



Lydia Vinton and Family Diaries

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Thursday

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Cold raw wind all day. Austin went to Waseca with a load of potatoes, 25 cts a bushel. Letter from R. sent letters to Gustie Daily. Isaac & Helen, & postal to Gordon.

Friday 2

Plowing & potatoe planting. Ad's room cleaned the two front rooms up stairs made ready for Kalronining, carpets dusted & floors swept. A bright day but rained a little just at night.

Saturday 3

Plowing, planting potatoes & drawing manure on to the cornfield. Good weather. Home spent the day in cutting up old clothes, cutting carpet rags & looking over & regulating bundles etc.

Sunday 4

W. & A. & Herbert went to Church. Staid to D. D. stopped at Mr Hewkes. The Sweden Brothers Andrew & Enoch were here. Enoch to dinner, Ida went home after dinner men did not go away as usual. Letter from Willy to Herbert.

Monday 5

Washing done, but not a pleasant day. men continue busy plowing & getting corn ground ready. The Jenny colt not well yesterday & to day. Cripple & her colt Clover, run about the yard in these days.

Tuesday 6

A rather rainy day. men made a harrow, a three cornered drag. The Jenny colt better. Dandelions for dinner. Raining to night.

Wednesday 7

This forenoon the potatoes were taken out of the cellar & put in the corn crib. This afternoon plowing & manuring the corn ground continued. Two letters from Gordon & one from Nancy.

Thursday 8

Plowing nearly done. A very fine day. Ida washed outside of several windows this forenoon. This afternoon helped to make & tie a comfort - sent two letters to R. & a paper with cake pattern, & paper to Mary Stevens by Mr Farrington. To Annetta's office.

Friday 9

Plowing finished. Wilfred went to Waseca this afternoon & J. Dunn went with him to get a corn planter. It is nearly ten o'clock & he hasn't come. Letter to Gordon. Finished the comfort we tied yesterday. Four colts taken to Mr Davis to be pastured through the summer.

Saturday 10

This morning George Scholjigudis came to help set up & start the new corn planter, our man.

Fred, going to work in his place while he was here. Allie & Cheney Haukes, & Willy Clement were ^{here} to supper staid but on horn or so. Austin went to the station late this afternoon. Letters from Sister M. & R. & Mrs E. C. Dailey, & Willy. Regulated book cupboard up stairs & looked over & dusted paper etc. First shuckalee fries.

Sunday 11- W. & A. & Herbert went to church. several persons united with the church.

Monday 12 Corn planting & some planting in garden. Letters ready to send to Mrs E. C. Dailey & Willy. Fixed over window curtains in guest chamber & made some additions to scrap books. washing done. man called with pictures

Tuesday 13- Austin went to Wasoca, began assessing. Sent letters to Willy & Mrs E. C. Dailey. Corn planting finished. Dr. Ware called on horn or tubs - had been to R. Middleburgh. Hannah Haukes came over from her school to stay all night. A tinware peddler is also staying here over night.

Wednesday 14- Austin carried Hannah to her school, & spent the day assessing. Wilfred took a load of hay to Wasoca for Mr Clement. A bag of wheat was lost from a passing load. & Adley, Ida, & Herbert took it from the side of the road, to a place of safety. till Fred came - who sat it by the gate & to night the owner came & claimed it, said he lost two sacks, was glad to recover one. Helped Ida clean ^{out} the back kitchen.

Thursday 15- A. went to Aa. to get the covered buggy repaired. Wilfred went to Mr Dennis to help them get the new corn planter started. This afternoon Kalromined two upstairs rooms. Ida partly cleaned the pantry. made a ^{fixed} picture board - man ditching.

Friday 16- Kalromining done except sitting room & my room. N. East room painted & mine

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partly. A spent afternoon assessing, man ditching.

Saturday 17- Austin went to Wasoca assessing. Wilfred worked in the garden. put on the wire screens. The two north rooms up stairs regulated. the cook stove moved into the back kitchen & stove from sitting room put into dining room, plants put into south window in dining room.

Sunday 18- A shower this morning. After dinner went with A. to the station. Letter to Ada from Mrs Case. Had an unpleasant ride, wind blew strongly from the north west with a fine sprinkle most of the way. Ida went home last night to go to church to day. but was kept at home by the rain. came back before dark. Letter to R. A. floated from Wilfred to Willy. Herbert fell to night ~~struck~~ his head on the stove, & fainted. we were frightened - but he soon recovered tho he remained very quiet. & went to bed without his usual Sunday night's lunch.

Monday 19- Austin went off on his business. the rest of us cleaned house. Wilfred whitened my room. the sitting room & most of his room. my room partly painted & cleaned sitting room cleaned carpet put down. Mr Grandprey & another man called to sell a sulky plow. we already had one.

Tuesday 20- was very tired last night & this morning. & have done little to day except regulate my room. our folks have cleaned up ^{burned} leaves & brush about the groves. Mrs Edith Claphorn is here to night. came over from Mr Durns. & as it rained after she came, stayed over night. Rain again this evening. & we are glad to have rain. the ground was getting very dry.

Wednesday 21- window frames, & casings rather. painted in my room. the hall up stairs & Wilfred's room. chairs & slop pails etc. Rain threatened & only part of the work was done. churning. men sawed & chopped wood. W. took Edith

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C. to Mr Dennis this morning. But few of our apple trees are blossoming & we shall have but little fruit this year, according to present appearance.

Thursday 22 - W. finished painting up stairs. went to the station this afternoon. A. wrote to Col. Drum. A. wrote to Mr. Box of prints to Herbert from R. March & April Century. from Col. D. colored working & done. It being Ascension day. our German man Sunday. he went away & has not returned. Our folks found the Yearly anner colt dead in the pasture.

Friday 23 - Letter from R. & postal from Willy. Austin went at this afternoon on his town, or observing business. Wilfred took a load of wheat to the station. Price 80

Saturday 24 - Little Herbert's fifth birth day. weather gloomy as it has been for several days. A. went out this afternoon on his business. Eb. Luff who is stopping at H. Dennis helped saw & chop wood this afternoon. made over & put up window curtains in north east chamber. Mr. Broughton & Mr. Warner called at the barn to see about buying horses.

Sunday 25 - Wilfred & Ada went to church. union services at the Methodist church. Ida has gone home since dinner. A miserable, muggy, sombre day. Heave read, & rested. & written part of a letter to R.

Monday 26 - Austin went to Waraca. washing done, & (milk) soup freshly made. W. & man worked in garden & burned brush in the pasture or somewhere up south. Finished making custome tidy.

Tuesday 27 - Went to Waraca first time since November

Wednesday 28 - Got to Waraca yesterday about noon. Took dinner at Mr. Heanek's went shopping in the afternoon. This morning (we stay at Mr. H's.) called at Mr. Clements. & went with Mrs. H. to the creamery. After dinner rested a while, when A. took Mrs. H. & me up town where we did a little

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more shopping. called at Mr. Prestons & took Mrs. H. home. & started home at five. roads a little smoother than yesterday. Got home before dark. Preparations going on at Waraca for decoration day.

Thursday 29 - A. went to Amatorna. brought home ^{walk of} #18 wire for fence. Wilfred went to station with wheat price 78 cts. Letter from R. soap making finished. & a little stocking yarn colored.

Friday 30 - Decoration day. Wilfred, Ada, & Herbert went to Waraca to attend memorial service. Good weather & there was a crowd. A. Mr. Warner came to day & bought a span of horses. or is to come for them on Monday next. made a new cover for the lounge in my room. Austin helped Ida put down dining carpet.

Saturday 31 - wrote to R. & postal to Willy. A. went to Waraca this afternoon. Wilfred put a molding round the corn cupboard & painted it. covered a chair with furniture. calico. Hulled corn to day. Wilfred took Ida part way home, she is to go to church tomorrow.

Sunday
June 1st

A very gloomy day. The family staid at home. Maps went off, & Ida went last night. came back before dark tonight.

Monday 2 - A. away again to day. brought home cabbage plants. Mr. Warner came & took away the Maggie & Jerry horses. They were sold for \$30. Man went away yesterday & has not returned.

Washing & churning done. Not much sun shine. but no rain.

Tuesday 3 - A. went to Waraca. took Gordon's trunk. Postal to Gordon. Two agent here to day. to sell ²⁰ side grinders. W. & man made wire fence up in the woods. covered little rocking chair, & box for stools & seats. & Last night put the milk in cans first time this year.

Wednesday 4 - Wilfred went to Amatorna took Herbert. Stiles Stoughton came home with him. we bought two or three pairs of spectacles of a traveling oculist. Postal from Willy & paper from Mrs. Steep.

Thursday 5. E. Suttiff & Wilfred sheared the sheep, 29.
Bed quilts & blankets &c. washed. Rebound work
blankets, & made scrap book - men called for the
cream for first time.

Friday 6 - Austin & W. went to Waseca for flour & feed &c.
brought home a bedstead. Stiles & D. went with
them.

Saturday 7. Austin went away again took Stiles with him.
Wilfred made a bundle bed for Herbert.

Sunday 8. first at night - Mr & Mrs Case, Ella C. & Mrs Fisk & two
children, came. A storm threatened but has passed by.
W. Ada, Herbert & the company except Mr Case
& the two children. went to church. It was "children
day" & Herbert & one or two other children were
baptized. We had a shower this forenoon.

Monday 9. Company went home in the forenoon, colts brought
home from Mr Dumas pasture. Wire fence finished in
the woods. A. fixed new bedstead for springs.

Tuesday 10. A. & Stiles went assessing again. Letter to Dr. & Papa
Mr Alden & R. Middelough due to dinner, washing
done, creamery man called for last cream, owing
to scarcity of water &c. we are not to care cans for
the milk. but set milk in pans & make what
butter we can.

Wednesday 11. A. went to Waseca. brought Hannah H. home.
W. worked in the garden. Another colt hurt
on the wire fence not so badly as the one hurt
a week ago. men plowing corn. Did a little
baking & a little mending & a little pesting
in scrap book & looked after things a little.

Thursday 12. A. went to the office. Letter from Col. Drum &
picture of their present home. Letter & telegram
from sister R. in Detroit Mich. Letter from Sister
to Ada & me. we look for R. tomorrow or next day.
Stiles drove Hannah to her school. Ada & Herbert
went with them & called at G. Daniels, W. made
over a bedstead for little bedroom upstairs. Have
been busy about many things. made over a straw tick
Friday 13. A. went to Waseca, has nearly finished assessing.

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Wilfred is to go to the station to night, after sister R.
& Simon. R. Middelough came in to night, & waited
for A. to come home, A hard wind during last
night. An apple tree was broken off & part of a
large cottonwood fell.

Saturday 14. Wilfred went in the night (last night) to the
station to meet sister R. & Simon. But they
were not there. a mistake had been
made by the telegraph operator. They came
this afternoon on the 1 o'clock train, & got here
with A. before 3. R. Middelough & children
came late in the after^{noon} to take home a colt
& some sheep A. & W. sold him in a horse
trade. Letter from Willy.

Sunday 15. Wilfred, Ada, Simon, ^{Stiles} & Herbert, went to
church.

Monday 16. Austin went to Waseca & brought home a load of
lumber for a road bridge. Simon & Stiles went with
him. washing done, visited most of the day with R.

Tuesday 17. Wilfred, Simon & Stiles went to Waseca.
made & put up lambrequins ^{to the upper} in sitting
room. churning & part of ironing done.

Wednesday 18. Austin took sister R. & Simon to Waseca to take
the train for Omaha & from there they are to go on
to Sidney Neb. to stay till the R.R. leaves for Wash-
ter, & then return here to stay the rest of the
summer. A. came home by the way of the stati-
on. Letter from Gordon. Book from H. to Herbert.
The boys caught fish enough yesterday for
breakfast this morning.

Thursday 19. Austin's 67th birth day, we are indeed growing old.
A. went to Amoska. took Stiles home. Mr Deak &
Miss Betts have died since we last heard from
A. & Mrs Aiken was buried to day, Wilfred &
men, with a Mr Reynolds to help. finished
building a bridge on the road, east of the house.
a letter to Maggie Simpson, finished my summer
bonnet. colored & washing done.

