a two weeks washing done. Knit most of the afternoon & evening. A. & R. drove up to Mr Hawke's after church yesterday, got home about half past four. man came back some time after dark.

Tuesday 21st The Dis. colt got fastened on the fence in attempting to jump over it, was set free without much trouble.

Wed, 22nd Julia Beebe. we suppose married at Wheatland Dakota. Did several things in the way of mending. R. finished a calico dress for me. Willy Humphrey stopped over night on his way to Maraca with a load of Christmas trees, brought as a picture of their home in Fairbault. also brought the mail. a letter from Helen.

Thurs. 23rd A letter from R. in Fort Colville, Wash. Ter, wrote to

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Gordon's mother, & postal to the Duncans.

Friday 24th

A. & I went to Aa, called at Mr Stoughtons. went two miles north of Aa. & called on the newly married people Mr & Mrs Case. came back to town did a little shopping called at Dr. Ware's where we met Miss Carrie McConnell from Dodge Center. & reached home before dark. we went with a cutter but found poor sleighing. & were sorry we did not go with the buggy. the roads being hard & smooth.

Saturday 25th

Christmas day. we have been putting up evergreens Willy Humphrey gave us & trying to make it seem like Christmas time. tho we are alone. The weather is mild. Austin has gone to the station. sent a postal to Willy. August went last night "over South" to have his Christmas with his Swedish friends. He carried two little evergreens for Christmas trees at their church. bought them of R. H. R. & S. each received a pretty necktie from Gurtie D.

Sunday 26th

Snowed a little during last night & to day & this afternoon the wind has blown from the north west & it is colder. we are afraid what snow there is, will drift badly.

Monday 27th

21° below 0 this morning. mended A's mittens & gloves. very cold in the old part of the house. brought the milk into the sitting room this evening to keep it from freezing. August came back from his visit. wrote to Gurtie D.

Tuesday 28th

Still very cold. 23° below 0 this morning 19 to night. we have kept two fires all day in the kitchen, & have fire making & night in my room. Have been getting a box ready to send to Wheatland Dakota. wrote to R. & Mr D. Have a cold & will take a Dovers powder on going to bed. R. has been reading aloud of the battles of the wilderness. a cold blustering day, much the worst we have had this winter. The snow is drifting badly, & the railroads

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are probably blockaded. Our man went over into the Swede neighborhood again after dinner. This forenoon he helped get a load of wood, instead of going to school. Baking & butter working. Made lambrequin for shelf in a whatnot.

Thursday 31. The thirty ninth anniversary of our marriage. The weather much warmer. Austin has been very busy, having all the barn work to do alone. The man staying with his Swede friends. A. will procure other help as soon as possible. Have a hard cold. The wind blew all day yesterday & continued through most of the night. No chance to send to the office since Saturday. Churning done. Lambrequin finished & N. put it up.

Friday 31. Austin went to Watons to see the Dr. & get ^{one} medicine for my cold & cough, which has made me quite well, a letter from Wilfred. Walter Dunn being in the neighborhood called in the evening.

Saturday January 1. The beginning of a new year. August has been to the station and bought a ticket to bring his sister to this country from Sweden. a letter from Willy. Mary Clement came in. Have kept the lozenge most of the day. have taken the cough medicine. N. attending to household matters, we were expecting a visit yesterday & to day from Mr & Mrs Case. but in consideration of my ailment the visit was postponed.

Sunday 2. A quiet day. none of us went to church, even August stayed at home. Henry D. came in. A. wrote to Willy. My cold is better.

Monday 3. Austin went to Waseca. sent a box to Wilfred. The big Swede, Andrew, came home to night with August, to see about working or staying here. Postal from Wilfred.

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Tuesday 4. a pleasant day, August went away this morning. & the man who came last night is to stay a month on trial. is the same man who came several weeks ago, & wanted to board here & go to school. He is a big fellow & we call him Hercules. his real name is Andrew Heoltgren. N. D. came for another jug of syrup. The cistern pump froze up last night & A. thawed it out to day. Have done a little sewing & knitting, shall perhaps do a little housework tomorrow.

Wednesday 5. a small beef taken over to Mr Clements to kill. August came for his trunk. mild weather.

Thursday 6. a churning done. Andrew Dore came in in the evening. mild weather.

Friday 7. wrote to Mary Stevens. 20° below 0.

Saturday 8. Austin went to the station with corn & oats to grind for feed. Postals to Mrs Case, & to Gordon. 16° below 0.

Sunday 9. Bright still weather. 22° below 0 this morning, no fire in the kitchen since breakfast, had dinner in the sitting room. Man gone to Swede church. Letter Sat. from Emma & Mary Humphrey. postal from Willy. paper from Ada. Letter from Gordon to N. 19° below 0 to night.

Monday 10. This morning, 12° below 0. to night 8° above. Austin & man drew two loads of wood.

Tuesday 11. weather warmer 2° above 0. August called this evening.

Wednesday 12. 12° above to night. called at H. Duns. A. went to station after a load of feed. Letter from Mary Stevens, & letter to N. from Irma with her mother's picture. a combination letter Willy & Emma.

Thursday 13. a blustering day. 8° below this morning, this evening 16° below. Menden. baked, & made liverwort & mince meat. A. cut up beef in the cellar.

Friday 14. 20° below in the morning, 5° at night. Mr & Mrs Case came just before dark.

Saturday 15. Sister Roxie's birth day & the twelfth anniversary of the formation of the Congl. church in Waseca. Mr &

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Mrs Case went home after dinner, Mr Clement called this morning.

Sunday 16. A beautiful bright morning 3° above, evening. Austin went to the station, brought a letter from Willy, postal from Wilfred & a letter from Mary High to R., with pieces of her wedding dresses, & her pictures & Lizzie's. It is a beautiful moon light evening. Andrew has gone away with some of his Swedish friends for the night. Sent a postal to Wilfred, was glad to hear he had received the box. Had a lunch of oysters heated ^{here} on the sitting room stove. Wilfred writes of 37° below.

Monday 17. Nancy's birth day. Letter from Wilfred & Ada, & letter from R. & Julia B. 8° above. A. with the man drew hay from the stack into into the barn. Found the cistern pump frozen up, & spent a good part of the day or afternoon, helping A. thaw it out. made five dog candles.

Tuesday 18. This has been a busy day. we made buns for the beef, churned, molded two dog candles. boiled & prepared beets for pickles. made & baked a large loaf of corn light bread. made Dutch cheese filling up the rest of the time with the usual house work. We have been talking about an addition to the house, & Austin has been drawing plans. The log part is getting too cold to be used any longer & we think something must be done about building before another winter. 8° above to night.

Wed 19. Austin went to Waseca took a crock of butter to market. 20 cts a pound. 15 lbs. wrote to Mary High, Mrs Leach, Helen & to Emma warm enough to thaw.

Thursday 20. A. went to town again to see about hiring a young Englishman to work (or to learn to work) a year. weather continues mild. A. came home by Meriden port office, the paper & three postals. one from Mr Crankie, from Willy, & one from August in Norway.

Friday 21. weather not cold. but this afternoon very blustering

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& the snow drifting. Austin was intending to go to Waseca tomorrow. we did a good deal of baking, wrote to Wilfred & Ada. he wrote several letters, several copies of the Congregationalist came to me through the Waseca office, A. brought them last night.

Saturday 22. Another blustering day. washed & hung clothes in the wood shed. weather continues mild. Mr Clement came in & talked about stopping the school on account of diphtheria being near, if not already in the neighborhood.

Sunday 23. Not much wind this morning. has been snowing a little, no teams going by, roads drifted full. doubtless. Evening. A. went over to Mr Clements this afternoon. & learned that the Daniel family did not have diphtheria as we heard, & the school is going on. 16° above. Postal to Gordon.

Monday 24. 3° above to night. Postals from W. & W. Mrs Hawkes in Maine, & from Gordon. Letter to Wilfred, & postals to Willy, & to Gordon. & R. sent letter to R. & J. B. & S. man drew wood & A. broke colts this afternoon.

Tuesday 25. Mary High's wedding day. 8° above at noon. Postal to Mrs Hawkes & little Julia. A boy from Mr Lindsay came to tell A. of the arrival of the young Englishman we have been expecting to come to stay with us a year or more. A. will go after him tomorrow.

Wed 26. Austin could not go to Waseca. The wind blew in the night & drifted the snow & has continued to blow all day. The worst storm we have had this winter. It is not very cold, 8° above this morning. H. D. came in, thought it too bad weather to take his children to school. A fixed his sleigh bells.

Thursday 27. Austin went to Waseca & the young man we were expecting came home with him. but he is a Scotchman instead of an Englishman. A letter from Gustie to R. Sent seven dog eggs to market. 20 cts a dozen.