Friday 20. We have had a good rain, Wilfred went to

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the station for Willy, Emma & Julia.

Saturday 21. Austin & the boys, W. & W., went to Waseca, brought home a few fish from the lake. We had a hard thunder shower this afternoon. The remains of a cottonwood tree by the barn yard which was broken the other day in the wind, fell part of it in the wind to day, & the rest just at night.

Sunday 22. No one went to church, went with Austin, Edy, Emma, Julia & Herbert up into the pasture where we came back, drove down past Mr. Dunns, the clouds all the time looking like rain, but it passed off with only a slight rain. Had green peas for dinner.

Monday 23. A. went to W. on town business. ^{Ady & Herbert} W. took ^{Willy} & family to the station, washing done. A storm threatened, & hard rain at W. & north of us, but very little rain here, very warm. Letter & postal ^{the postal from R.} from Simon, the latter from near Omaha, the former from Sidney.

Tuesday 24. A good deal of thunder but not much rain. Austin & Wilfred have worked at assessing papers most of the day. Did part of the ironing, churning done & the rest of ironing this afternoon very warm, about 84, cooler this evening. Ida's sister here.

Wednesday 25. The 14th Col. Drums' Reg. were to leave Ft. Dodge, for Washington Ter, Wilfred went to Clinton to day & brought Mrs. Fisk & her two children home with him. A. working at his assessing papers, man plowing, or cultivating corn in these days.

Thursday 26. Helped Ida do a small washing & ironing. Ada, Mrs. Fisk & the children drove over to the station. Letters from R., Willy, & Gordon & one from Gust to Ada, paper from R.

Friday 27. Good weather, A. & W. continue to work at the assessing papers & men in the corn, children have played out most of the time, hammered up in strings of sleigh bells. They are to go ^{corn} tomorrow.

Saturday 28. Wilfred & Ada took Mrs. Fisk to Waseca to take

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the train for Waseca met sister R. & Simon who came back with them. A. with Simon over to W. this afternoon to get the trunks.

Sunday 29. Austin & Simon came home last night at ten, or a little after. No one went to church. Had green peas & strawberry shortcake for dinner.

Monday 30. Austin & Simon went to Waseca. Took the wood a hard shower & some wind. Letters to Gordon & Willy.

Tuesday July 1st. Raymond & Mrs. Stoughten came this afternoon. Ed. Suttiff worked in the corn. Half a day.

Wednesday 2. Mr. Cheney called. took dinner with us. Dr. Young came over to see one of H. Drums' children. called here to see the stock.

Thursday 3. Mr. & Mrs. Stoughten went home this forenoon. Mr. Cere & a Mr. Frank Adams came after a cone. stand to dinner. Austin, Wilfred & Simon have gone to Waseca to hear Colfax this evening. Ida has gone home for the 4th.

Friday 4. All went to Maplewood Park to hear Colfax deliver an oration. Arrived on our way home & we had a hard shower after we got home.

Saturday 5. Heard to day that George Dunns came blue down yesterday. Austin went to Waseca to mill. Simon went with him, picked the first ripe currents for tea. Ida came home this forenoon the man stood at home while we were gone yesterday. went to his 4th. after we came home & has not come back.

Sunday 6. Went with W., A., & R. & Herbert to church. Communion day. & the house was full. Jane Daniels & two others united with the church on profession & Mr. & Mrs. Danoe by letter. Annie & Julia Hawkes were baptized & George Woods two children.

Monday 7. Cloudy this forenoon & sprinkled now & then, but cleared up. & Ida dried her clothes. Wilfred & Simon went over to John Scholly's garden to get a stray calf. I picked two quarts raspberries. The

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white Durham has been ailing for a day or two owing probably to want of exercise. Having been kept up in the stable all the spring.

Tuesday 8 A cloudy day. W, A, & Herbert went to Clinton to Mr Capes, to come home tomorrow. A mowed the grass in the road yesterday.

Wednesday 9. Camp meeting begins to day at Maplewood Park & the democratic convention at Chicago.

Austin went to station to get a barrel of sugar granulated sugar. cost, \$26.62. 336 lbs. W & A came home from Avalonne at noon. Simon & Herbert went to the station with A. Letter from Willy. Ida did an extra washing. Hannah came to see her. Ada picked 2 quarts berries. Haying begun. Green peas & new potatoes in the days.

Thursday 10. A fine haying day. mowing & raking hay. Simon went hunting. Killed two of three birds. Ada picked two quarts berries.

Friday 11. A. went to station to get the mow. mended. took Herbert, & staid through a rain. Letter from Gordon. several quarts berries picked notwithstanding the rain. Have not been feeling quite well yesterday & to day. Grass mowed around the house.

Saturday 12. Fine or six quarts berries picked, & 16 quarts currants with stems on. Canned three quarts berries. Austin & Simon went to Maraca. R. called at H. Drums.

Sunday 13. Wilfred, Ada & Herbert early this morning to Mr Cars to see Mr Fisk. W. went to church in Avalonne. They came home this evening. Dr, Mrs Ware & Evelyn came to day where we were eating dinner. went home before six. Cool fine sweeten.

Monday 14. Another rainy & cloudy Monday. A. mowed this afternoon. 3 quarts & more berries picked. The Harvester made ready for work.

Tuesday 15. The afternoon has been pleasant. five loads of hay drawn into the barn. Six or seven quarts berries picked. Put up two cans berries & currants mixed. Ada made

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Wednesday 16 Pleasant day, till late this afternoon. sprinkling a little & looking like rain to night. Wilfred has had a lame & stiff neck most of the day. Rheumatism probably. has been unable to get up or down with out pain. seems a little better this evening. is to take some quinine pills. several loads of hay put in this forenoon. Simon walked to the station & back. Letter from Col. Drum^{to 18} from Vancouver. Raspberry jam made.

Thursday 17. Rained this morning. Afternoon clear & pleasant. Wilfred's rheumatism much better. He & his father put a small window into the harness room in the barn. Four or five quarts berries picked.

Friday 18. Wilfred & Simon went to Avalonne. brought home a new saddle. A. & men put up hay a good day. a letter to Willy & postal to N.

Saturday 19. Haying & barley cutting. Thereafter acted badly & this afternoon Austin & Simon went to Warren to get it mended, or something about it. Have not been feeling well this afternoon. Ida has gone home to go to church tomorrow.

Sunday 20. Letter from Willy, home from Gordon yesterday or day before. Last of the currants picked, a can of berries put up yesterday. A & S. got home a little before eleven last night. Am feeling better to day. some headache. A quiet day of rest. no service in Congl. church. Mr. & Mrs Chanay away for a month. mail by Fred.

Monday 21. A heavy storm of wind & rain. corn laid nearly flat. But it may come up again. several loads of hay secured in stack & barn. Last of the barley put up. washing dried before the rain. Thunder at intervals all day.

Tuesday 22. Hay stacking & mowing. tho the weather has been too hot this afternoon to work much.

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Wednesday 23. Haying continued. Sent letters to Nancy & Gertie. Received postal from Chicago about fringe sent for Lambrequin. Not so hot to day as yesterday, & last night. Simon shot two prairie chickens.

Thursday 24. A letter to Gordon & postal to Willy. Had a severe pain in stomach early this afternoon & vomited. A thunderstorm ^{afternoon} that stopped the haying for to day.

Friday 25. Austin & Simon went to Mesaca. To get feed & a trough to water cattle in. Wilfred & man stacked hay.

Saturday 26. Austin, Karin & Simon & I, went to Mesaca after dinner called at Mr. Hawkins & did a little shopping. Mr. Hawkins went about town with us looking at town lots for sale. came home before dark.

Sunday 27. Ida went home before dinner. W. A. Simon & Herbert went to the Plummer school house. to hear Mr. Jennings. but he had sent word that he could not be there. Two tramps asked for breakfast this morning ^{city} got

Monday 28. A. began to cut oats. Haying continued washing down & dried. Simon went over to a slough beyond Longueville shooting. Killed two ducks but couldn't get them. brought home a few small birds. H. Drum went to Amatorna.

Tuesday 29. Wilfred & Fred took a load of barley to John Scholljegerdis to get it threshed. A. cutting oats. Simon rode the mare Polly, to the station. Two letters for R. Herbert was stung on his heel by a bumble bee, which was quite exciting to him. Ada has done some trucking for R. Finished a pair of pillow cases. Ida's sister here this afternoon.

Wednesday 30. A brisk shower a little afternoon. Austin got quite a severe frock in his arm from a pitchfork. Put a mixture of flour & salt to stop the flow of blood. & afterwards, beet leaves to take out the soreness. Drum girls came in. Roast chickens for dinner & lemon pie.

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Thursday 31. Austin, R. Simon & I went to Amatorna, called at Mr. Burketts. took dinner at Mr. Houghtens & tea at Mrs. Dean. called to see Miss Bens. Dr. Dean has gone to western New York. came home by the station. Letter from Col. D. to R. & a package from N. Y.

Friday August 1st. Took cold yesterday & have not been feeling very well. Men have stacked barley & showed.

Saturday 2. Has rained & been cloudy a good part of the day & there has been a good deal of thunder. cooler this evening & a prospect of a quiet night. my throat has troubled me a good deal, & I have felt rather poorly. had sick head ache during last night.

Sunday 3. J. A. & Herbert went to the Plummer school house a Baptist preacher. a Mr. Folbot. Simon went after the mail. Letter from R. & one from Alice. High to R. Have felt better to day, cold more in my head.

Monday 4. Austin & Simon went to Mesaca ^{this} afternoon. brought some cough medicine for Herbert (who also has a cold) & I. Several loads of hay put into the barn. The white clothes washed. Have coughed a good deal. but my cold seems no worse to night.

Tuesday 5. Hay all drawn in, that is cut. The new kind of oats being cut. & winding around & stopping the reaper & delaying the work. A man stopped to inquire for work. An Englishman. Took dinner with us. Colored clothes washed. Finished pillow cases for back chamber. Have coughed a good deal.

Wednesday 6. A. began cutting wheat. a good day. Simon went to the office. Letter from Col. D. to R. Looked over old letters.

Thursday 7. Wheat cutting continued. a good day for harvesting. The mail brought by H. Drum's family. Papers. Letter for Simon. Have coughed a good deal again today.

Friday 8. Wilfred, Ada & Herbert went to Mesaca. To get twine for binding. Good weather continues.

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Saturday 9. Grain all sent & still good weather. Simon went to the station. goes on horseback. rides the heavy man. Letter from Gordon. postal from Willy. Letter to R. from Col. D. & one from sister Julia. Col. Dunn has been appointed Inspector of Sports on Gen. Miles staff.

Sunday 10. It rained early & prevented any church going. Ida went home as usual after dinner.

Monday 11. A big stack of oats put up. washing done.

Tuesday 12. Allie & Charley Hawks came over & hunted prairie chickens with Simon. S. shot three before they came & four were shot after. Another stack of oats to day. R. received a telegram from Springfield O. Effie Rhone had a niece of Col. Dunn's, very sick - wrote to Willie & sister R. Ida has been sick all day, is better to night. Letter from Gordon.

Wednesday 13. The last of the oats stacked making three large stacks, & a little more. Fine weather.

Thursday 14. Mr & Mrs Hawkes & the two little girls came & spent the day. Fred threshed all day for Mr Dunn. Simon went to Kansas. A. took him to the station this morning.

Friday 15. A wheat stack made & another begun. our German neighbor Renter has finished his stacking.

Saturday 16. The stacking was stopped this afternoon in the middle of a wheat stack by rain, & it is now at bed time raining slowly.

Sunday 17. Rained nearly all night & till well into the forenoon. a quiet gentle rain. Ed Duttiff went to Kansas after Dr. Young for H. Dunn's youngest child. Letter to R. from Col. D. & from Simon in Wasioja.

Monday 18. Cloudy in the morning but a bright afternoon. A. plowed. W. & Fred set out over the wheat & shocks that were wet, & Fred mowed some

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Tuesday 19. Wilfred went to the station on horseback. Letter from Gurtie Bailey & note in letter from Gordon to Wilfred. Letter from Col. D. & from Springfield to R. A long hard rain from before daylight till nearly noon. we put barrels of water in the cistern. Looks like rain again to night. no prospect of stacking being resumed for two or three days. Mr. Lillie, a farmer called to see the stock.

Wednesday 20. W. A. & Herbert went to the station to attend the funeral of a little child of a Mr Wright. A letter from Wasioja from Simon to his mother & another from Col. D. Wheat still too wet to stack Austin plowed.

Thursday 21. A. went to Wasioja this morning & brought Allie & Charley Hawkes back to help finish the stacking which it is hoped will be done by noon to morrow. we look for Willy & Emma tomorrow with Simon.

Friday 22. A. went to the station & found Emma, Julia & Simon. Willy could not come till next week. The stacking finished a little before noon. Hannah Hawkes drove over after the boys.

Saturday 23. Austin ^{Wilfred} went to Co. & brought Mr & Mrs Coy home with them. Wilfred went to the dentist & had half a dozen teeth taken out.

Sunday 24. A rainy, cold, dismal day. from early morning till late bed time. not a pleasant minute to go out of doors.

Monday 25. Mr & Mrs McCoy went home for to Austin early this morning. Wilfred & Simon went to Quorum fishing. brought home 6 fish. a bright afternoon.

Tuesday 26. Plowing & haying. Wilfred took cold in his teeth yesterday & was obliged to keep his room.

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part of the day Simon went to the station brought letters for the family, one from Billy. Mrs. Broughton came & bought three sheep 8½ cts a lb.

Wednesday 27. men busy haying, wrote to Mrs. Hawkes & Willy. Simon went to the office, first shot four prairie chickens. Evening finished

Thursday 28. went over to Mr. Hawkes. Austin R. Simon & I. called at Mr. Clements gate after we started home, saw Mr. C. Mr. Parker & Willy & Mary. Didn't get home till after dark.

Friday 29. Allie & Charlie Hawkes came over early this morning with a chicken dog. to get chicken hunting with Simon. Mrs. & Mr. Couse before noon. went home before five. Have not been feeling well this afternoon. have taken a dose of Squibbs mixture.

Saturday 30. W. A. Emma & Julia & Herbert went to Waseca to Mr. Hawkes. & brought Willy home. He had come in on the train. Have been in bed all day with bowel trouble.

Sunday 31. A very pleasant day. Have felt better than I did yesterday. have set up part of the day. H. Drum & wife called this afternoon.

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September 3. Willy. Emma & Julia went home Monday morning. Austin took them to the station. R. & Herbert going along. Tuesday yesterday, A. went to O. to see the Doc. brought some medicine for me. This morning he went to Anstonna again on his way to Geneva. Mr. McCoy to go with him. Fred & Wilfred & Simon went to Waseca Monday afternoon. Fred going with them. Simon has been to the office this afternoon. Letter from Gordon. postall from Willy. Letters to R. W. & Fred stacking hay this afternoon.

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this forenoon W. & D. went out after chickens. W. shot three with Simons gun. Have been feeling better than for several days. Mrs. Peter Daniels called this morning.

Thursday 4. Haying finished. Simon rode to station this evening. Postal from Gordon. telling us to expect them tomorrow.

Friday 5. Wilfred went to Waseca to get Gordon & Hortense from Minneapolis. Austin came home from Geneva.

Saturday 6. Wilfred. Gordon & Simon have gone down to the school house to a school meeting. G. & D. went to the woods this afternoon & picked up plum. we put up several cans of tomatoes. made two bottles catsup.

Sunday 7. A pleasant afternoon the morning this morning & a little sprinkle. R. & D. are to leave tomorrow. sister Roxie for Vancouver Oregon & Simon for his school in Sing Sing. N. Y. Letter from Willy.

Monday 8. This morning early. Wilfred. Gordon & Simon went very black to Anstonna Dixon to go on east on the noon train. Gordon to attend the state fair. W. came home before night. Austin took sister Roxie to Waseca to take the afternoon train to Minneapolis. A. also got home a little before dark. marking done.

Tuesday 9. Cloudy all day. in am. snowed. A. & W. wakes around the barn.

Wednesday 10. Anniversary of Gordons marriage. Wilfred took his father to the station to go to O. on the forenoon train. windy & stormy during the forepart of last night a good deal of rain fell. No rain to day, & to night. clear & not cold enough for frost. 5½° above 0. Hortense is making a polonaise for me. black bunting.

Thursday 11. W. A. & Herbert went to the state fair at O. Def. came back to night with his father. Fred & the man, went to the fair yesterday. snowed to day.

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Friday 12 A good day, no frost yet. Plowing going on & to day the beans pulled up & stacked. Hortense finished my polonaise. Picked up a pair of nice plums. Ida's sister came this afternoon, circus at Owatonna - men here this morning talking about finding a vein of water & digging wells.

Saturday 13 Seed & sweet corn saved, onions traced up & put in the cellar & washing done. Austin & Hortense went to the station to night after Gordon from the fair. Letter from sister Roxie in Minneapolis. She was to start from there on her journey west on Thursday last.

Sunday 14 Cloudy & this afternoon, rainy. a hard shower now & then. Ida went home this morning came back in the rain. Mr. Benton carried her home, her father brought her back.

Monday 15 Wilfred went to O. & brought Mr. & Mrs. McCoy home a very windy day.

Tuesday 16 Austin & Mr. & Mrs. M. went to J. Root's south of Wilton. Wilfred & man dug potatoes. we put up a little stone in the sitting room.

Wednesday 17 Austin, Mr. M. Gordon & Hortense went to Waseca after dinner. came back before dark. brought a box sent by express from Minneapolis, China cups & saucers to Austin & M., & a nice crust turn. Potatoe digging continued. my dress finished yet.

Thursday 18 Jim Root & daughter came to see the McKays. A. & Mr. M. went to the station ^{part at night}. Letter from Mrs. Stevens, & Mrs. Christy. Gordon went to Waseca.

Friday 19 A pleasant day, washing done. Mr. M. & A. went let Mr. Dunks this forenoon. Potatoe digging still going on.

Saturday 20 Wilfred went to Worthing this morning. took Mr. & Mrs. McCoy to Owatonna. Austin went a little later to Waseca. took Hortense who with Gordon went on the afternoon train to Minneapolis. S. had been in W. since Thursday selling ^{Asperin, Plump} burners.

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morning done, & a general sweeping & picking up & regulating.

Sunday 21 A very quiet & a very pleasant day. no one about the house. Aunt Austin & myself, man & Ida, both gone through the day & Ida has not come back yet. The weather is warm. about 76°, & no wind.

Monday 22 Potatoe digging finished. about 150 bushels, washing done & part of the ironing. Ida went home to night to help her mother a little with thursting. wrote to Mrs. Christy.

Tuesday 23 Very dark & cloudy all the afternoon & before dark a brisk shower & it is steadily raining this evening. no wind. Ironing finished. Ida came home about eight this morning.

Friday 26 Have been sick with bowel trouble since Wednesday night. ^{Wednesday & Thursday} ^{staid all night} then came up Thursday. much better. We came home Wednesday leaving Ada, at Mr. Ceeser's, but went back after her next morning. The mill at Meriden burned last Saturday night. There is quite sharp lightning this evening & heavy thunder.

Saturday 27 Austin went to Waseca. Letter to R. & postal to Mr. McCoy. Letter from Charley Dailey. Gordon - Simon & R. within the last few days. A. called to see Deacon Wood who has been sick several weeks.

Sunday 28 A quiet day. A. drove to the post office in afternoon. Papers, & postals from Gordon & Willy.

Monday 29 We arrived here on our farm from N. York. 28 years ago to day. Austin went to Waseca after dinner to day. Fred, the man, went at noon to thrash for Mr. Reuter. Postal to Ada.

Tuesday 30 - Man thrashed for Reuter. says they thrashed eight hundred bushels of wheat to day. Grass seed harvested in the pasture. A. went to Baker & Middaugh's.

Wednesday October 1st A rainy, miserable day. Have sewed a little, but have not been feeling very well all day.

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- Thursday 2 - A pleasant day. Austin went to station, a letter from R. at Fort Spokane. Postal from Gordon. A letter to W. Fred went this afternoon to thresh for Reuter.
- Friday 3 - Fred threshed for Reuter this forenoon. A. & W. threshed & cleaned up 2½ bushels beans. A warm day, mercury about 80°, both yesterday & today.
- Saturday 4 - wrote to Simpson & Charley Daily.
- Sunday 5 - Austin, Wilfred & Herbert went to church. Mr. Lake, Mrs. Gorick's Claphorn's father, died last Wednesday, & was buried on Friday about 86 years old. Sent the letters written yesterday & postals to Willy, & Gordon.
- Monday 6 - A. went to Wasco a little before noon. A thunder shown late this afternoon. A wheat stack, one or more on the Schollygerdis place burned by lightning. A letter to Gordon. washing done.
- Tuesday 7 - A rainy, drizzly afternoon, & cooler weather. Fred came back at bed time last night after being gone since Sunday morning. Have sewed steadily. repairing brown washed dress.
- Wednesday 8 - Pleasant all day. Gathered ^{corn} for a bed. The men here husked corn & brought with winter squashes. pulled beets &c. Wilfred hunted up the calves which had strayed away.
- Thursday 9 - men threshed for Mr. Dunn this afternoon, some run rather early. A small hog killed. A. went to station. A letter to Mrs. Humphrey & postals to Mrs. Stevens & Julia Pinton.
- Friday 10 - Wilfred threshed or worked in threshing for Mr. Dunn this forenoon. & Fred all day. A. went to an auction at George White. A. went in the afternoon. Kate worked at husks again for the bed, & mended various garments. Keeping busy all day. we look for Gordon & Hortense tomorrow. Ida's sister here this afternoon.

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- Saturday 11 - A. went to Wasco to bring Gordon & Hortense who came from Minneapolis on the morning train. Gordon is to teach the school this winter in the district next east of us, & the teacher at J. Dunn.
- Sunday 12 - Wilfred & Gordon & Herbert went to church. A very pleasant warm quiet day. Ida went home in the forenoon, man went away as usual. Great flock of black birds came suddenly about the house twittering & making plenty of blackbird music. as it was communion in our church, more of us would have gone to day, but for rough roads.
- Monday 13 - Put off the potatoes put in the cellar. A. W. & G. husked a load or two of corn. Fred threshed this forenoon & till 2 o'clock for Mr. Dunn. Pleasant all day, washing done.
- Tuesday 14 - A. went to Wasco this afternoon to get fence wire. Wilfred & man worked on the road in the forenoon. a load of corn husked this afternoon. Letter from R. & postal from Willy.
- Wednesday 15 - corn husking. clear still & warm, very fine weather 70° at 6 o'clock this evening. women came in this morning to buy some wool. ironing finished & a good deal of mending done. men put up a little wire fence this morning.
- Thursday 16 - 12th anniversary of Willy's marriage. weather continues pleasant. expect a threshing machine here tomorrow evening. corn husking. Wilfred went this morning to engage men to work in threshing. Gordon went to the station with Mr. Dunn. a letter from Emma. news of the Ohio election, Republican majority said to be 21,000. Letter to Willy.
- Friday 17 - Wilfred helped Andy Dunn thresh & the machine is here to night. Austin & Gordon went to Wasco, came home a little afternoon.
- Saturday 18 - A good day for the threshing, only the wind has blown too hard. The wheat is threshed, 900 bushels

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16 men to dinner: & 12 for supper.

Sunday 19 Too windy to go to church. men all went away. Rest night.

Monday 20. Just at night. Threshing finished before two o'clock this afternoon & the men & machine went to H. Drums, but it began to rain & they can do nothing to night. I believe there were 942 bushels of oats. we rejoice that the work was done, before the rain. But are sorry for our neighbors -

Tuesday 21. Austin & Hortense went to Warsaw. Rained this forenoon & threshing could not go on at Mr Drums. Two of the men slept here last night. Letter from Mrs. Leach. White clothes washed but not dried. new corn taken to grind.