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- Friday 28 A. is thinking about going to Wasioja tomorrow but is doubtful about the weather. Think it not best to go.
- Saturday 29 Mild weather but no travel on the road. A. has made some hanging shelves but will have to get some large cord before we can hang them. Moved bureau into the southeast chamber.
- Sunday 30 A quiet day.
- Monday 31 Mr Walkinshaw (the new man) went to the station with H. Drum. brought a letter from Willy & a letter I had written to the Drums in December returned from the dead letter office owing to the postage not having been paid. It is now half past five & snowing fast, & the roads being already drifted, we are not likely to have good roads very soon. A. has one of his bad colds, but is feeling better than he did yesterday.
- Tuesday February 1st wrote to R. to send with the returned letter. J. & George Dunn started to go to Quatonna, but found the roads too bad & came back. weather mild. a little above 0.
- Wed 2nd Snowing again & drifting roads full, 14° above 0.
- Thursday 3 Still bad weather. Andrew went to school & at night to C. Gustavson's & home in the morning coming through the fields road full of snow.
- Friday 4 Wind blowing snow too much for out door work.
- Saturday 5 The worst morning we have had this winter. all last night the wind blew & drifted the snow into huge piles. It is not cold. 22 above 0. Henry D. came down across the fields an hour or two ago. Their children are sick with colds the youngest having spasms no mail since Monday. We are melting snow for soft water. The men do the barn chores & bring in wood to keep up the numerous fires. While sister R. & I endeavor to keep the family comfortable by getting three meals a day & doing the

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- necessary housework we find time besides to do some sewing & read a little.
- Sunday 6 The wind has not blown much through the day & we had hoped the storm was over but now just at dark the wind is again up and the snow flying furiously, have not seen a person moving to day, except our own family. it is not cold for which we are very thankful. 30° above 0. The three men made through the snow to the barn to take care of the stock & bring in wood enough to burn, & occasionally go to the well for a pail of water & struggle back with it as best they can.
- Monday 7 Warmer. 36° above. Rained part of the day. drift settled a good deal. Mr Clement called this morning & Mr H. Drum ^{this} ^{evening} ^{afternoon}.
- Tuesday 8 Afternoon. The sun shining for the first time in many days. all the forenoon our men shoveled snow to make it possible to get out towards the station, & now Austin & Mr Walkinshaw have started with a team to go to the station if they can. Letter to the Drums, & to Wilfred & postal to Willy. Have not heard from the office in eight days. Evening. A. went as far as Mr Brazier, & came back. Mr W. & H. Drum went on to the station brought letters from Wilfred and Mr Merrill our pastor two postals from Mrs Hawkes & one from Mr Steele agent for cyclopedia & letter to R. from Sheridan & wedding cake.
- Wed. 9 A. went to the station brought a postal from Willy, also brought the man, think, who came this morning from Wasioja to work the season. He came on the early train & walked over. weather pleasant & mild. Postal to Mrs Hawkes & letter to Willy. 21° above 0.
- Thurs 10. Mr W. went to Waseca with H. Drum. Andy Dunn brought the mail. Paper & letter to R. from Boston. A. &

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the new man from Maricopa, Silas Benjamin by name drew hay from the stack in north field, tipped over one load no wind.

Friday 11. Another quiet morning. Men are drawing hay again. 20° above 1. Mr. Can died week ago yesterday, from the kick of a horse it was supposed. Julie to make butter by stirring ^{cream} but failed.

Saturday 12 Mr. J. & F. Dunn went to Wasatcha. & Mr. Clement to Wasatcha poultry. A. went over to Mr. Clement's & Dunn's this evening. Since last Tuesday the travel has been south of the barn. no opening through the road proper.

Sunday 13 Austin, Mr. W., & Benjamin went to Wasatcha to church. weather mild & pleasant. 1° above 1.

Monday 14 10° below 1 this morning. Men drawing wood, the snow much deeper in the woods than was expected. Postal to Simon. Baking & melting snow. Postal to Wilfred.

Tuesday 15 A. & Mr. Walkinshaw went to Wa. come back at dark a fine snow fell during the forenoon. not cold.

Wed 16 Mr. Clement brought the mail. a letter from Wilfred & postal from Will. Wood drawing. 6° below 1.

Thurs 17. Wood drawing again. Andrew the Swede, went away this morning. Cloudy & more & then flake of snow.

Friday 18. A. went to the station. A fine day no letters for ourselves. A. German called to ask if we wanted a girl. had a sister who wanted a place in an American family.

Saturday 19 Austin went to Wasatcha Benjamin went with him to consult a doctor about a lame wrist. Mrs. Hawkes came home from the east accompanied by Miss Lydia Hawkes her husband's sister. 22° above 1.

Sunday 20 a bright morning. Evening 1° above 1. Ben finishes a letter to Gordon & written to Willy. Sent dozen doz eggs to market yesterday. 25° above 1 (freaked eggs)

Monday 21 Thawed to day. A. rode to Swede Younglons on horseback. Postal & papers from Wilfred. Letters

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to Willy. Gordon & Augusta Dailey. The men drew manure. A. put the hanging shelves together & hung them in the guest chamber.

Tuesday 22. Washington's birth day. The wind has blown hard most of the day. Austin went to the station with H. Drum. Thomas Carlyle died on the 5th of this month.

cut out a pair of buckskin gloves & mended old ones. Postal from Will. men drawing manure. Hares & mules got out of the yard yesterday & the mules again to day.

Wed 23. The morning is bright & not cold. 4° below 1. Mr. W. is doing the barn work. B. has gone to the woods to chop firewood. A. gone to Wasatcha.

Thursday 24. a pleasant day. a working done. men cleaned up wheat. H. Drum came & got the last of his syrup. Austin brought a barrel of richum syrup in Oct. & sold half of it to him. 41 cts a gallon.

Friday 25 Windy all day 22° above 1. men have been drawing wood this afternoon. Have been busy most of the day about the house. Had fresh fish for dinner. A. brought them from Wa. frozen.

Saturday 26. Men drew wood in the forenoon. A. went to the station in the afternoon. found a postal from Willy saying we might expect him home on the afternoon train. but the train came without him. bringing a postal however saying. owing to appearances of bad weather he had decided not to come. The train was delayed & A. did not get home till nearly eight o'clock. a letter from R. & one from Gordon. Willy's postals, papers & letters to the rest of the family. sent postals to W. & W.

Sunday 27. Evening. Austin & Mr. W. have just gone over to Mr. Dunn's to see a young man who has just come from England. & came home with Mr. D. last night from Wasatcha to work for him a year, Mr. Merrill our pastor

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preached his last sermon to day, so to go to Nebraska

Monday 28 Bright day, 7° below 0 this morning. Benjamin chopped in the woods this forenoon. Wood drawing in the afternoon. Mr Smith the German brought his sister to see about her working for us. She is to come next Sunday for two weeks. Evening 10° above 0.

Tuesday March 1st A. & Mr W. went to Wareca, Sanford Co., & H. Drum called this evening. Postal to Willy.

Wed, 2 Cloudy morning. not cold. snow has settled & we hope to see it disappear soon. The district school closed yesterday. Evening. Young Collins from Mr Dunn's called this afternoon. snowed lightly for several hours. 18° above 0.

Thurs 3 H. Drum went to the office. Postal from Willy. & the papers with the news of the burning of the capitol building at St. Paul in the

Friday 4 President Garfield inaugurated to day. The wind is blowing a gale from the north & drifting the snow. probably blockading all the roads again. Have just been reading the death of senator Matthew W. Carpenter of Wisconsin. He died at Washington D.C. on the 24th of last month. Mr Clement called this evening.

Saturday 5 A pleasant day, 20° above 0. Austin wished to go to Wareca to attend a caucus but feared getting on addition to the cold he already has. Mr Clement & H. Drum went over & brought back a muff for me. the beaver fur for which was sent by Mr Hawkes to Portland Maine to be made.

A man going west stopped after dark & stayed over night. name Andrew Kepler. 20° above 0.

Sunday 6 Benjamin went horseback to the station. No mail for us. Snow has settled & thawed to day. The German girl did not come as we expected. 36° above 0.

Monday 7 A. went to the station with a load of wheat. Price 80^{cts}.

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In the afternoon drew hay. Mr W. helped Mr Clement & H. Drum kill hogs B. helped wash. (mt)

Tuesday 8 Austin went to town meeting & came home very tired & with snow cold.

Wed, 9 The German girl Minnie Smith came to work (two weeks)

Thursday 10 The snow is thawing fast & the traveling is very bad. the water in lower places deep enough to make it dangerous crossing. Finished letter to R.

Friday 11. morning. B. has gone to the post office on foot. Sent a postal to Willy but forgot my letter to R. The wind is & has been blowing hard all night. A. & Mr W. both have hard colds. Have been reading Eudymion Dimack's last novel. Evening. A letter from Wilfred. The wind is blowing a gale & drifting the snow that is falling. a very rough night. An auction at Mr Vickers to day.

Saturday 12 Still snowing & blowing. men at the barn doing ^{the morning} chores.

Sunday 13 A pleasant quiet day. The girl Minnie went to see some of her friends walking through the snow. Collins came over from Mr Dunn's to see Mr W. staid to dinner.

Monday 14 This morning the trees were loaded with a white frost which fell off during the forenoon. Austin went early to the station with a load of wheat & has gone again this afternoon. brought a letter from Willy. telling of the severe illness of Frank Garner at Gordon in Dakota. Later another letter from W. Frank Garner died last Friday night. His parents had started to go to him, but heard of his death by telegraph when eighty miles away. Postal from Gordon.

Tuesday 15 A. went to the station again. took a load of feed to the mill to be ground, got back a little after noon, & drew two loads of hay into the barn. Working day.

Wed, 16 Snowed early this morning an inch or two, but cleared into a pleasant day. A. has gone to the station. Letters to Wilfred & to Willy & Emma, &

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portal to Gordon. Mary Clement came in a few minutes ago for one of her little visitors. ^{Thawing} Monday day

Thursday 17 A. went to Wareana with Henry Dunn a pleasant day. The German girl went away yesterday afternoon.

Friday 18 Another pleasant day. Went over to the Clements this. H. D. brought the mail, no letters. News of the assassination of the Emperor ^{Alexander} of Russia in paper.