Wednesday 22. Wilfred & man worked at threshing for Mr Drums. A frost or freeze last night. The first frost of any consequence. a cold north wind all day. Austin has a sneezing cold, taken yesterday going to town. colored & washing done.

Thursday 23. Ice this morning in a water barrel. Three quarters of an inch. Wilfred & man went to H. Drums this morning for an hour or two, to help them finish threshing. J. Dunn sold a load of wheat at the station Price, 59 cts a bushel. Letter from Willy. Wilfred took a load of stone wood to John Duns. Some corn husking & some stove moving. Stoves all in their places for the winter. a time of colds in the family. I have a sore throat & fear a long coughing time, if nothing worse. Austin has stayed in the house with his cold & in bed through the forenoon, is better to night.

Saturday 25. corn husking. made a new cushion for Austin's chair yesterday & to day. wrote postals to Mrs. Humphrey & Willy. no chance to send them to the office. my throat was very sore through the night but much better to day. Austin's cold also better.

Sunday 26. Rained through most of last night & this forenoon. W. & G. would have gone to Ametonne to church &

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Monday 27

to see Raymond Stoughton. but for the rain. Austin went to Warsaw. wore buffalo coat first time this Fall. corn husking continued. washing done. Hortense is making a jacket for Ada out of an old cloth cloak. Letter to Willy. Postal to Mrs. Humphrey & "Framly Parsonage" to Mrs. Leach.

Tuesday 28

corn husking this forenoon by all the men. Gordon plowed this afternoon, having a lame hand caused by husking corn. a little rain this evening. Have been busy knitting mending &c. used meal made from new corn. for supper, mush & milk.

Wednesday 29

Gordon plowed again & the others husked. Austin helping part of the day. Hortense finished Ada's jacket. Letter from Willy & paper from Ed. Dailey. Letters for H. I have coughed all day at short intervals.

Thursday 30

Plowing & corn husking. a good. but cloudy day. Finished a pair of red stockings for Herbert made over a bed tick. & with Hortense's help. picked over & prepared a basket of husks for the husk bed. Letter from R. with the news of the death of Mrs. Neal, of Ironton. my cold has seemed better. have not coughed much. since yesterday. took a dose of Arnolds cough medicine, on going to bed last night.

Friday 31

Good weather again to day. out door work progressing. Ida has been cleaning window this afternoon. taking off the bars.

Saturday

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Austin went to Warsaw & into Bloominggrove came home late this evening by moonlight. no corn husking or plowing. The potatoes taken from the heaps & put into the cellar. Gordon went to the office just at dark.

Sunday 2

W. & A. went to church. Herbert having a cold did not go. Ida also went to a Swede meeting. Took a little ride just at night. first time since latter part of August.

Monday 3 John Dunn here to dinner, helped husk corn this afternoon. A. took him home with a load of wood. Forty chickens & more shut up to night to take to market tomorrow.

Tuesday 4 Election day. Austin & man went to Warsaw early this morning. Wilfred & Gordon went later with the big wagon, taking chickens to market. Gordon came home sometime before night. Fred later. A. & W. have not, (at 9 o'clock) come yet. I had a severe attack of pain in the stomach took among other remedies, Jamaica ginger. Letter to R. & postal to Willy.

Wednesday 5 Wilfred & Gordon went to Ovestonno. to see Raymond Stoughton & Gordon to get a certificate to teach school. The day has been mild & rather pleasant. Hortense finished fixing over my cloak. Have been getting ready to go to Waukegan.

Tuesday November 25 Went to Waukegan. Thursday the 6th as I had intended. Austin took me to the station & I went on the train. Willy met me at Dodge Center & I went home with him after a short call at Dr. Garveys. While at Waukegan the weather was most of the time pleasant & warm for the time of year. Emma & I rode out frequently, went to Monticello & took shorter rides out on the different roads running into or through W. went one day with Willy to D. C. to see to a car load of apples he had ordered. Monday the 17, Willy's 37th birth day. His father came after me. Thursday we went to Karroon & a mile beyond to visit the Heilmans, found Mr. H. at home. Mr. H. had that day gone to Chicago. we stayed all night & the next afternoon went back to W. Thursday the 20, went to D. C. & took dinner at Dr. Garveys. Friday came to Ovestonno & stayed over night at Dr. Lifans. Saturday morning early there was a slight fall of rain which froze as it fell, & before noon

when we started home. it was snowing quite fast but stopped after whitening the ground. That night & the next day was cold. (the coldest weather we have had). Corn husking was finished Friday the 14th. Ida went home Friday night the 7th to stay a few weeks. To day the washing has been done by an easy process, by pounding the clothes & doing the heavy, rough part. This afternoon he & his father have moved the cook stove out into the room farther to better warm the room & make working about the stove easier. The man is, & has been for some time drawing manure on to the land - at present out on to the back part of the farm - the old garden. Have spent most of the day mending on old coat. to do stable work in. A. brought me a letter to Waukegan from R. written the 8th. One from Helen Saturday the 22, day we got there.

Wednesday 26 mild weather. The men have been drawing ship dirt into the north field. Austin & W. went to George Whites. Old Mr. White fell Sunday morning & broke his leg. It is quite probable that he will never get up again.

Thursday 27 Thanksgiving day, & also my 62nd birth day. a little more snow fell last night. A. drove to Mr. Whites in the light sleigh. Gordon did not teach school.

Friday 28 Austin & Wilfred went to mill at Warsaw. Fred worked at getting out ship dirt. mild weather. Mr. Farmer came to see about buying hogs. was ready to give \$4 etc.

Saturday 29 Two hogs killed. Good weather.

Sunday 30 Wilfred, Ada, & Herbert went to church. went with the double buggy, not quite so warm enough for sleighing. Mr. Pease came in this evening. Letter from Austin Daisy. & Willy.

Monday December 1st Wilfred & Fred drew hay from the stacks into the barn. weather very mild.

Tuesday 2 Soap made & lard tried out. very mild weather again. W. & Fred chopped up in the woods this forenoon. Fred all day. Hortense here.

begun a cashmere bargain for me.

Wednesday 3. Took loads of wheat taken to the station, wife went this forenoon, his father this afternoon. Price of wheat - 53 cts. W. & Fred chopped wood again this afternoon, Fred, all day. Another warm day, wrote to Emma.

Thursday 4. Letter to Helen. A. took another load of wheat to the station, mild weather continues.

Friday 5. Fred, the hired man, went away this morning having finished his eight months work, A. & W. made a shed over the pump in the cattle yard, weather this afternoon very foggy.

Saturday 6. Letter from Willy, still foggy weather.

Sunday 7. A quiet restful day. Snow of three inches of snow fell during last night.

Monday 8. Austin & W. went to Waseca, brought home a barrel of Baldwin apples \$3.00. a barrel. spent the day lining an old coat - Portals to Willy & W.

Tuesday 9. Part of the upstairing done. Four loads of wood drawn, moderate weather. Finished repairing W's coat.

Wednesday 10. Colored washing done, more wood drawn, made a pair of Buckskin mittens for E. to do chores in.

Thursday 11. Wilfreds 41st birth day. W. & A. & Hubert - went to Waseca this afternoon. Hannah's Youngman came to bring some grain her mother had spun.

Friday 12. Wilfred came home last night after 11 o'clock leaving Ada & Hubert to stay at Mr. Hancock's a day or two. Letter from H. prefers from R. Dec. Century to W. from Simon.

Saturday 13. Wood drawing again. A. W. & G. went to Mr. Dunn this morning to help get his big mare Mammade out of a hole he had broken through his stall floor but they had got him up before our folks got there. Snow has been the air most of the day & this evening is falling more decidedly. A. went to Anton Schoelty this morning to get school money for G. H. Dunn & wife called at the store

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this evening to leave a Plymouth Rock rooster sent by St. White. Did a small churning.

Sunday 14. Wilfred went to church & brought Adat Kerbet home. A very pleasant day, a few inches of snow fell last night.

Monday 15. Wilfred went to Waseca to help Mr. Kenter take his hogs to market - Partly made a ^{bed} ~~comf~~ a cold day. sun does this morning.

Tuesday 16. Wilfred went to Waseca. 20° below 0. Hortense finished my bargain.

Wednesday 17. washing done & 8 chickens dressed. Mr. Tanner came from school with Gordon, to spend the night. chimney in the west end of the house burned out this evening & caused some excitement.

Thursday 18. We packed a little box with chickens to send to Helen. A very cold day, our thermometer being broken. we do not know how cold.

Friday 19. Wilfred went to Waseca to see about getting a stone to put in the cellar. Took a stone from W's room & put it in the cellar. Mr. Farmer from Ansonia came & bought eleven hogs. paid \$3.50 per hundred. Peter Daniels also called. & Mr. Bennett came to see about hogs. This evening. W. & G. took the stone from the guest chamber & put it in W's room. Hortense has been sick all day with tooth ache & head ache. mercury said to have been 31° below 0, yesterday, not so cold to day.

Saturday 20. Austin went to the station this afternoon, took the box of chickens, & sent it to Chicago by express \$1.42. weather much more mild. Two or three loads of wood drawn. Hortense better to day, but face much swollen.

Sunday 21. A quiet day, but somewhat stormy outside this afternoon. no sunshine. Woke went to the church, but read & rested.

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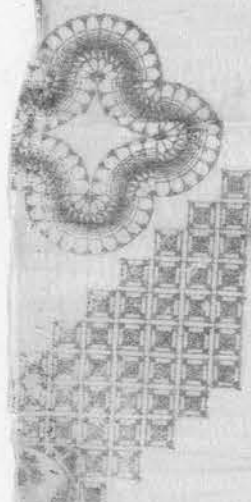
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- Monday 22 - Wilfred with Mr Reuter to help. took the fat hogs to the station, where they were to be sent on the cars to Chicago. The 11 hogs weighed thirty four hundred lbs. \$3.50 per hundred. Very cold weather. Andy Dunn came to the door to tell us of the death of Nelson Daniels. He died last night & is to be buried Wednesday. Postal from Helen.
- Tuesday 23 - Austin went over to the Nelson Daniels place to see about the funeral tomorrow. Cold winter weather. Henry Dunn has been in this evening. Hortense made a pair of leggings. Another small churning. Fred. came in yesterday & received the last of his summer's wages, \$100.
- Wednesday 24 - Austin, Wilfred & Gordon went to the funeral. Another very cold day.
- Thursday 25 - Christmas day. Wilfred went to the station brought home an express package from Chicago with presents from our friends here to A. & myself. W & A. & Herbert. Letter to Willy. Plants I all froze last night.
- Friday 26 - Washing done, seed corn put into a big box up stairs. corn shelled to take to mill. A windy day. snow drifted. W. thought of going to Manoj's today.
- Saturday 27 - Austin, Gordon & Hortense went to Waseca. H. to do a little shopping & have a tooth taken out. weather quite mild. clearing the windows of frost & ice, in rooms influenced by the fire. Letter to Helen.
- Sunday 28 - Austin went to the station for the mail. nothing from Willy for two weeks. a letter for Gordon. Letter to N.
- Monday 29 - Wilfred & Gordon drew hay from the stack in the north field into the barn. Austin went to Mr. Dunn's. This afternoon they all, A, W, & G. went to Waseca to attend the memorial services of H. B. Mosher at the Methodist church this evening. rode with Mr. Dunn. Hortense trimmed a hat for Julia Vinton.
- Tuesday 30 - Austin went to the station sent a hat to Julia & postal. Last evening was bright moonlight, to night this

- is a prospect of a blizzard.
- Wednesday 31st - The last day of the year & a very blustering winter night. Ahn folk! Killed two beavers & I have just carried one into the cellar. Tommy Dunn came to get medicine for a sick horse. E. Sutcliffe helped kill the beaver.
- Thursday January 1st - A very cold day, Austin & Wilfred went to Waseca to take one of the beaver killed yesterday. Mr & Mrs. Base came about noon. Had a cold ride & bad road. broken roads. Letter to N. & R.
- Friday 2 - The beavers were to have gone home this afternoon but stayed another day. hoping for milder weather. Mrs C. made candy this evening.
- Saturday 3 - A letter from Helen. nothing from Willy in the week. Mr & Mrs. Lane went home this forenoon. Roads somewhat drifted. but weather very mild. Austin & I cut up the beef in the cellar this evening.
- Sunday 4 - weather mild. Austin & Wilfred went to the office a letter from Emma & Julia. It was communion day. but roads too drifted, & too much wind any of us to go to church. but anxiety to hear from Waseca made our folks go to the office.
- Monday 5 - Gordon began school again: after nearly two weeks vacation. A thawing day. we took sheets of ice off the windows (all over the house) that were beginning to drift. Beef packed. & brine made & poured over it. hot.
- Tuesday 6 - The county commissioners met today in Waseca & Austin being one of them went over this morning. to be gone most of the week. Wilfred took his gun - came back early in the afternoon. mild weather continues. Last Friday said to be the coldest day for fifteen years. 44 below 0.
- Wednesday 7 - still moderate weather. white clothes washed. H. Dunn called this evening. Mr Robinson of Waseca died last Monday.
- Thursday 8 - cold washing. churning & some baking done. Thawing.
- Friday 9 - Wilfred & Ade went to the station. Herbert went to

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far as the school house & stopped & stayed with Gordon till they came back. Letters from Rosie & Willy. Two from W. to Wilfred. Letter to Gustie Daily. Book from her to Herbert.

Saturday 10 Wilfred went to Warens after his father. Letter to Helen & Emma. mild weather, rather windy.

Sunday 11 A rather windy & drifting day.

Monday 12 Snow melted for washing. the water in the sifter being quite hard. weather colder 22° below 0.

Tuesday 13 another washing done. 28° below 0 this morning. snowed a little this evening.

Wednesday 14 A. & W. drew hay from the stacks into the barn. 4° above 0 this morning.

Thursday 15 Austin went to the station. Hortense & Herbert went as far as the school house. Letter from Gustie, she also wrote to Herbert. Letter from Mr. Humphrey & from Martha to Herbert. Papers from R. wrote to Mrs. Leach. Did not send the letter. H. Drum called, was going to Warens to see the doctor for a Sutcliffe child. Heard of the death of Schuyler Colfax at Mankato.

W. went over to see Ida about coming back soon to stay with us another summer. Postal from Willy.

Friday 16 Wilfred intended to go to Ansonia but the weather seemed unfavorable in the morning & he did not go. Fixed a pair of mittens for W. Another little churning.

Saturday 17 Wilfred & Gordon drew hay to the barn in the forenoon. 22° below 0. Hortense busy sewing for Ada. W. fixed over a pair of boots, I have myself been busy mending.

Sunday 18 a quiet cold day. 24° below 0.

Monday 19 Austin went to the station. Sent Mrs. Leach's letter, posted to Willy, & papers to R. sister Mary Willy. Postal from W. & Kenting from R. 30° below 0 this morning. 15° below this afternoon. A. froze his face in coming from the station, & posted from Mr. Humphrey about clover seed.

Tuesday 20 Not so cold to day. An Irish peddler

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here to stay over night
Wednesday 21 29° below 0 this morning. as low as 14 to day. Finished a pair of red & brown stockings for Herbert. Beef tallow tried out. W. is intending to go to Ansonia tomorrow.

Thursday 22 The stormiest day of the winter. most of a blizzard of course Wilfred could not go to C. 20° below this morning. made Herbert a pair of mittens.

Friday 23 Mild weather. Austin & W. went to the station. Found the roads drifted. but went through, by going first of the way in the fields. snow melted & a washing done. wheat bumping 64 cts at the station. a young calf at the barn.

Saturday 24 The men have broken the road out towards Mrs. Dennis. tho the road goes through the fields. Have been busy about the house most of the day. sent peddling for dinner. Hortense did part of the work & finished a night gown for Ada. 2° below 0 to night.

Sunday 25 Another stormy or blizzardy day. Ada not well this afternoon.

Monday 26 A. was to have gone to Wilton to see about a bridge. but the road is too badly drifted. A postal from Willy. I sent by some one for the mail. H. Drum called. Churning done. about 16° below 0 this morning. Hands put to work in a box out of doors.

Tuesday 27 16° below to night. a little hay drawn from the stack. made a pair of buckskin gloves for Austin.

Wednesday 28 Wilfred went to Warens to mill. is to go to Ansonia tomorrow if weather is favorable. W. brought home 20 gallons of Petroleum 20 cts a gallon. 24° below 0 here this morning. The spirit thermometer in Warens, have registered 40° & 46° below 0 several times this month. Heard of the death of Mr. Spehman, formerly of Warens. Died 2nd Jan.

Thursday 29 A. went over & brought Ida back to stay through the

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spring & summer. Wilfred went to Ansonia, started a little afternoon, was to stay over night, 14° below this morning, & 12 or 14 above 0. No night. Ada not well, complaining of lame back, & rheumatic pains.

Friday 30.

Wilfred came home from Ansonia early in the evening. The day has been mild & pleasant. The white clothes washed. Ada has not been down stairs to day, still troubles with rheumatic pains.

Saturday 31.

Austin & Wilfred went to Ansonia. Drove Kate & Rob. & led Don, to drive back with Kate, W. having sold Rob. yesterday to a Mr Birch for \$125.7 mild weather, Ada feeling better, came down stairs to night.

Sunday
February 1st

A little child of George Whites was buried to day. Wilfred & his father went to the funeral. The Drums brought the mail. Letter from W. inclosing one from Iowa. Postal from Willy, Letter from Simon to W.

Monday 2

A warm day. The snow on the roof has melted & run off in streams. Ida has a barrel for washing tomorrow. & pruned prails full into the cistern. Mr & Mrs Stoughton came quite unexpectedly just at night. This I suppose is groundhog day. & the sun has shone all day. Mr & Mrs Stoughton went home soon after breakfast. A went to Waseca to get a load of feed ground. It has thawed all day. & is thawing still, at set bed time. Washing done.

Wednesday 4.

Two loads of hay drawn to the barn this forenoon. Home spent the day mending a dress. this evening made some additions to my rough books. Hortense stuffed & baked a beef heart. Thawed again to day, & snowed.

Thursday 5

More hay drawing. still moderate weather.

Friday 6

Austin went to Waseca to get a load of feed ground. & went to see about some county poor. Sent postals to W. & Willy. & paper to W.

Saturday 7

Wilfred, Gordon, & Hortense went to Ansonia

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to do some shopping. snowed a little most of the forenoon, but the afternoon has been pleasant. They came home a little after dark. Mr Bennett of Waseca took dinner time was out buying cattle. Made mince pie for Papa to Willy.

Sunday 8

A. went up to get the mail. Letter from Willy to his father. Simon's photograph to Wilfred.

Monday 9

Colder again, 17° below, to bright. & the wind blowing nearly a gale this afternoon & evening. Home written to K. No day. Hortense began a dress for Ada.

Tuesday 10

Austin went to Waseca with H. Drum as witness in a lawsuit for him. But a settlement was made between the parties, & there was no lawsuit. 30° below this morning.

Wednesday 11.

Wilfred began to break the colts. Bers & Belle. Gordon's school closed. This morning there were sundogs with the color of the rainbow. & a rainbow or something that looked like one, nearly overhead, in the form of a half circle. & other singular appearances. wrote to sister W.

Thursday 12

Austin went to Ansonia with Mr Drum. sent the letters to W. & K. 24° below, this morning. A young man killed yesterday in the Foundry at Ansonia. H. finished Ada's dress. Gordon made out his school report. Hannah Founfor came over this afternoon.

Friday 13

This morning Gordon took Wilfred to the station. to go to Waseca on the 11 o'clock train. He is to be gone a few days. Hortense is making Ada another dress, pinhead.

Saturday 14

Mild weather, 13° below 0. She gone home to go to church.

Sunday 15

This afternoon & evening has been very blizzardy. Ida did not come back, 15° below 0.

Monday 16

23° below, this morning. milder & bright this afternoon. Ida came back a little before noon.

Tuesday 17

Austin & Gordon went to the station this afternoon thinking perhaps Wilfred would be there. or his

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return from Warsaw but the train was four hours late they were told. They came home or went to see one of the school trustees but not finding him at home came on home. W. has not come, will probably come tomorrow or go on to Warsaw & come home with his father & Gordon, who are going there tomorrow. Mail this morning by the way of the Express. Letter from W. to Ada. In Stephens photograph to Austin. Part of the washing done, & churning. Ades gingham dress finished & a sargue ^{for her} newly made.

Wednesday 18 Austin & Gordon went to Warsaw this afternoon & Wilfred came home with them just at dark. Hortense finished Ades sargue.

Thursday 19 Hortense began a dress for herself. Gordon visited the school in this district.

Friday 20 milder weather. A stack of hay drawn into the barn.

Saturday 21 Austin went to Warsaw, G. Dunn rode with him. Gordon went to Antons Schoults; & to the post office. W. & I. each had a letter from Simon. Letter from Col. Dunn to A. W. finished her dress.

Sunday 22 Washington's birth day. Wilfred & Gordon went to church. The sleighing is now good & the road shorter than usual to Warsaw going straighter across country, cutting off corners. milder weather.

Monday 23 mild weather still. Men breaking colts again to day & cleaned up, or got ready a load of feed to take away to grind. Wrote to Simon. Hortense made a bonnet for Ada & fixed over ^{a hat} another. Gordon is copying some Henshaw family papers.

Tuesday 24 washing done. Wilfred took the load of feed to Wait Stoughtons, & got it ground. Hortense made a bonnet & trimmed a hat for me, very mild weather.

Wednesday 25 Austin, Gordon & Hortense went to Watoma to do a little shopping. Willy Cooper is very sick at Dr. Wares. His mother came on from N. York.

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Last Monday, it has thawed a good deal to day. Raymond Stoughton has been very poorly for months, but is better. Sent letters to G. & Edna. Kenneth Broughton here to day. Hung up the beef to dry.

Thursday 26 Wilfred, Ada & Herbert went over to the station above the colts. Bess & Belle, The Dec. Conting & paper from R. Letter to Ada from R. Still thawing. Letter to Mr Stevens from Austin. Letter to Julia Vinton. Hortense began a wrapper for me.

Friday 27 Another thawing day. W. A. & Herbert called at John Daniels. We took a load of wood to the widow Daniels this forenoon. A man or "waterwitch" came to see about digging a well. Mr Dunn & Johnny came with him. Gordon finished copying the Henshaw family papers.

Saturday 28 Austin & Gordon went to station. Letter to R. & paper to Willy. A very thawing day.

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Too cold to thaw much. Ida went home.

Monday 2

Washing day. Walter Dunn called & stayed to dinner. Mrs. G. Dunn tipped over a load of oats in the road in front of the house. Thawed again this afternoon. R. finished my wrapper. Wilfred & Gordon drew hay to the barn. A bad windy somewhat snowy day. Thawed most of the time a little. R. made over a cashmere skirt for me. Ironing done.

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Wednesday 4 Cleveland, was doubtless inaugurated to day & we now have a democratic President. Some snow fell last night. But it has thawed most of the day. W. & G. have been drawing out manure. Kate mended a coat for G. been busy doing various pieces of mending. Hearing a noise at the barn. A. & W. went down a few minutes ago, & found a horse loose. No harm done probably. A young calf at the barn last evening.

Thursday 5

Hortense made a good part of the afternoon. Austin made a black board for Herbert.

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Friday 6 Tommy Dunn brought the mail. Letter from Julia Dinton. Harper Weekly from Willy. The paper & letter from Wheatland to W.

Saturday 7 Thawing & pleasant.

Sunday 8 Has thawed enough to make the roads bad, & no one went to church. Ida walked home as usual.

Monday 9 A. went to the station. Letter from R. enclosing a short letter from R. & one to R. from Angie Currys daughter. Telling of her mother's death. Post & little package of buttons to Julie Dinton. The washing done. Thawing continues, freezes nights.