Saturday 19 It thaws, tho not very fast, A. & Mr W. went to Wareana this morning. Cloudy & the wind roars in the trees. Letter from Wilfred.

Sunday 20 A pleasant day, but it doesn't thaw much. Mr Dunn's second Englishman, Mr Grouse Collins, & Tommy D. came to call on Mr W.

Monday 21 Austin has gone to the station with a load of wheel milder weather & a pleasant morning. A. & Mr W. to Wilfred.

Tuesday 22 Pleasant day & the men getting up work. Mr Clement went to the station, no mail except two copies of the Chicago Times. Two Germans stopped to look at cattle. Suet pudding for dinner.

Wed. 23 Men finished wood drawing this forenoon. A. drove Fan & Clover again today to break them, has had them hitched together but once before, Fan is four, & Clover three years old this Spring.

Thursday 24 H. D. went to the station, a letter to H. from R. Letter from Wilfred. A load of paper from England to for Mr W. & several papers for the rest of the family.

Friday 25 The snow is slowly melting away, no rain yet to hurry it off.

Saturday 26 A. & M. went to the station for a barrel of salt, found the road very bad. horses broke through the softening snow continually, & part of the way was bare ground. A letter from Wilfred. Hanging up beef to dry.

Sunday 27 Still slowly thawing, Mr W. & Mr Grouse went horse back to Mr Gillis to see another Englishman Mr Collins.

Monday 28 A. went horseback to Wareana on town business. Mr W. shoveled away part of the big drift in front of the granary, wrote to Wilfred & portal to Wilfred.

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Tuesday 29 Washing done rather cold but pleasant. Men opened the road over the bridge this afternoon & drew water in barrels to put into the cist. ^{on} Opened the front door first time since last fall. A. shoveled the drifted snow from front porch. A. Mr & Mrs Martin broke their buggy in coming through the snow, & stopped to repair it & stayed to dinner. Mr W. went to the station. Letter from Gordon & from Wilfred. Mr Grouse & Collins, ⁱⁿ here this evening. A windy unpleasant day. The men stayed in the house part of the forenoon, shelled corn, fixed the barn & A. fixed the kitchen floor. Mr Clement called, R. ironed. Wind continues to blow & it is cloudy & cold.

Friday April 1st

Austin & B. went to A. Ida, the Swede girl who worked for us last summer came home with them. She has worked for Mr Barnard in A. since she left here last fall. is to come here again in a few weeks.

Saturday 2 Sunday 3

Austin went to Wareana on town business. A cloudy day cold & disagreeable. Mr Grouse & Collins came over & staid to dinner. Mr G. went away feeling quite unwell. He seems a pleasant intelligent young gentleman. A. has driven over to Idafather's to take her trunk left here when she went home yesterday morning.

Monday 4

A sunny, but cold day, 26° above. A. walked over to Mr Clements & Dunn. Benjamin cut down one of the two oak trees up towards the pasture & they drew it to the house for wood. It was decaying from having been too much "tapped" by the woodpeckers.

Tuesday 5

13° above, this morning, warmer during the day. Washing day & a good day for clothes drying. Had supper at half past five first time this Spring.

Wed. 6

A. went to the station. Letter from Mary High Lee. Letter to Wilfred. Thawed a good deal. Wind cold.

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- Thurs, 7 A. went to Scholljegudis, on the Wilkes place to get a load of feed ground, Mr Cronkite came to see about getting a place for another Englishman, Dr Young came to see Mrs Young who has measles.
- Friday 8 Our folks killed a pig. we cleaned the ice from the front porch & A. shoveled the packed snow from the walk to the front gate. The drifts are sinking fast. Mr Grouse & Collins are here again to see Mr A.
- Saturday 9 Tried out land. Willy Clement brought the mail. Potatoes from R. & Willy. Letter from Wilkes.
- Sunday 10 The young men from Mr Dunn's came over, went home before dinner. Spent the day in reading & resting. A cloudy disagreeable day.
- Monday 11 Another has snowed enough to whiten the ground. A. salted the pork & made brine for the hams. H.D. called in the afternoon. B. & Mr W. are cleaning up seed wheat.
- Tuesday 12 Still gloomy weather. The Clements have another daughter born last evening. Little Mary Clement staid with us last night. Potatoes to W. & W. & illustrated paper to little Julia & paper to Simon. Evening made head cheese. Sun shone brightly before setting, & we hope for better weather. Letter from Kansas to R. telling us of Aunt Nettie's death. She died on the second of this month.
- Wed. 13 A bright day but still cold. A. went to Waseca. H.D. went with him. Sent eight pounds butter to market sold for eighteen cents a pound. A new dinner bell \$1.00 Mr Clement came for Mrs Perkins plants which have been in the cellar this winter.
- Thurs 14 Soapmaking. called at Mr Clements to see the new baby. weather gloomy & cold.
- Friday 15 Soapmaking finished. Mr W. went to the station. Postal from Willy & papers. R. went over to Mr

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- Clements & Dunn's. Mary C. came after slips of plants. Have been reading accounts of the terrible floods along the Missouri river.
- Saturday 16 Our folks began sowing wheat this afternoon in the field across the road. A bright pleasant day 64° above. In the forenoon A. & B. shoveled most of the old drift from the north side of the granary.
- Sunday 17 Another pleasant day. The remaining snow drifts are fast disappearing. The black birds are making themselves heard, & it really begins to seem like spring.
- Monday 18 Wheat sowing continued. weather warm & pleasant. A. chink done grass burning on the prairie south of the house to night. used snow from the drift in the front of the house to sweep a carpet, but it is nearly gone.
- Tuesday 19 A little sprinkling of rain but not enough to stop wheat sowing much. washing day. Potatoes from W. & W. letter from Bertie Dailey.
- Wednesday 20 A cloudy day. still wheat sowing. A. took the Dr's mules & went after Ida. she has come to stay the summer.
- Thursday 21 Austin went to Ca. this morning drove the mules, brought home the new rag carpet from Mrs Towns, 25 yards. also brought paint & oil to repaint the barn. In evening foggy & cloudy afternoon mild & pleasant. Have been getting ready to go to Warioja tomorrow.
- Monday May 2 Returned from Warioja last Saturday. Emma & little Julia came home with me, & we rode from the station nearly all the way in a hard rain. Our folks had that day finished seed-ing. This morning W. went to the station to take a letter to Willy, concerning the sale of some stock. Ida is washing. the men cleaning up wheat for A. to take to Ca. tomorrow. Mr & Mrs Jernison & a young lady friend from Vermont. came while Warioja to Warioja.
- Tuesday 3 A. went to Ca. & drove the mules. leading Joe & Joppy which he drove home. leaving the mules.
- Wed. 4 Austin & Mr Volkinshaw went to Fairbault

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this morning to get a load of evergreen trees.

The district school began the summer term yesterday.

Thursday 5. Mr & Mrs Hawkes their two little girls & Mr H's sister Miss Lydia Hawkes, came in the forenoon & spent the day. A. & Mr W. ~~home~~ before dark.

Friday 6 Our folks have been busy setting out trees, cleaning the front yard & trimming trees. Called at Mr Clements with Emma & Julia.

Saturday 7 Cloudy this morning & it has been sprinkling. A. is getting steam & plow ready to send to Mr Dahms, to help him finish getting in his oats. Emma is not very well, went to bed last night with a severe headache.

Sunday 8. We had a hard shower yesterday afternoon, & it rained in the night, & was cloudy & sprinkling this morning, but cleared up & the afternoon has been bright & pleasant. The grass is growing green & the leaves coming out. Julia has been down to the barn with her grandpa to see a young calf. Ida went home early this morning to get to church. Two letters from Willy to Emma.

Monday 9. Washing day. Clouds all day & threatening rain, but Ida's clothes did dry. Mr Beck a German came & bought some yearlings. Wrote to Wilfred.

Tuesday 10. Rainy. Our folks are to drive the cattle sold yesterday to William Lindrags. Three yearlings & a two year old, \$53.

Wed: 11. A. & R. went to Mr Hawkes. Had a storm of wind & rain about sundown. Our folks came after the storm was nearly over, had been afraid the buggy would be blown over. Put my plants out last night.

Thurs, 12 Mr William Dunn brought the mail. Letter from R. with Simon's picture. Letter to little J. from her father.

Friday 13 Ida did a little extra washing. Rainy most of the afternoon. Dandelion greens for dinner.

Saturday 14 Fence making last few days, & getting corn ground

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ready for planting. W. went to the station after dinner & letter from Wilfred, & letter to Emma from Willy. Made a pair of cheviot ~~shorts~~ for A. this week.

Sunday 15 Austin took us all up through the pasture to the woods. A meeting at the schoolhouse to see about having a Sunday S. in the summer.

Monday 16 Washing, churning & baking.

Tuesday 17 Letter to R. from Aaron, & from Willy to Emma, corn planting begun this afternoon. Began making the new carpet. H. Drum helped plant corn.

Wed. 18 Has looked like rain all day, but didn't begin till nearly noon. It will make the ground too wet for planting tomorrow, I am afraid. H. D. worked with his team this forenoon, preparing the ground. News came yesterday of the death of Mrs. Drum of Springfield (his widow of Captain Drum, who was killed in the Mexican war.

A good deal of wheat has gone past here to the station, within the last few days, Price 95 cts.

Thurs. 19 Began to rain just before night & rained gently on into the night. Corn planting all day, weather pleasant. B. has gone to the station to night. Ida's sister Hannah came this afternoon, carpet finished.