Tuesday 10 Town meeting day. Austin & Wilfred went to Waseca. A cold wind, but it thawed a little. Ironing done. Postal to Helen.

Wednesday 11 Another pleasant day. Mr. Clement to dinner. made some machinery trade.

Thursday 12 Wilfred & Gordon went to Waseca. took a load of old machinery. to Mr. Hawkes & Clement. & brought back a new harrow. a gloomy day. continues to thaw slowly. Hannah Broughton came in this forenoon. A. & W. made part of a new stable floor.

Friday 13 A. went to the station. Letter from Mark Cox. Letter to R. Have been making a floor mat out of old material, woolen fringe. Thawing slowly.

Saturday 14 A high wind all day. Thawed in forenoon. Have been knitting white Saxony yarn edging. H. finished her dress she has been making over.

Sunday 15 another windy day. & cold.

Monday 16 An eclipse of the sun. beginning about 11 o'clock & lasting about two hours. About five sixths of the sun obscured. It seems cold frost on the windows again tho not all over them. but mercury only a little below 0. Hortense has been packing up & packing their trunks. Gordon has his ready to send to W. tomorrow. They are to go East in about a week.

Tuesday 17 Austin went to Waseca this morning to stay the rest of the week. county commissioners met this week. & it is also court week. The roads

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are very bad. 24° above 0 to day, but it seems very cold. Wilfred took his father to W. & expected to bring home a new seeder, but they had not been sent to the agents.

Wednesday 18 George Collins came here this forenoon & is staying over night. Wilfred drove to the station this afternoon. no mail. Received the mail before he went over by way of the Drums. Letter from R. & postal from Willy. & H. Weekly. Hay drawn from stacks to the barn. Letter to Willy from Gordon.

Thursday 19 Wood cutting with the men. Collins, is staying a few days, & working for his board. colder to day than yesterday. Finished some woolen edging. I have been knitting for Hortense, churning & baking done.

Friday 20 It has snowed enough to make it seem like a winter day. The drifts still lie about the place & now they have a light covering of newly fallen snow.

Saturday 21 Wilfred went to Waseca after his father brought home a new seeder. took wheat to mill. Sent 14½ lbs butter to market. 17 cts a pound.

Sunday 22 Wilfred, Ada, & Herbert, went to the station. Letter from Helen. with block for crazy quilt. This is the last day of Gordon & Hortense stay with us. Tomorrow they go to Waseca to take the train for Minneapolis, where they will stay a day or two. Before starting for Minn. Ida went home as usual.

Monday 23 Wilfred took G. & W. to Waseca. started between twelve & one. W. got home before dark. Letter to Helen & postal to Willy.

Tuesday 24 Collins is to work here a half month. washing done & clothes dried out doors. A cold wind to day. snow goes off very slowly.

Wednesday 25 a pleasant day. snow has melted a good deal. fields are nearly bare. drifts slowly sinking away. There was a little runaway in the corn stalks. north of the road. The Drums

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Team, young horses, with himself, & C. Suttiff as driver, no harm was done, wood chopping in the back yard. Baking, churning & cioring in the kitchen. Am footing socks in these days.

Thursday 26 It has thawed all day. H. Drum brought the mail, Letters from Mrs. Stevens, Simon & R. enclosing letters from Lizzie High in Washington, Postals from Gordon & Helen, Jan's Century, & papers from R. & Letters & papers to the rest of the family.

Friday 27 A pleasant day. Wilfred & Collins drove from the stacks to the barn on the wagon. The wheels had to plow through the drifts from the barn to the gate but the snow is soft to day, & there is no snow left in the fields except the remains of drifts around the edges. Ida took up the melling in the north east-chamber & cleaned the room.

Saturday 28 A cold disagreeable wind, thawed a little, a load or two of hay drawn to the barn on the wagon, wood chopping most of the day, finished a letter to R.

Sunday 29 Snowing & blowing a good part of the afternoon a very disagreeable day.

Monday 30 A pleasant day. Sent the mail to Waseca by H. Drum. Letter to R. & English paper to Col. Drum. Postal from Willy wrote to Mrs. McCoy.

Tuesday 31st Austin & Wilfred went to Owatonna with the double buggy. took the pea hen, & sent it to Mr. Humphrey by express. Letter to Mrs. McCoy & postal to Willy. Pleasant & thawing, Herbert & I, shoveled a path through the remains of a snow drift across the walk in the front yard.

Wednesday April 1st A, & W, drove over to Mr. Dennis. H. Drum & wife went to Waseca. Cistern cleaned out. Sewed carpet bags part of yesterday & to day.

Thursday 2 Cold as then yesterday. Austin, Wilfred & Herbert went to Mrs. Plummer & George White's. Letter & postal from Gordon from Rock Creek O. Papers, weeklies from Willy. Ida took up the melling in the hall up stairs, & put it down again

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this afternoon.

Friday 3

Looked over the contents, & cleaned out chest & trunk upstairs. & looked over & destroyed numerous old letters. men cleaned seed wheat. Eb, Suttiff left - H. Drum & went back "up north" to his home.

Saturday 4

Austin & Wilfred went to Waseca to attend an auction on the Ward farm near Waseca, a stock sale. Sent 16 lbs of butter to market, 18 cts a lb. The warmest day we have had, about 70° above 0.

Sunday 5

Wilfred & Collins went to church. Pleasant all day, Ida went home. Roads are not good but soon will be, if we do not have rain. Mr. Danoe told W. he had sowed 20 acres of wheat.

Monday 6

Seeding begun, W. sowed two or three bushels of oats in the field north of the road, next to H. Drum's, but it began to rain & is raining yet, at bed time, Andy Drum came to see about getting seed wheat. washing done & clothes dried in a furious wind, after which rain. Oats cleaned for sowing.

Tuesday 7

Had a dizzy head & did not write last night. Yesterday was cold & windy after the rain of Monday night. Wilfred rode horseback to the station. Letters to Mrs. Stevens, R. & Julia, Vinton, papers to Willy & R. The regular papers & postal from Willy. Today has been pleasant tho chilly, men have chopped wood & burnt brush & grass on a piece of grubbed land.

Thursday 9

Remains too muddy for seeding, H. Drum's team plowing for two or three days. Another calf lost - 1 night. The wood pile nearly all chopped up. W. & Collins took the white Durham deer to Mr. Dennis to have him weighed, 136 lb. was the weight. Spent the day mending a coat, & knitting.

Friday 10

Austin went to Waseca to get a plow sharpened. Rained before noon quite hard, & a little at intervals through the afternoon. Sent 9 lbs butter to market, 17 cts a lb. Finished the coat I have been

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refraining, wrote to Hortense. Addie Dunn & Mary Clement called. A man came to the barn with H. Drum to hire out. There has been a prospect of a war between England & Russia for sometime. We have heard that hostilities have commenced & there is quite serious trouble between the Canadian government & the Indian & half breeds in Manitoba. J. & G. Dunn went to Owatonna roads very bad.

Saturday 11. Allen & Cheney Hawkes & Willy Clement here to dinner. went down to the lake hunting ducks & geese but found none. Collins rode to station this afternoon. Letter from Willy & Gordon in Randolph.

Sunday 12. Pleasant but a cold wind, wrote to Simon & Mrs Leach. Postal to Gordon yesterday.

Monday 13. Washing day, clothes dried. W. & man worked in forenoon picking up bush & on the new piece, in the afternoon W. harrowed the corn stalks, man plowed. Too wet yet for seeding, small prairie fire north of the slough.

Tuesday 14. Plowing & dragging, in the corn stalks again. Mrs Peter Daniels & Kate Daniels called. Have been looking over bundles of crops, & cutting carpet rags, & mending.

Wednesday 15. Plowing, & a few more oats sowed, very foggy & damp. This forenoon B. Ladibier brought the mail. A postal from Mrs Stevens.

Thursday 16. more plowing, & sowing oats. The ground keeps very wet. very little sowed yet anywhere, about as another gloomy foggy day. Had the closet in my room cleaned & the big closet upstairs. Went yesterday & to day looked over & destroyed hundreds of old letters.

Friday 17. Collins rode to the station with H. Drum to get the mail. Letter from R. enclosing letters of Lizzie rights from Washington. Still unfavorable weather for getting in crops. this a little more pleasant this afternoon. W. plowed with the colts, or one of them with another horse.

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Saturday 18. W. plowed, man sowed wood. The horse ^{don} has been lame for a day or two. Ade's closet & contents cleaned & regulated yesterday & to day, carpet in dining room taken up two or three days ago. Sent letters yesterday to Mrs Leach & Simon. Look to Mrs L. & old Sunday school papers to Julia Benton.

Sunday 19. There was a gathering at the school house to form a Sunday school for the summer. H. Drum is to be superintendent. The weather continues cloudy, we haven't had a bright day in a week & rain is threatened to night. He went home, came back early. Monday 20. A rainy day, cleared up towards night. Ada cleaned the guest-chamber instead of washing. Have ~~sowed~~ carpet rags this afternoon. The warmest day we have had, 66° above & this afternoon.

Tuesday 21. a year ago to day sister N. started to Ohio. Austin went to Waraca with H. Drum. A Miss Young rode home with them, to go to the Drums. washing done, & the clothes dried in a gale of wind. Carpets hung up aired & beaten. quite a rain followed the wind - cut carpet rags. Wilfred drove to the station. Letters from Willy & Gordon. Harrowed week lies for Willy. W. plowed this afternoon till the rain came. He & Ada drove to Andy Dunn, whose wife is sick. Dea Wood is again very sick.

Wednesday 22. Ade's room cleaned & carpet put down in guest chamber. Buffalo robes put away - sewed a few more carpet rags. Tommy Dunn brought the mail. Letter for Ada postal to W. from Mr Humphrey. a few more acres of oats sowed. Irish peddler called.

Thursday 23. was taken in the night with a dizzy head & have not felt well through the day. Another child at H. Drums. at sewing in the mud continued.

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Friday 24 A beautiful spring day, the first perfect spring day. We finished sowing oats & began sowing wheat south of the house & part of the field is terribly muddy. The stock is increasing. one sheep at the barn has three lambs. & another calf three or four days old. Hannah Youngman over to day. another girl at H. Duns yesterday. carpet in sitting room taken up yesterday, & the room cleaned & regulated to day.

Saturday 25 A rainy morning, but W. sowed wheat this afternoon as well as he could in the dreadful mud. Henry went to the station. Brought letters from Col. Drum, sister R. Gordon, Julia Vinton & postal from Willy. Mrs Andy Duns is letter.

Sunday 26 A pleasant day again, & still. Wilfred & Herbert went to S. school.

Monday 27 We have had all sorts of weather, but mostly cloudy, & this afternoon colder. Snow coming when we got up this morning & is raining again now at dark, but W. has sowed several acres of wheat during the day. a calf ^{three} months old died. white washing done but scarcely dried. cutting & sewing carpet rags.

Tuesday 28 Pleasant all day. W. has worked at the chest sowing & has nearly finished it. Austin has begun raking up the dead leaves about the yard. worked at mending books. carpet rags & mending. Ida washed colored clothes, then washed up butter. washed outside of two or three windows. &c. Mr H. Drum just drove in to get a bag of flour.

Wednesday 29 Wilfred finished sowing wheat. 22 acres. A. with the man raked up & burnt leaves. Some of the bars put on the windows. Dandelion greens for dinner. a little rainy again at night. Ade went up to H. Duns. A man called at the door asking to stay over night, but there was no room in the barn for his team.

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Thursday 30 A good day. more windows washed. stair carpet put down. two straw beds filled, cut up a large state, plaid shawl. I have had about thirty years, sewed carpet rags a little regulated the book case. A. dug about the fire plant & fixed it.

Friday May 1st Had another turn of dizzy head last night & have not been very well to day. Austin went to Ala. to see the Dr. & brought me some medicine. W. finished harrowing the wheat. A. came home by the station. Letters from Gordon & Hortense.

Saturday 2 Austin went to Wasaca with big wagon, to get cane sprouts. Took 26 lbs butter, 17 lbs. Wilfred & Collins went to Willton to get Co. trim. old grass burned on the Clement place. A. took a box of books to send to Gordon, & sent draft to R. to Stanton.