Friday 20, Pleasant day, corn planting, Emma is to go home tomorrow. Mr Clement came in.

Saturday 21 Austin took Emma & Julia to station this morning to go home. Mr & Mrs Case came for a short visit & to buy a cow. R. went home with Mrs C. Mr Case driving & leading the cow. Mr W. finished planting the corn this forenoon & is helping H. D. this afternoon. B. is helping Mr Clement with the team & cultivator.

Sunday 22 Mr Walkinshaw went to Waroca, rode Jan. A. was nearly sick with a cold, or we should have gone to church.

Monday 23. Washing done & closet in my room cleaned. Mr & Mrs Bloughton came little before night.

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- Tuesday 24. Austin & I. went to Des. Woods with Mr & Mrs Stough who went home this afternoon. H. D. brought the mail. Letter from Mrs Leach & one from Gordon. & postal from Willy. Herbert two years old to day.
- Wed, 25. Went to Mr Hewkes called at Muffersons on our way home. Took 32 lbs butter to Johnsons 18cts. Saw Mr Wellman. Teacher in sick no school for a day & a half.
- Thurs, 26. Have cleaned house a little more to day & put the new carpet down in the sitting room. took out the stove & put it in the dining room. B. plowed corn ground for Mr. Drum in the forenoon. Mr Clement came over & got potatoes to plant.
- Friday 27. A. went to the station with a load of wheat. price 95cts. B. went over to go to Wanaja. A. & W. planted pumpkin seeds in afternoon.
- Saturday 28. A. was to have gone after H. but the day has been rainy & the roads heavy. Letter from H. yesterday & postal from Wilfred. Rainy yesterday afternoon. It thunders & looks like being rainy night.
- Sunday 29. It did rain in the night, but has been pleasant to day. A. went to A. this morning to bring H. home. Mr Clement went over to the post office, brought the papers & a letter from Willy. The Englishman Collier came to see Mr Walkinshaw. Mr. Brown & Collins from Mr. Dunn's came later. A. & H. came home a little before night. Mr. Morehouse preached his farewell sermon in Queatona.
- Monday 30. Washing day. A. went to the station with wheat, 95cts. Brought B. back. Had a steady rain in the afternoon. Am folks are trimming the trees about the yard.
- Tuesday 31. A. is cutting down dead trees. trimming out others & making things outside look much better. Ida has been washing colored clothes. When gone to town with Mr. Drum.
- Wednesday June 1st. Mr W. not being well, kept his room till dinner time. Mr Clement & two of his little boys went to brought the mail. papers only. B. worked in the

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- Thursday 2. Austin went to Queatona to a circus. Charles Vinton jun. & another young man came home with him. W. & B. drew chip dirt from the backyard & cleaned up the yard south of the stables. Ida & H. cleaned the guest chamber & windows in W. & S. room.
- Friday 3. Morning, A. & the W. & the two young men have gone to Clear Lake fishing. B. is working in the can. Have taken down part of the boards from the storm entrance at the back door of the sitting room.
- Saturday 4. The young men went home, & A. started early to go to Wanaja. B. worked in the corn. Ida white washed the dining room. Letter from Wilfred.
- Sunday 5. Two young Englishmen from near Wasco, Steele, & Major, came to see Mr Walkinshaw. H. & B. went to S. S. Ida went home in the morning for the day. Had fresh fish for dinner, & for breakfast yesterday. Cloudy all day.
- Monday 6. Ida washed & the weather was cloudy all day. dried part of the clothes. A. came back from Wanaja before dark. B. worked in the corn & W. in the garden. sawed the dead limbs off the trees in the front yard.
- Tuesday 7. B. has begun to paint the barn. W. has been harrowing the potatoe field. Had the colored clothes washed. ironing finished. butter washed & packed. Baking done & so. The air about the house this afternoon is filled with something like cotton or thistle down, falling from the cottonwood trees. It looks on the ground like large snowflakes. The sun is shining this afternoon for the first time since Saturday. have had no rain to speak of since Sat. night.
- Wednesday 8. a letter to Wilfred by J. D. yesterday.
- Thursday 9. Went to Ca. A. & J. A. exchanged the paint he had brought home for the barn. Called to see Mr. Town about weaving another carpet sometime in the future. went to Mr. Stough to dinner. met Mrs. Maco & daughter from Minnesh.

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who are about starting on a trip to France. After leaving Mr. S., we called on Sophie Beaumont Bennis & at Dr. Geares, we met Mrs. Myers & Mrs. Case. Ada's sister at Mr. S. Bought wall paper for my room 12^{cts} a roll. Got my cuff pin.

Friday 10 A. has gone to the station this afternoon with B. painting the barn. W. working in the corn. Ida's sister has come to see her. Ida while washed the milkroom yesterday while I was gone to Co. She is ironing shirts. Postal to Emma & Mrs. R. Stoughton, a postal from Wilfred & letter from Mrs. Humphrey.

Saturday 11 A. went to Warica this morning. Ida went with him. It was raining in the morning but cleared up some what & raining hard again this afternoon. A came a little before dark in the middle of the storm but the carriage had kept them from getting much wet. Mr & Mrs. Raymond Stoughton came about nine o'clock. They stopped when halfway here & stayed through the rain. There is to be a total eclipse of the moon tonight about midnight.

Sunday 12 Mr & Mrs S. Austin & I, went to church, & heard Mr. Chaney for the first time, came home & went to S.D. at the school house, weather cloudy & threatening rain. Roads muddy to Warica.

Monday 13 Austin went very early to Warica after a man to white wash & alabaster our ceiling, & took him home again late in the afternoon. Sent five little corks of butter. 38 lbs to Johnsons 18 cts a pound. A fine day. Mr & Mrs S. went home.

Tuesday 14 Washing & baking. A. finished putting on mos, quite bare. B. is still painting the barn, W. plowed corn, N. getting ready to go to Fairbault.

Wed, 15 Had a hard rain this morning which prevented the trip to Co. A. was to have taken N. there to take the car to Fairbault. She will endeavor to get there. W. has gone to the station. Postal to Wilfred. Later a postal from Mrs. Humphrey saying her girl had

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left her. & N. will not make the visit at present. Letter from Sadon

Thurs 16

A. went to Watoma to mill. brought Stile Stoughton home with Barn painting & corn plowing continued

Friday 17

A fine day. men have been fixing fence. Heard from Bury all the forenoon doing various things about the house. Ida's sister has been making her another visit. her looked like rain but is clear to night we need of storms of wind & rain & hail in Iowa & the western part of this state. of great destruction of property & loss of life

Saturday 18

Another rain this morning. R. is papering my room. The cattle in the wheat again. & our folks fixing fence. a postal from Wilfred saying that he & Ada the boy would be in Co. to night & asking us to meet him there tomorrow

Sunday 19

Austin's sixty fourth birth day. The morning was fair but it has turned out to be a rainy day tho the sun is shining ~~in~~ at half past five. Not feeling very well this morning I decided not to go to meet Mr. but his father went & we hope W. will come with him to night. B. has been to Wilton on horseback to hear a Wesleyan preacher. There was no S. owing to the rain. A minister from Co. was expected. Ida went to her church.

Friday 24

Wilfred came home last Sunday evening with his father & brought little Herbert. The next day I went back with him to Mr. Cass, to see Ada who was not able to come here. The next morning went to Watoma with W. took Herbert with us, went back to Mr. Cass & stayed till into the afternoon when we drove home, calling to see the Dr. on our way. The next day Wed. Ev. & his father went to Co. with Mr. Dunn. We have rain nearly every day. Yesterday & day before our folks made wire fence up in the woods, so day they have been hoeing corn. There was a school picnic beyond the station, Mr. Clement took his & Mr. Dunn's children. Ida went to Mrs. Dunn's to help

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her about her work. Stiles S. went to the picnic. Letter from Roxie. Helen, & Gordon, paper from Mr Stevens, postal from Willy. Herbert is staying with us till his mother gets better. has cried for his father but gets on better than was expected.

Saturday 25 No rain to day. Austin went to the station with a load of wheat & brought Wilfred & Willy home. A brother of Benjamin came to see him. & B. took him back to the station to night.

Sunday 26 Willy went to S.S. with R. & the rest. Wilfred stayed at home to take care of Herbert.

Monday 27 A bright hot morning. Thunder & lightning last evening, & we feared another heavy rain. Austin has gone to Waseca with H. Dunn, & the boys with Herbert have gone to Ca. Willy to go home on the train. They drove the hay bales on the covered buggy. Wilfred to come back in a day or two. He hopes Ada will be well enough soon, perhaps this week.

Tuesday 28 A hot bright day. men worked in the corn & potatoes. A. came home from Waseca late late last evening. R. has been papering in my room again today. Mercury 85° above.

Wed. 29 Stiles has gone to the station. rode Doll. R. is finishing papering my room, weather not quite so warm. Letter to Gordon postal to R. Mrs Dunn has another daughter born this morning, Austin nearly sick with a cold.

Thurs, 30 Another pleasant day. Wilfred came again last night bringing Herbert. To day went to the station to meet Ada & brought her home. Stiles went over with Wilfred but came back & went over again this afternoon with Austin to take the train home. men worked in corn.

Friday
July 1st Wilfred & his father went to Waseca after dinner. It is ten o'clock P.M. & they have not returned, Mr Clement called this evening. B. has to Mr

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Daniel. rode Doll. Wilfred picked the first raspberries. Ada picked two quarts this afternoon. Roasted chicken & rhubarb pie for dinner.

Saturday 2 B. went to Waseca on the evening train.

Sunday 3 Communion in our church. Went with W. in the morning. was too tired to go to S.S. in the afternoon. Raymond & Mary came up to see Wilfred. went home at dark.

Monday 4 Independence day. Wilfred started back to Wheatland. Mr Walkerhouse & Mr Brown went on to Minneapolis with him. On Saturday the 2nd President Garfield was shot by a wretch by the name of Gittau. He is still alive.

Tuesday 5 Made currant jelly & canned raspberries.

Wednesday 6 Mr W. got home from Minneapolis. Ada continues to improve. Mr & Mrs Stoughton & Mrs Meyer came up just at night. intending to go back in an hour or two but it began to rain, & they stayed all night. B. got back from Waseca.

Thursday 7 We have had very hot weather.

Friday 8 Looked for Mrs. Heauckes. Austin went to Geneva. Green peas & new potatoes for dinner. have had peas twice before. was not well all day. did not sit up in the afternoon.

Saturday 9 Mrs Heauckes & her children came in afternoon & stayed an hour or two. I did not go down stairs. A. came home from Geneva just at dark.

Sunday 10 It was raining steadily this morning when we woke, & the day has been dark & cloudy. Yesterday the papers brought hopeful account of Garfield's improvement. S.S. & preaching by a minister from Ca. at the school house. Letter yesterday to Willy. He has not been down stairs since Friday noon, but hope to get about room.

Monday 11 Rained in the night, & has rained very hard to day. Every pail tub & barrel is full of water. the cistern would be running over if the conductors were not defective. A went to

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Wareca this morning to get his snowed fixed. Have been down stairs most of the day, to see a little about the work. Ida has washed, but did not put the clothes out. She picked two quarts raspberries. R. put up three quarts of currants. Ada can take care of herself, & Herbert & seems a good deal better. Herbert is learning very fast to talk. to put words together. We think him a bright little fellow. His whooping cough troubles very little.

Tuesday 12. A pleasant day, Mr. Clennett went to the office & brought two letters to Ada from Wilfred & a postal from Willy. A. is mowing a little this afternoon. Have been about the house again today but have not felt very well.

Wed. 13. Continuing to feel unwell, thought best to have the Dr. come up & A. sent Mr. W. to the station with a note asking him to come but we conclude he did not get it in season as he did not come. A. has been mowing again south of the house. a young man called to sell a book, is to stay over night. The President still improving.

Thurs. 14. The Dr. came a little afternoon. went home after brought Willy's photo from Owatonna. a letter from Wilfred to Ada, men have been drawing hay into the barn.

Friday 15. Our folks have been haying. Has rained a little & was dark enough at supper time, 6 o'clock for a lamp. Another letter from Wilfred to Ada. Heavy thunder more at bedtime.

Saturday 16. Another letter from W. to A. B. went at noon to Wareca with H. Drem, Austin went to the station with wheat. 96 cts.

Sunday 17. Austin went to Owatonna, Mrs. Case came home with him. Raymond S. & Nellie also came up to stay over night. R. went with B. & Addie Dunn to the German church, to hear Mr. Jenner preach but neither preacher or people came, R. expected some English friends, but they did not come.

Monday 18. Mrs. Case & the Stoughtons have gone home.

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Tuesday 19.

men have gone to work in the hayfield, Ida is washing & R. finishing the morning's work. I am not very well yet. but hoping every day to feel better. A fine day when busy drawing in hay. Have just shelled pears for dinner, R. is mowing, Herbert & his mother are taking a nap before dinner. I churned this forenoon, canned six quarts of green apples & woodfalls yesterday. A rag or tin fiddle stopped & brought some rags & old copper & iron, Mr. Currier called, but I did not go down.

Wed. 20

Austin & Mr. W. went to Wareca this morning, sent three crocks of butter. We had a hard storm the latter part of the night. no wind but sharp lightning & heavy thunder.

Thurs. 21.

Another heavy rain this afternoon. Letter from R. & postal from Willy. & letter to A. from W.

Friday 22.

Did not rest well last night & do not feel well today. The hay that has been down in the rain to wet to work. ^{last night} evening, men have been drawing hay this afternoon, a new man came to night with Mr. Davis. map step & work through harvest. comfortable weather & no sign of rain.

Saturday 23.

Austin went to Wareca & the new man went with him to get his clothes. He is to work a month for \$30. Letter from W. to A. & postal from Willy. Sent 19 Cts of butter to Mr. Jewell.

Sunday 24.

Sun rose bright & clear, but it thundered while the sun was still shining & it rained most of the forenoon. afternoon has been pleasant & cool. B. took R. & Ida to D. S.

Monday 25.

was feeling quite well in the morning, helped about the work, came up & wrote to Willy. soon after was taken anew with pain in the bowels & was quite unwell the rest of the day. Our folks cut wheat in the field across the road, Had a good deal of rain the fore part of last night, & this morning A. sent W. to the station with a note to the Dr. asking him to come up this afternoon. He came, left medicine & thinks that with rest & quiet. will be all.

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I need to get about again soon. Men are cutting oats this afternoon.

Wed. 27 Another bright morning. The men all away at their work. We are looking for Wilfred horse now every day. we feared a quiet night & I am comfortable this morning. Mr. Clement called yesterday.

Thurs. 28 A cool pleasant day. The men are at dinner. They have been cutting the piece of wheat just south of the garden. Wilfred came last night about ten o'clock. walked from the station. has been over this afternoon his trunk has not been down stairs yet, but think I shall go down tomorrow.

Friday 29. Good weather continues & harvesting getting on nicely. Wilfred put up a hammock & I went down & occupied it for an hour or two.

Saturday 30. Cool & pleasant. I can hear the harvester as it goes its round in the south field. Neighbors are all busy with the harvest & they couldn't have better weather. went down stairs several times yesterday & have been down this morning. Wilfred has gone to Waseca. Sent letter to Roxie with Willy's picture & Pomona's letter & tax receipt. Lightning rod men came & began to put up rods on the barn, but ran out of material & have gone away.

Sunday 31. Still fine weather. N. & Benjamin went to S. S. Steele & Manlove two of the walking shaw's friends came to see him.

Monday August 1st Men all busy again in the harvest. They hope to finish cutting the wheat to night. Am feeling still better. made some ginger cakes for lunch for the men.

Tuesday 2. Mr. Ignace & son, the lightning rod men, our folks have been cutting tangled oats. very warm weather.

Wednesday 3. Morning sun shining & a cool breeze. Later the cool breeze continued all day. 90° -

Thurs. 4. Very warm 90° in the shade till in the afternoon when the wind sprang up & the mercury went down 16 degrees in a few minutes. Oats finished, wheat

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finished Monday.

Friday 5. The men have put up one stack of oats & were at work at another. when a furious wind storm came on & soon after it began to rain, & now at 5 o'clock it is raining steadily.

Saturday 6 Austin went to Waseca this morning took a small crock of butter to Mr. Newell. The two men Parker & Benjamin went with A. Mr. W. & Growse, went hunting this forenoon. W. & Mr. W. are to set up the grain blown over yesterday. letter from Willy. made pickles in syrup & water.

Sunday 7. Wilfred & N. went to church. came back & went to S. S. Austin got part of Wilfred's goods yesterday. Let Mr. Johnson have the butter instead of A. took Ida over home & back.

Monday 8. A fierce wind has blown all day. but the men have in spite of it continued the oat stacking. am not feeling so well to day tho' I have been up in the old chamber looking after the beds. & Ida has washed & N. & Ada have done most of the other work.

Tuesday 9. Men busy all day stacking wheat. ironing, washing colored clothes, & the usual work going on in the house.

Wed. 10. Looks like rain. our folks hope to finish stacking tomorrow. Felt quite unwell all yesterday, N. & Ada feeling & preparing apples to can. They are not quite ripe yet but fall off with every wind or storm.

Thurs 11. 2 o'clock p.m. 91° in the shade but a brisk breeze has been blowing most of the day. Men drew wheat this forenoon from the south side of the road have been waiting since dinner for the wind to ^{go down}.

Friday 12. The stacking except some mowed stuff was finished yesterday. Austin & N. went to the station. Postal from Willy.

Saturday 13. Austin plowed in a field a little south of the barn. Wilfred went to Waseca & got the rest of his goods. Mr & Mrs. Case, daughter & Annie Scott came late in the afternoon.

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stayed to tea & went home a little before dark
 Sunday 14. Our folks have just got home from S. S. &
 meeting at the school house. B. went to Wilton
 & Mr. Walkinshaw to Wasca. It has been a cool
 pleasant day. The two men, W. & B. worked at
 Mr. Dunn's yesterday.

Monday 15. The man Parker received his pay this morning
 & went away. B. & Mr. W. worked for the Dunks.
 Wilfred & his father have been drawing in hay.

Tuesday 16. A pleasant morning now at 10 o'clock. A. is
 mowing. Wilfred & Mr. W.

Wed. 17. It has been a hot windy night & raining now.

Thurs 18. Austin plowed. the other men fixed garden
 fence & put up hay in the afternoon.
 Postal from Willy.

Friday 19. A good day for work. Eleven loads of hay drawn
 in. We are expecting Willy, Emma & Julia tomorrow.

Saturday 20. Our folks drew hay forenoon, & all went this
 afternoon, & helped Mr. Clement draw &
 stack grain. Willy & family came ^{got home up} at 6 o'clock.

Sunday 21. A pleasant day. Wilfred, Ada & H. went to S. S.