Sunday 3 W. A. & Herbert went to Sunday school. wrote to R. & H.

Monday 4 Expected a man from Wasaca to put up cane sprouts. but he did not come. The assessor Mr Lurr here to dinner. The garden plowed. washing not done. Dandelion greens for dinner. churning done. cut & sewed carpet rags this afternoon. Raspberry bushes trimmed & cleaned out.

Tuesday 5 Plowing, working in the garden. raking & burning leaves. washing done. sorting & cutting carpet rags. sold 22 lbs. paper rags to a tin peddler for one cent a pound.

Wednesday 6 Plowing & fitting potatoe ground, cutting potatoe for planting. cutting carpet rags & mending. Ironing done & a little cleaning in back kitchen.

Thursday 7 Collins rode to the station to get the mail. Letters from Willy & Simon. From 8 to 10° below freezing early this morning. snow in the air yesterday & to day. Letters to R. & H. W. plowing corn ground.

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Friday 8 Potatoes planted, a cold windy day, snow in the air at different times. Said to have been four inches of snow at Minneapolis night before last. Mr Henderson, the sheep man here to dinner. carpet rag sewing. wrote to Gustie Dailer. H. Drum went to Janesville yesterday after sawdust, ^{for ice house} is just going home.

Saturday 9 a quiet day & warmer than it has been for two or three days, tho 4° below freezing this morn. Barley sowed. Two sheep sold to Mr Henderson for \$10. mail to night. no letters.

Sunday 10 A pleasant day. Wilfred & Ada went to church. Rode out a little ways. man went to George Durms.

Monday 11 another pleasant day. Two men came from Waseca & put up the cave troughs & spouts. W. & man plowing corn ground. Washing done, water in front yard a little clearing off dead leaves. met Ida & Herbert to help. An old man, tramp, probably came in just at night to get something to eat. glad to have him go on without asking to stay over night.

Tuesday 12 Pleasant & warm. Cleaned my room. W. & man still fitting corn ground. A Mr Ellis a scotchman, called here this morning, also Mr Bennet came to buy cattle.

Wednesday 13 Corn planting began this afternoon. George still plowing. A very pleasant day. Mr Abernethy came just at night to ask about digging a well. Ironing & churning done.

Thursday 14 another good day. men busy plowing, & planting corn. Dr. Ware, Mrs Cooper & Willy Cooper came about noon. Dr. going home before night. Leaving Mrs. C. & W. Letter from R. & photo from Mrs Leach.

Friday 15 Raining a little. Austin cleaned out. corn planting.

Saturday 16 Austin & W. went to Otisco. A. to see about a bridge.

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men reked & burned leaves. Two men stopped to see about selling trees. Thunder & appearance of rain this afternoon. did sprinkle in p.m. A rainy day. no hard showers. we have talked, read & rested. Mrs Cooper & Willy will go to Watouma tomorrow.

Sunday 17 A pleasant ^{day} after our rainy Sunday. Austin took Mrs Cooper & Willy to the station, to take the train to Watouma. a post for Willy, & A. gave me a letter from Mrs Leach. which he had carried in his pocket since last Thursday. W. is planting corn this afternoon. washing done. Postals to Mrs Leach & R.

Tuesday 19 A fair, quiet day. The young horse, Bers & Belle, ran away with the corn planter, ran against a tree which brought them to a stand still. the only damage a broken neck yoke.

Wednesday 20 A rainy, or part of the day rainy. Corn planting finished this morning. A. went to Lake & around to the post office. Postal from Willy & Gordon. papers & Centures from R. & papers from Waseca. Wilfred has sick headache to night. Sent Mrs Coopers gloves by mail. to C.

Thursday 21 Wilfred took his father to Waseca to stay two or three days on county business. Soberier brought the mail. Letter from R. & birthday candles for Herbert. Letter to Gordon. W. brought George's mail from Waseca. a small washing done. Heard that the rebellion in the Northwest is over Riel a prisoner. also heard of the death of Father Shedd. congregational minister, 82 years old.

Friday 22 Wilfred went to Waseca took a load of potatoes 35 cts a bushels. 20 & more lbs of tallow 5 cts a lb. 18 lbs butter 16 cts a lb. Herbert went with his father. Letter to Simon.

Saturday 23 Another warm day. 54° above 0. H. Drum took his ^{children} to Clear Lake fishing. Austin came home.

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- with Mr Durr. Letter to Mrs Leach, & postal to Willy. We sent postal to G. Christy.
- Sunday 24 Herbert's sixth birth day. Raining the forepart of the day. Ida went home after dinner.
- Monday 25 Dr. & man worked at clearing off some new land up by the woods. A. put up a track & worked in the garden. or planted sweet corn again. washing & churning done.
- Tuesday 26 Collins walked to the station. Pillow sahala came for Ada. Soap made. Began cooking in the back kitchen. Thunder, & a little shower this afternoon. Postal to Helen.
- Wednesday 27 Corn harvesting finished, well cleaned out. Good weather. Fruit trees have blossomed wonderfully. have been in blossom several days. Lilacs not fully blossomed yet.
- Thursday 28 The men worked about the well. fixed the well house & getting ready to set the milk in cans. taking potatoes out of the cellar &c. A. went to the station. Letter from R. & postal from R. saying she would start for Minn. today. Sprinkled a little towards night.
- Friday 29 A. went to Waseca. took an old mow to Hawley & Clement. took milk cans to amend. brought home Kerosine barrel. Barrel of salt &c. Took 12 lbs butter, 15 cts. Some potatoes taken out of the cellar. & 12 bushels taken to market. 35 cts. a bushel.
- Saturday 30. Decoration day. Wilfred & Ada & Herbert went to A. & to Mr. Carr. Austin went to Waseca after sister N. but she having stopped at A. came up with Dr. Ware, a little afternoon, a brisk shower.
- Sunday 31 A pleasant quiet day. Ida, & man went away as usual. Dr. & R. came home before dark.
- Monday June 1st Another good day. Austin went to Waseca after Mary's trunk. Collins went to town with A.
- Tuesday 2 A. planted a little corn from Ohio, which R. brought. A big rain early this morning, filled the cistern very unexpectedly. & it had to be hurriedly turned off. Several of the little chickens were

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- drowned & several more were brought in, nearly dead & brought to live by warm flannels & pepper & milk. Wilfred & man cleared off land a little more to get it ready for breaking tomorrow. Cream men came for the first time, or took cream for the first time.
- Wednesday 3. Charley Johnson came this morning to do a little breaking. is to come tomorrow to finish it. a pleasant day. Papered, a trunk, &c. R. & S. Addie Durr came to see R.
- Thursday 4 The little piece of breaking finished this forenoon. planted to potatoes &c. Cookstone moved out into the back kitchen, freer stone moved into dining room. Letter from Helen & Willy. postal from Gordon, & letter from G. to Austin.
- Friday 5 men plowed out potatoes & plowed in the corn & worked in the garden. Ada is getting ready to go to Iowa. & R. is helping her do a little sewing.
- Saturday 6 The wind blew very hard most of last night & we were all up & dressed & slept but little after midnight.
- Sunday 7 Very bright & pleasant in the morning. Dr. A. R. & Herbert went to church when suddenly to Waseca or half way the clouds grew black, & threatening. & they drove in at the Leavitt place to escape a storm of hail & rain. ~~tho~~ it lasted but a short time & they went on to church. Mr S. Preston's little boy is still very sick.
- Monday 8 Austin went to Otisco to see about letting the building of a bridge. & after he came back went to the station. Postal from Willy. one to him yesterday.
- Tuesday 9 Creamery men took dinner with us. Dr. Ware & Willy Cooper came a little too late for our dinner. Willy fortunately had a key which unlocked Mary's trunk that all this time she had been unable to open, having lost her key on her way here.

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Wednesday 10

Austin went to Quatonna. took a load of oats for Dr. Wren. went to Mr. Cane's to get a calf. home before sundown. Tommy Dunn went to C. with A. W. sheared sheep. Letter from Gordon. papers from R.

Thursday 11

Austin & Wilfred & Herbert went to Quereca. brought home a new mower. A book agent called.

Friday 12

The rest of the sheep sheared. Two lambs killed last night. by wolves or dogs it is thought, ~~swallow~~ probably. Ida has gone home to night to stay till Sunday night. A. took her first walk home.

Saturday 13

A pleasant day. men worked in the corn & garden.

Sunday 14

Wilfred went to the post-office. Letter from Willy & letters & postals for R. & Ada. Ida came back for day.

Monday 15

Wilfred took Ada & Herbert to Quereca to take the train for Newton Iowa, where they have gone on a visit of several weeks. Ida has gone home again to stay a week, washing & baking done.

Tuesday 16

Wilfred & man, worked on the road this afternoon. Mr. Picken called just at night to see about cattle. R. did the ironing.

Wednesday 17

Pleasant all day. Wilfred & man worked on the road. Raymond Stoughton & his wife came just before night. Several Swede women & children came this afternoon. Bought several fleeces of wool 17 cts a pound. A book agent called.

Thursday 18

W. & man worked on the road this forenoon. plowed corn in afternoon. Austin & Raymond went to the station. drove R. & horse. Postal from Ada in Newton Iowa. Letter from Gordon to Wilfred. Had our first strawberries. - for dinner & tea. Allen & Hannah Hawkes called at the door just before dark.

Friday 19

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We went to the post office this morning. Letter from Ada. Postal from Willy. went to S. school with R. & W. Collins has just been telling us that Andy Dunn had a horse killed to day by a cow.

Monday 22

Austin went to Quereca. Andrew & Brock Holtgren came this morning to dig a cistern. Ida came back early this forenoon. had been gone since Monday night last. Sixteen quarts strawberries picked, canned, a dozen quarts or more.

Tuesday 23

Cistern dug, & the men went away after dinner. Austin went to Quereca at noon with a load of feed to be ground. Took strawberries to Mrs. Chaney & Mrs. Hawkes. 6 quarts or more berries picked. washing done.

Wednesday 24

Austin went to Lake Lake, & to Quereca to see about roads or fixing road. Mr. Bucher went with him. Ida went home to go to a picnic. came back at dark. Raining a little to night.

Thursday 25

A. went to Lake Lake again. to let the job of fixing the road. brought home a load of feed from Quereca. sister R. & Ida picked 18 quarts strawberries. man having potatoes, in, plowing corn.

Friday 26

Collins went to the station. Letter from Gustie Dailer, roll of paper from R. & document from Col. Drum. Another 18 quarts strawberries picked, sent a few berries to Mrs. Alden & Mrs. S. Preston, by A. who went to W. after a load of brick.

Saturday 27

26 quarts strawberries picked. Wilfred took 28 quarts to Quatonna, some to friends, & some to sell. A. & man, went half way to Quereca this forenoon after a load of sand for the cistern but failed to get it, & went this afternoon to Swede Johnsons & brought home a load. Collins sprinkled the potato vines with Paris Green, to kill the bugs.

Sunday 28

A quiet, pleasant day. Collins & Ida away all day. Wilfred came home before sundown.