Monday 22. W. & Ada went to Owatonna ^{with} Willy & Emma, took
 dinner at Mr. Stoughton's, & got home rather
 late in the evening. Willy & Emma went
 on home in the afternoon. Austin mowed
 all day. Finished cutting hay. Wilfred,

Tuesday 23. His father & Mr. W. went to Wasca this fore-
 noon. It was rainy this morning, & has
 been cloudy all day & most of the day.
 The white clothes washed yesterday & most
 of the ironing done to day, & we have put
 to drying more of the Duchess apples.
 They are falling from the trees & will not
 keep. We have a good many crab apples,
 very few plums, compared with last year.

Wed. 24. The men worked at the garden fence, in the
 morning & have drawn. We have dried more
 apples, & gathered plums for marmalade, & washed

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the colored clothes.

Thursday 25. Mr. Vinton continues plowing. Mrs. Hawkes
 & Mrs. Preston came just before dinner, & went
 home at four. A high wind all day.

Friday 26. We had heavy thunder & sharp lightning during
 the night, & some rain before morning. It has
 been cloudy & a little raining this afternoon. Mr.
 V. is plowing, & the other men, drawing manure
 making fences. Ada has made plum mar-
 malade, & we have cut more apples to dry, &
 A. & H. have picked up a quantity of plums.
 The plums are at their best, but not nearly
 so abundant as last year, tho there are more
 in the woods. Mr. W. gathered most of the apples ^{today}.

Saturday 27. Went with Wilfred to Owatonna, stopped at Dr.
 Ware's. Did a little shopping. Bought a
 black & white gingham dress for myself &
 some blue yarn to knit edging for little
 Julia, called at Mr. Wilkers, when we ^{wed} started
 home, Mr. W. & B. worked for Andy Dunn.
 The president is thought to be dying.

Sunday 28. Mr. Vinton & H. went to church, a Mr. McClintock
 preached. It has been very hot, 90°.

Monday 29. Plowing & stacking hay in the house, washing
 hay is done. Letters from Helen & Willy.

Tuesday 30. A rainy day. Tho our folks plowed some this forenoon
 & drew manure, mended harness, broke colts &c.
 Ada made plum jam & we dried a few more
 apples. I made a washstand out of a beehive &
 made a curtain for it.

Wed. 31. Wilfred has been quite unwell all day from a
 cold. Austin finished what plowing he could
 at present do, in the field across the road, began
 in the one west of the house, the men hauling ma-
 nure all day. A letter from R. to H. a postal from
 Wilfred to Will, more apples made ready to dry.

Thursday
 September 1st. Wilfred & his father went to town, drove Ned &

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Prince on the buggy. Late this afternoon we had a fearful wind. A huge branch of one of the cottonwood trees, close to the west end of the house, broke off & in its fall knocked one of the chimneys off close to the roof. Austin & Wilfred came home after the storm was over, having been overtaken by it, when about two miles this side of Wesaca. were obliged to get out & hold the frightened horses. tho. the storm was not so severe there as but accompanied by more hail. A dozen lights of glass were broke out of Mr Dunn's house.

Friday 2nd W. has gone again to town this afternoon with Mr Dunn. Raining this forenoon, & early this morning, another wind storm, rain, thunder & lightning. Our folks have been cutting away & picking up the fallen branches of the trees. Half of a large tree this side of the granary, fell during the storm, this morning. Began to dry crab apples. Mr W. has picked up several birches, which were knocked off in the storm. The president is said to be better. The lumber for an addition to the house sent for.

Saturday 3, Austin went to Owatonna. Mr Dunn, went with him, brought home a St Bernard puppy from Da Bears. It seems the storm of Thursday was much more severe, north & east of us than here. The hail injuring the scarcely ripened corn & destroying the sorghum crop, & the tops of many wheat stacks were blown off. windows broken.

Last news from the president favorable. Sunday 4. A hard wind all day. Just at night another limb from one of the trees near the house broke off & came part way down, & the men fastened it with a rope to prevent injury to the house. A bright moonlight evening.

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Monday 6th The fore part of the night was very hot, another thunder storm about midnight. Cloudy this morning & cooler. Our folks have just cut down the two cottonwood trees at the west end of the house. It seemed unsafe to leave them standing. There was not only danger of their falling, but they made the rooms next them dark & damp. & moss was growing on the roof. They were set out about sixteen years ago, & are now over six feet in circumference a foot from the ground. One is five feet & five inches, three feet from the ground where it is cut off. They were 75 feet long & high.

Tuesday 6 - Took up the carpet in the sitting room, & put the stove up, & put up the stove in my room, which W. & A. occupy since they came home, while my room for the present, is the guest chamber up stairs. A rainy, unpleasant day & much cooler than it has been. Called at Mr Dunn's to see Mrs Battiff. Wilfred drove over to Mr Shephards to get him to come & lay up the stone foundation for the new addition. Letter from Gordon. Letter to Will ^{Friday} see. Letter to Gordon.

Wed. 7. Rainy dismal weather. Wilfred went to the station to see if the lumber for the new building had come. Letter to Gordon.

Thurs. 8 The weather cleared up this forenoon. Afternoon has been still & pleasant. W. went again this morning to see about the lumber. & his father went yet again this afternoon. It has not come as expected. Mr W. went with Mr Clement to Wesaca.

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By the papers to night we learn that the President has been removed from Washington to Long Beach on the sea shore.

Friday 9 Austin went to the station, found the lumber there. Wilfred & the two men were sent over & unloaded it & brought home two loads. A went to Warexa with the colts & buggy. The roads very muddy.

Saturday 10 Rained hard a good part of last night & rainy this forenoon. Wilfred & B. went over after lumber twice. We have worked at drying apples most of the day. Weather is cooler. Letter from Willy.

Sunday 11 A bright morning. weather cool but no frost yet. Evening went to S.D. a minister from Co. expected but he did not come, owing to the muddy roads doubtless.

Monday 12 W. & his father went to Co. with some hops, sold them for five cents a pound. Mr. Walkinshaw, & Mr. Growse went to Co. to take the train to St. Paul. They do not expect to return. Our folks brought home buck & lime.

Tuesday 13 A pleasant day. Austin & B. drew home four more loads of lumber & the last. Wilfred began tearing down the old house to make room for the new building. We have been drying apples, churning, ironing, washing & baking. A letter from Mrs. Stevens & Mary, postal from Bill.

Wed. 14 Took the last things out of the old house. The roof has been torn off, & the gable ends have fallen. The little lean to, has been moved back & boarded up, makes a very good temporary kitchen.

Thurs. 15 A cold dismal day with rain this afternoon. The men are busy clearing away the remains of the old house, clearing away the logs with old Doll. She is not quite

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as old as the house, but nearly. The house was built in the summer & fall of 1857. Rained all afternoon & evening. It rained steadily the whole night through & looks dismal enough this morning. Afternoon, it seems clearing up. Our folks went after sand this forenoon, this afternoon went to see the mason & B. drew another load of sand & now they are all working at clearing away the rubbish of the old house.

Saturday 17

Austin went to Warexa, the Clement went with him. Wrote to Willy & received a letter from him.

Sunday 18

Pleasant all day, but look as if it might rain to night. Our folks went to S.D.

Monday 19

A pleasant afternoon. The stone mason came this forenoon, & has part of the wall or underpinning laid for the new room. Circus at Warexa. B. has gone over for the evening. Cloudy this forenoon & a little rainy early in the morning.

Tuesday 20

This morning the sad but not unexpected news of the death of the president reached us. He died last night at 10:35 o'clock. We have heard none of the particulars and are anxious to get the papers. This afternoon is sunny & warm, but the morning was misty & cloudy. Our folks are working at the cistern. The foundation is finished.

Wed. 21

Another rainy day. Austin has been to Warexa & brought home three carpenters. Owing to the rain & the mason not knowing how to do it, the work on the cistern gets slowly. There is mud everywhere. A says he never saw worse roads. It lightens again to night. It has rained nearly all day.

Thurs. 22

Rainy again today. Thunder now & then through the day. Raining, raining. The carpenters have worked in the barn most of the day. The cistern man, a Swede name, Reinstrum, finished his work & went away this forenoon. Letters from G. & Will.

Friday 23

Still raining at intervals. A went to Warexa through the mud, to get a little lumber. The carpenters have worked on the timber out of doors part of the time when they couldn't go for the rain, then in the barn. Letter from Colville two or three days ago.

Saturday 24

The first whole pleasant day this month. The

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frame of the house is up. Postal from Will & one to him
Sunday 25. Another fine day. The three carpenters went to the
station & took dinner there. Our folk went to D.S.

Monday 26. Last night at bed time the stars were exceedingly
bright - but it thundered & lightened the last half
of the night, & this we have had but a sprinkle
of rain. It looks dark & gloomy & ready to rain
at any moment. Austin & the head car-
penter, M. Brainerd have gone to Oustown.
The men are hurrying to get the roof board on.
Ida is washing. Later no rain.

Tuesday 27. Pleasant all day & the work on the house has pro-
gressed. A. has been drawing sand, Wilfred
helped me take up the granium. It seems
cool enough for a frost. We have had no frost
& the trees & grass are still green.

Wed, 28. A pleasant day but it lightens & looks like
rain. Wilfred went with a team to thresh for
Andy Dunn. First frost last night.

Thurs, 29. The ^{of our arrival} twentieth fifth anniversary of our home
here, in Minnesota & another rainy day. Began
raining this morning about one o'clock.
Our neighbors have not secured hay enough
for their stock & are despairing of being able
to do so.

Friday 30. A pleasant day. The men all worked on the
house, a letter from Bertie Dailey & postal from
Gordon. Last Monday was the day of President
Garfield's funeral at Cleveland Ohio.

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memorial services were held all over the
country, & in many foreign countries.

Saturday,

October 1st Wilfred has gone to Waseca to take two of the
carpenters home. The other one is to stay & finish
the work. Austin has gone to a Mr. Bensel, three
or four miles away, to attend a sale of stock &c.
The morning is pleasant & we hope the rains are over.

Sunday 2. Rather a pleasant day sprinkled this forenoon.

Monday 3. A foggy damp day, & this afternoon a cold north-
east wind. Austin went to Waseca to get a
mason who has been mixing mortar this
afternoon. They have also been drawing
more sand. The carpenter has put in the wind
-cows to day & finished laying the chamber floor.

Tuesday 4. The man Van Buren, made the mortar & went
home. B. dug a wagon box full of nice potatoes, which
were put in the cellar.

Wed, 5. Austin helping B. dig potatoes, W. helping the car-
penter. They have cut the doors through into this
part of the house - one at the head of the stairs & a
smaller one into Wilfred's room. to be a closet door.
We had a frost last night but the day is clear & bright
which will give farmers a chance to dig potatoes
husk corn &c.

Thurs 6. A. went to Waseca to take the carpenter (Charles
Ludwig) who has finished all the work ^{now} necessary
before plastering. also took Mr. Walkershaw's
things to send to St. Paul. a dark gloomy rainy
day. Wilfred & B. have been lathing, wrote to Bertie D.

Friday 7. Had a hard shower this afternoon. W. & B. lathing.

Saturday 8. Little Julia's seventh birth day - The morning is
cold everything seems soaked with the big rain of

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yesterday, more sand to be drawn & it will be nearly impossible to haul it through the deep mud.

Sunday 9. Pleasant all day. went to S. D. Am writing to sister R.

Monday 10 Austin has gone to Waseca to get the mason. It is raining softly.

Tuesday 11. It began to rain last night about bed time & has rained nearly all the time since a till dark to night has rained hard most of the day. It seems as if the whole country must be drowned out. The mason began work yesterday noon & has the chimney built out through the roof & has the plastering done up stairs & part of the lower room.

Wed. 12 No rain but the day dark & gloomy, afternoon cold. Mercury at 40°. Our folks went after a load of sand with four horses on the wagon & drew 11 bushels.

Thurs. 13 No rain, but most of the day cloudy & cold. The mason finished the cistern & the chimney. Will feed down another load of sand & the last I believe, 33° & probably lower to day. A little ice this forenoon, on water at the door.

Friday 14 Another rainy morning, our folks are to go to Waseca to take the mason home. B. is to go with them.

Saturday 15 Rained most of the day yesterday, & very hard during the night. This morning the wind is in the northwest, & still raining, tho' not hard. We are looking for snow. A stove is being put up in the new room to dry the plastering.

Sunday 16. Another gloomy day. Austin went to W. this afternoon. Will stay at the Dis. to night. Will if he can get a carpenter to come home with him to finish the work on the house. Yesterday the yard cleared out old boards & trash picked up.

Monday 17. Rainy, & the whole day has been dark & dreary. It is nearly night. Austin has not returned from W. yet. Ida has washed but could not dry the clothes. W. & B. are drawing part of a stack of hay into the barn to make room for a corn crib they are going to put up on the south side of the barn. They have only husked corn enough to feed

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Young Sotabier is out north of the house shooting ducks, or trying to.

Tuesday 18. Foggy & very wet most of the forenoon but cleared off & the afternoon was bright. & this evening the stars are brilliant. Austin sprained his wrist & it is proving him a good deal this evening. The men have been building a corn crib.

Wed. 19 Noon, we had a little sunshine early in the forenoon but since then clouds & sprinkling, apparently a storm coming. The men busy with their corn crib. Austin's wrist is lame but does not pain him. Was bathed with Arica during the evening (after a pouring with warm water) & with laudanum at bed time. W. & B. husked corn afternoon.

Thurs. 20 A whole pleasant day, but quite a freeze last night. W. & B. husked corn all day, & it is disagreeable work, owing to the corn having been blown down into the mud in the storm of Sept 1st making it in a bad condition to husk.

Friday 21 Cloudy nearly all day, & now at five o'clock it is raining. Have been sawing. Little Herbert is standing by me & says "Better tell bout Herbert" - corn husking.

Saturday 22 No sun, & to night it rains, more corn husking.

Sunday 23. Rained nearly all last night. W. & B. did not go to S. D. The rest rode with H. D. We have heard to day of a fire in Waseca last Thursday night. Several buildings were burned. have not heard particulars.

Monday 24 A pleasant morning once more. A has gone to town the other men to husking. Ida is washing, & we are glad to see the sunshine again but we are not hopeful of good roads this fall. It is too late in the season to expect that. Evening. Austin came home about dark & without the carpenter he expected to bring. The fire was quite as serious as we had heard. A half dozen or more buildings were burned. but most of their contents saved.

Tuesday 25 Called at Mr. Clements this morning. Corn husking. This has been a beautiful fall day, stars bright to night.

Wed. 26 Another fine day, men busy in the corn. The feed lot most. Mr. Clements finished before noon, chicken pie for dinner.

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Letter to Fayville & to Willy.

Thurs, 27. Afternoon cloudy & we fear another rain, W. & B. are husking. Austin went to Waseca to get the car painter. Postal from Will, Ida has been washing windows. A beginning of fall house cleaning.

Friday 28 middle of the forenoon. It rained most of the night probably & is raining still. The cellar way is being datted. W. is cleaning his gun. Mr. Clement is here. 8 o'clock p.m. has been raining hard all the evening. Letter from R to N. A registered letter.

Saturday 29. It rained I think most of last night. The men are finishing the work in the cellar way. Boarding up the back side of the stairs. The carpenter did not come as we expected & the work on the house is at a standstill. The leaves have nearly all fallen from the large trees. Those on the apple trees have become yellow & falling.

Sunday 30 No rain, & just at evening a little sunshine. Letter from Will.

Monday 31. Pleasant all day & bright moon light this evening. Two carpenters have come & Austin went to the station after their tool chests. Ida has gone home to help take care of the threshers. Oscar Johnson has been helping in the corn husking. Letter to Gordon - postal to Willy.

Tuesday Nov. 1st - The husking is nearly done. will probably be finished.

The carpenters are casing the doors & windows.

Wed, 2 - A cold wind & at one time a little flurry of snow in the air. Siles Benjamin finished work here last night & went away this morning to work for George & Andy Dunn, threshing. Oscar Johnson is to stay here & work for a while. W. has begun to paint the house.

Thursday 3. A cold day but not raining. Austin went to Waseca to get more finishing lumber. expected to find the roads even worse than they have been, owing to their being partly frozen. Ida came.

Friday 4 2 o'clock p.m. cold & cloudy all day & has been

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snowing for an hour. A. came last night early in the evening. Roads were partly frozen but hardly as bad as he expected. W. painting west side of the house. A has been putting glass in a cellar window. Oscar is at work about the barn. Mr. Bramard is making the cupboard in the main room. Mr. Dillingham the other carpenter is casing the doors upstairs. Roast beef & onions for dinner. Arthur & Lucien Clement came to play with Herbert.

Saturday 5. Quite a snow storm yesterday & to day the ground is white & wintry looking, with two or three inches of snow. made a half dozen pumpkin pies & an apple pie for dinner. stewed dried apples & helped Ida get dinner. H. Dunn called & told us of the birth of another girl in their family. A letter from Gordon to Willy telling of a week's illness in Buffalo, N. Y. Letter from Willy.

Sunday 6 The snow has all disappeared. W, A, N. & Ida went to D.S.

Monday 7 Cloudy all day, & none at two o'clock is raining. Washing is done, but can not be dried to day. Austin has gone to Waseca on horseback, will not come home till after election to morrow. A tramp came to the door at bed time last night wanting to stay all night. W. gave him food & sent him on.

Tuesday 8 Wilfred went to election & the carpenters went with him. Mr. Dillingham did not return. Mr. Morrison the mason came back with them to put on the finishing coat of plaster. Austin will not come home till late, if at all to night.

Wed, 9 A. came last night between 12 & 1 o'clock. This has been a good day. The mason has finished the lower part of the house. Mr. B. & W. have been at work on the porch. Ida went to H. Dunn's & to Mr. Clements. Oscar threshed for Andy Dunn.

Thurs, 10 Another day without rain. A. went again to work or thresh for Andy.

Friday 11 W. rode horseback to the station this morning to get a registered letter. & this afternoon to town to take the mason home & to get still a little

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snow lumber. It was snowing a little when they went away & very fast for an hour or two early in the afternoon & then turned to rain for a while. Oscar thrust this fore ^{noon} Andy D. is now helping a clean up the scattered mortar from the upstairs rooms. Roads partly frozen for several days & the traveling is dreadful.

Sunday 12. A disagreeable sloppy time. A. was to have gone to Ludica on town business, but it was snowing this morning & he decided to go next Saturday instead. Late in the day went to the station to mill. Mr Brainard finished the cupboards. A. worked on the material for the pack.

Sunday 13. The roads so bad. no one went to D. S.

Monday 14. Ida washed & after dinner went home to stay two or three days. W. has worked all day with Mr B. on the house. Weather much colder & we hope the mud will now freeze up solid.

Tuesday 15. Mr Brainard finished the work on the house & Austin took him to the station. went with the sleigh over the hubs, not much snow. A. got a lot from Will. & one from August. A. threshed again for Andy D.

Wed, 16. W. & O. helped H. Drum, thresh. a warm day & the mud thawed out. but the roads may be no worse, if it freezes again after they are settled down. A little painting is done up stairs & in the pantry.

Thurs, 17. Will's thirty fourth birth day. How time flies. It but a little while since he was a baby in my arm. being sung to sleep by "Hush my babe lie still and slumber," & now his dark hair is sprinkled with grey. The morning is cold & dark & dreary, the wind which which

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was all day yesterday in the south, is in the north west & roars in the leafless tree tops.

Evening W. helped H. Drum thresh a part of the day. Oscar all day. The house cleaned out & we are painting the floors.

Friday 18. Oscar threshed for Mr Clement all day & W. in afternoon.

Saturday 19. Austin & Wilfred went to Waseca this morning to get a cook stove & A. to attend to some town business. A little snow fell last night on the frozen ground & they went with a sleigh. Mr Clement's threshing is going on. A. is still helping them. W. & S. sent letters to Willy & Gordon.

Sunday 20. No D. S. a quiet day. ate breakfast in the new room.

Monday 21. Surfak came home after dark Sat. night & put it up in the evening. Ida washed out in the back kitchen where the old stove is, & we have been regulating. W. & Oscar helped H. Drum kill some pigs - one of which bought & brought home. A. went to Dotabier, to get him to help in threshing.

Tuesday 22. school began today. A windy morning. A. & W. are getting things ready for threshing & clearing up in the yard. have put the work bench into the old kitchen for the winter. Late, A. has gone to the station to get Kerosene oil.

Wed, 23. A. went to Waseca to attend to some business for Willy, change some of the stove furniture. A cold day. Threshing machine came to night letter from Willy yesterday.

Thurs, 24. Thank giving day. but we have been obliged to have threshing go on. The weather has been fine all day for which we certainly have been thankful. oats threshed. 502 bushels.

Friday 25. nearly night. The day has been cloudy & we have feared snow. but the work has gone steadily on & the greater part of the grain at least is done.

Saturday 26. Half past three o'clock P. M., very cloudy early this morning. but it has been a good day & the threshing is almost done. H. & S. have been to see it going on. Evening. The machine has gone. There were 607 bushels of wheat. no wet wheat.

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except what lay on the ground, one side of our
pot stack was a little wet. altogether it is a better
outcome than might have been expected, consid-
ering the unprecedented fall rains.

Sunday 27. My fifty ninth birth day. It has been a beautif-
ul day. Wilfred, Ada & Herbert went to the
station after the mail. Letter from Bertie D.
& one from Emma to Ada. Ada went home
but has come back to stay a few days.

Monday 28 Ada put down the carpet in her room, wash-
ing done & dried. Oscar husked corn for H. D.
& has gone home to night. A. put up a bench in
the back kitchen.

Tuesday 29 Soap is made, my room cleaned. carpet
down again. stoves blacked & most of the iron-
ing done W. & A. moved their things up stairs
& to night for the first time occupy their old. The
weather has been cloudy & cold & it seems like snow.

Wed, 30 W. husked corn for H. Drum. A light sprinkle of
snow this forenoon. Carpet in sitting room put down
moved down stairs to my own room again.

Thursday

December 1st Ada went home & we expect to do our own
housework till Spring. B. went to the station
with the first load of new wheat, Price \$1.05. Letters
from R. Will & Gordon.

Friday 2 Austin & W. have build a fence round the
straw stack W. helped H. D. a little while this
afternoon to finish husking his corn. A fine
snow has been falling. Mr. Dunn is moving
his house to the new site near his new barn.

Saturday 3 W. & I went to Wasceca with Austin. There was a
little snow & we went with the big sleigh. Did
a little shopping. took a lunch at a restaurant
did a little more shopping. saw Mrs. Hawks
for a few minutes before we came away & got
home by moonlight, which was almost as bright
as day the last half of the way.

Sunday 4 A very quiet day.

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Monday 5 A pleasant day thawing. Put the cupboard up
stairs also the seed corn. Wilfred put some oil cloth
down round the sitting room stove, men made
a shed over a pump in the barn yard.

Tuesday 6 There was a little snow on the ground this morning
but it all disappeared early in the afternoon. It
was mild & pleasant till afternoon when the
wind began to blow & it is now at bed time
blowing a gale nearly but is not very cold.
Our folks have been trying to move the
old kitchen or shed into place up next
the new building. but found it a difficult
thing to do without more help.

Wed, 7 Pleasant day tho' the wind blows this evening
& a sprinkle of snow has fallen since dark.
Mr. Clement, man & H. Drum came this
morning & helped get the beams into place.
Painted some chairs, & a trunk.

Thursday 8 Another pleasant day, W. & Ada, are getting
ready to go to Co. tomorrow.

Friday 9 Day has been pleasant. W. & B. went to Co. this morning.
Letter from Helen.

Saturday 10 a pleasant day, but cloudy to night & looks like
being stormy weather. A. painted the floor of the
porch & some chairs. Little Herbert was left at
home, & has been very happy & very good.

Sunday 11 Wilfred's thirty eighth birth day. There was an inch
or two of snow this morning. W. & B. came home at
dark.

Monday 12 We tried washing with a new kind of soap.
It was not satisfactory, perhaps because
we did not understand the proper way of
using it.

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Tuesday 13. Austin went to the station with a load of wheat, but stored it without selling, owing to the great number of unloaded wheat wagons which were there before him. Ida came to bring some yarn he mother had spun for me, Wilfred has begun to paint the new room.

Wed, 14 - A pleasant day. A. went to the station again with a load of wheat (price \$1.85) also went to Swede Bounglon's. Oscar Johnson is here again, this time to thrash for Mr Dunn, began this morning. W. is still painting.

Thurs, 15 Austin went again to the station with wheat. Good weather continues. wrote to Gordon & sent him some family papers. directed to East Aurora, Erie Co. N. Y. Postal to Mrs Hawkes.

Friday 16 Still good weather. A went with another load of wheat. W. helped Mr Clement kill his hog. Carpet put down in the new room & windows cleaned.

Saturday 17. went with Austin to Waseca. while he was attending to some town business, I did some shopping, & called on Mrs Latham & Mrs, Jennison. after which we went to Mr Hawkes, & stayed over night.

Sunday 18. went from Mr Hawkes to church. Sermon by a Mr Fisk.

Monday 19 Mild weather, freezes a little nights & thaws through the day making the top of the ground

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mudely. a stack of hay drawn into the barn.

Tuesday 20. W. & Ada went to town to see about changing stoves, A. to the station with wheat, price \$1.02. Painted another trunk. Good weather.

Wed, 21- W. got ready to go to Waseca to change stoves, but it rained & he put it off till tomorrow. H. Dunn came to go with him. made mince meat for pies. W. & H. painted the bathroom.

Thurs, 22 Wilfred went to Waseca, changed stoves & got home early. Took the new cupboard door to town to have them made over. they being much too wide. brought two turkeys from Mrs. Plumes. It was raining this morning early, but cleared off & has been very pleasant all day. Harry Dunn went to town with W. but came home with some body else. See with which the trees have been covered, has been felling off.

Friday 23. W. went to get Ida to help us a few days, but she was getting ready for Christmas & couldn't come. the cellar cleaned out, weather mild & pleasant, H. D. called this evening.

Saturday 24. A. went to Waseca on town business. brought home the cupboard door, & they are fitting them in this evening. W. went to the station this afternoon, a letter from Willy & a package & letter from Mrs E. Dailer. Good weather.

Sunday 25. Christmas Day. We have spent a very quiet Christmas. Wilfred & Ada, were to have gone to church. but the roads had thawed &

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froze again last night making them very rough, & the wind was high this morning. The day has been pleasant. The cupboard doors were finished & painted last night, we were up till about twelve o'clock.

Monday 26. Austin went to the station with wheat. W. finished painting the porch. put up a lamp shelf in the pantry &c. - made mince pies & did other baking & parched coffee. W. is going to Co. tomorrow & will bring Mrs Case home with him.

Tuesday 27. Wilfred went to Cuatoma early this morning & came home before dark bringing Mrs Case with him. brought a new extension table & bedstead. It is snowing now at bed time.

Wed, 28. Pleasant day. no snow last night to speak of. we have all been busy to day getting ready for company tomorrow & next day. Postal from Will.

Thursday 29. Willy, Emma & Julia came this afternoon. Tomorrow is the fortieth anniversary of our marriage & we are to have a few friends to dinner. The weather is quite cold.

Friday 30. A cold day to ride. but few friends came from a distance. Mr & Mrs Hewkes from Waseca. Dr Ware from Cuatoma, & Mr Case from near Co. our neighbors. Mr & Mrs Dunn, Mr & Mrs Clement, & Mr H. Drum, Mrs D. Kept

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at home by an ailing child.

Saturday 31. Mr & Mrs Case went home this forenoon. Wilfred & Will went to Waseca. a fine day. we had a number of presents yesterday. A hanging lamp from Mr & Mrs Hewkes. Austin a pair of fur mittens from Dr Ware, & a pair of warm oversocks from Mr Case, a pretty footstool from the Stoughtons, a curious wooden inkstand from H. Drum. made by himself from a root. a large album from Will & Emma & a soft woolen shawl from Wilfred & Ada. Will & sister H. & pair of mittens from Mrs Case for me.