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- Monday 29 sold the berries for ten cts a quart. Another 26 quarts of berries picked. & some canned. Kate Daniels called on her way home from school, & took tea with us. A. went to town after another load of brick for the cistern. went around by Goose Lake, to see how the men were getting on with a piece of road work they are doing. Did a little weeding in the garden.
- Tuesday 30 - 9 quarts strawberries to day. Put up 4 cans. A. started to go to the office. but found H. Drum had gone, & came back a letter from Ada to be.
- Wednesday July 1st went with A. this afternoon to call on Dec. & Mrs Wood. who are both sick. called at Mr Daniels. Mrs D. is also in bad health. Put up one can of berries. & two glasses of jelly. Redden stopped, selling cloth, another man selling some sort of a fire extinguisher.
- Thursday 2nd Wilfred & his father have raked & drawn in two loads of hay this afternoon, which was cut in the road on each side of the road. Ida has picked 14 quarts strawberries.
- Friday 3 Cepharley Claghorn stayed with us last night. Mr Baker went with A. to horse lake again on road business. A. also went to Maraca & came home by the station, to get the mail. Letter to W. from Ada, with a good picture of Herbert. Ida has gone home. To spend the Fourth. 8 quarts more berries picked, Put up two more cans. Looks like rain.
- Saturday 4 Collins went off this morning to spend the Fourth, somewhere. Wilfred worked in the corn in the forenoon. this afternoon he white washed, or kalsomined the dining room. The day has been still, & very hot. 90 in the shade. Thunder last night & a very little rain. 6 quarts berries picked, berry short cake for dinner.
- Sunday 5 Intended to go to church. but did not

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- felt quite well. Pleasant till nearly night. when we had a gentle rain of an hour or two. Ida came at dark. The man has not come yet; at 9 o'clock.
- Monday 6 Austin went over towards Crane Creek. to see a Mr Wheelock, about making the cistern. Collins came home from his Fourth. about 9 o'clock this morning. more rain fell during last night. about 11 quarts berries picked. 6 quarts currants, & a few glasses of jelly made. washing done.
- Tuesday 7 Austin went to Owatonna & brought home a mason. It has been a beautiful day. 8 quarts strawberries picked. but they are small & nearly gone. Ida picked four quarts raspberries, the first we have had. Three boys were drowned in the river at Cañon the 4th.
- Wednesday 8 Another gallon of raspberries to day. The mason began preparing mortar &c for the cistern last night. & to day has finished the main part. is to put in a brick partition for a filter. Austin had to go to Waseca this afternoon for more brick. & to Henry Lewis. for more sand. It has been very hot this afternoon. 90, some thunder & a little rain. a little cooler this evening.
- Thursday 9 The cistern finished. & A. took the mason to the station. to go home to O. on the train. 7 o'clock one train. Letter from R. at Prescott, Arizona. made strawberry jam. Ida picked a quart of black raspberries & one of red.
- Friday 10 - 9 quarts raspberries & two of strawberries picked. put up or canned three quarts raspberries. mowing begun.
- Saturday 11. Austin went to Waseca after lumber to fix stable, brought a man to work for a few days or longer. Sent potatoes to Heeler. Gordon & Wilfly. 6 quarts more raspberries, put most of them to day. W. still plowing out corn. Collins sprinkling Paris green, on potatoe bugs. W. called at H. Drums.

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Sunday 12 - Wilfred & Harry went to church, it was children's day & the house was full. Started with A. just at night to go to the post office. But found the trail at H. Drums & came back & it was looking like rain too. a letter from Mr High to H.

Monday 13 - 8 quarts raspberries. Three loads of hay drawn into the barn. Ida killed a snake in the back kitchen - washing done & dried. are to have new protectors for breakfast. The old one have kept better than usual & we have had no need of new ones.

Tuesday 14 - 10 quart berries. one 2 quart can put up ^(with cotton) & some put to dry. Started again to go to the station & again found the mail at H. Drums. Letter from Simon to Wilfred & post from Ada. The men have mowed & put up hay & drove in three loads.

Wednesday 15 - Austin went to Otisco this forenoon to see about a bridge built by Mr Nelson came back at noon & mowed this afternoon. Ten loads of hay drawn in. 6 quart berries picked & ten or a dozen quart currants. made three glasses white currant jelly.

Thursday 16 - There was rain & a good deal of thunder & lightning during last night. A little hay has been drawn in this afternoon. The new man mowed the grass & weeds about the yards. this forenoon canned or put up a stone jar of berries. that were picked yesterday. Berry short cake for dinner cooler weather to night.

Friday 17 - A fine day. The men have been busy at the haying. A. mowing. we have had letters waiting since Monday. to be sent to the office. Mrs. Peter Daniels called at the door. Mrs John Daniels is sick with dropsy. canned a gallon of currants. Began

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drying the green apples, windfalls. stewed them for supper. first we have tried to use except for vinegar

Saturday 18 - Wilfred went to Waroca this forenoon after Ada & Herbert who have been gone a little more than a month on a visit to Iowa. Willy came on foot from the station where he had left Emma & Julia waiting for us to come after them. Austin went at once & brought them, & while we were at supper, Wilfred. Ada & Herbert came. W. & H. with Henry Drum have gone to the school house ^{this evening} to a school meeting.

Sunday 19 - A very hot day. No one went to church. rested & tried to keep cool. 92° & more.

Monday 20 - The county commissioners met in Waroca. Willy went over with his father & drove the team back this afternoon. A. will be obliged to stay most of the week. A shower about noon which put a sudden stop to the haystacking. W. mowed a while just before night. Julia, the new man, spread up the strawberry bed this afternoon.

Tuesday 21 - Willy, Emma, Harry, Ada, Julia & Herbert went over to the lake by Johnsons this forenoon. brought home a quantity of white lilies. Mr Hawkes came home with Austin to night. they will go back tomorrow morning. Mr H. & Willy went over to Mr Drums this evening. First green peas for supper.

Wednesday 22 - Mr Britton & Mr Hawkes went to Waroca after breakfast. Wilfred, Ada & Herbert went to the station with Willy. E. & H. started at 11 o'clock. Letter to H. from R. with the century. White washing done. but not dried. made ~~two~~ glasses jelly.

Thursday 23 - A misty damp morning. At noon, W. & the

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new man, Julius, went to Wareca, N.
Dum went with them. Mr. Vinton came
home. Brought an express package for
N. from R. sent from Vancouver. The
tin pipes the last ones fixed to take
the water into the new cistern, very
warm weather. Two quarts of raspberries
picked, probably the last.

Friday 24. It rained early in the morning, the afternoon
has been good hay weather. Shovel loads of
hay put into the barn. colored washing done
& the ironing. cut up green apples to dry.
wrote to Helen & Gordon

Saturday 25. Barley cutting begun. cloudy this forenoon &
rained about eleven o'clock & continued
till perhaps two. Ida has gone home tonight
to go to church. cut & dried more green
apples. man stopped for the rain, & stayed
to dinner. Intend to go to church to morrow.
Green peas for dinner. (Heene just read the
death of Brener's Prime editor of the N. York
Observer & a noted minister for fifty years.
He died on the 18. a week ago to day.)

Monday

August 3. Went to Wareca to church week ago
yesterday, to hear Mr. Merrill. Mr. Vinton
Nancy, & Wilfred & I went over together. Mr.
D. & I stopping at Mr. Heavies to stay
several days, he to attend to county
business & I to visit them & others.
Friday morning A. went to Quatona
on the 6 o'clock train, on county business.
Dr. Ware bringing home at night. Wilfred
came over early in the after-
noon to get something mended about
the mower. & I came home with him.
The weather was very hot all the week
from 90° to 100° & more in the shade. Friday
it became cooler & continues so. Harvesting

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fully begun. our folks have been cutting
oats which are a good deal lodged or fallen
down. Mrs. Core was here two or three days while I was away.

Tuesday 4. A cool day. fine weather for harvesting. The
reaper broke down & A. went to Wareca this
afternoon to get something new, or something
mended. A tramp came to the door a
short time ago.

Wednesday 5. Another good day for harvesting. The men were
hindered a while by a broken whiffletree. Fried
chickens & peas for dinner. Had an attack of
palpitation of the heart. Drank caperone pop for
tea. Julius - the German who has been
working in the haying for "a dollar a day"
went away Monday morning.
memorial services for General Grant (who
died on the 23 ult.) were held in the
Methodist church last Sunday at Wareca.
Wilfred, Ada, Nancy & Herbert went over. People
of the Cong'l church joined in the services.
Men finished cutting oats across the road &
began cutting wheat. Mr. Ingersoll & a Mr.
Mundock took tea with us, were buying
horses. Letter from Helen.

Friday 7. Wheat cutting continued. Dr. & man drew
in a few loads of hay, this forenoon.
We have been doing our work alone this
week. Ida was taken home last Sunday
being unable to work, from having a
lame hip.

Saturday 8. A thunder shower this morning about
3 o'clock & too wet rather to cut wheat
this forenoon. Ada, with some help
from W. did her washing. Gen
Grant was buried to day. we have
prepared a few more apples for drying.
Sunday 9. Started this forenoon to go to the post office but
one of the horses misbehaving. we came back.
Agnes Drum had gone to the office.

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Postal from Willy. & letter from R. to Harry went Sunday S. with Wilfred. Ada. H. & Herbert. Heard of Mrs Daniel's sickness or of her being much worse. went to see her just at evening, found her unconscious & not expected to live till morning.

Monday 10 Mrs Daniel died last night at 11 o'clock & was buried this afternoon. funeral at the house at 3 o'clock. Mr Thompson preached a short sermon. Wilfred & his father. Ada. & I, went over leaving H. & Herbert at home.

Tuesday 11 A rainy day. no harvesting. no stacking but rain. rain. not much wind. but front of the big cottonwood tree south of the house came down & broke off a corner of the back kitchen roof. The main body of the tree about half way up, had blown over into another tree & lodged there a week or more ago. not breaking entirely off. With Mr Vig help. did a small working. A churning yesterday forenoon. a quantity of apples cut up for drying.

Wednesday 12 Wheat cutting in deepening difficult & discouraging. by the rain it being lodged & tangled. & harvesting drags. Wilfred has triumphed about to hunt up the white Duck. brought him home to night from somewhere near Soderbiers. sent our mail to town by Soderbiers. Baking & washing.

Thursday 13 Wheat finished this forenoon & the oats next to H. Dums field begun. The machine broke this afternoon & we went to town to get an iron to supply & take the place of the one broken. Took a wire mather to exchange for another. Letter to W.

Friday 14 A good day. The oats nearly all cut cool weather. Had a fire last night to my st.

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Saturday 15 Another good day. The grain all cut & preparation for stacking made. Austin. H. Herbert & I. went over to Mr Daniels late this afternoon.

Soderbiers brought the mail. Letter from Gordon. Sunday 16 Another letter from Gordon. with Bertha Bold. mini picture. & letter from R. W. A. H. & Herbert, went to Sunday school.

Monday 17 A hot afternoon 84° & more. The men began stacking wheat. would have done more. but for the heat a good deal of lightning during last night. George Alden & young Mr Hanny, cuffed.

Tuesday 18 Ida came over with her father this morning. to see if we wanted her. but as she is still lame & not looking well. I thought she had better stay at home another week at least before going to work again. The weather has been cool & to day. the men much more comfortable in their work of stacking. Put up one stack yesterday. & another to day. cut & dried apples yesterday & to day.

Wednesday 19 wheat stacking continued & good weather.

Thursday 20 Wheat stacking finished. Rain threatened. but none has come yet. more apples dried. They are beginning to fall off more & are getting ripe without being as large as usual. The trees were never before so full. ^{of apples} at least they never stayed on so well.

Friday 21 Hay stacked. no rain. George & Freddie Alden to dinner. George A. is gathering cream or driving the creamery wagon for a day or two. Apples dried & churning done.

Saturday 22 Austin, Wilfred & Herbert went to town, started about eleven o'clock. (Raining for an hour or two after). Took three bushels. Dashed apples to market. sold for \$1.50. per bushel. Sent letters to R. & Gordon, postal to Willy. packages to of

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papers to Col. Drum & Gordon

Sunday 23 - A pleasant cool day. Wilfred & Herbert went to Sunday school. Austin & N. went to the post office (Letter from Simon) & then drove over to see Ida, who is coming tomorrow. Letter to Willy

Monday 24 - Austin went to town. Herbert went with him. Cook 12 bushels apples, sold them for a dollar & 15¢. a bushel. Four bushels at the latter price. Ida came back to work. A, also took 2 1/2 chickens to market & set a lb. Andrew Holtgren has come to help in the stacking one stack of oats today.

Tuesday 25 - Oat stacking continued & plowing begun. Mrs. Peter Daniels & Miss Edith ^{Clayton} called at the door on horseback. Maggie White came to get some apples. White clothes washed. Baking done - butter worked over - apples dried &c. &c.

Wednesday 26 - The stacking is done, & Andrew is gone, was paid \$3. for his two days work. A little frost last night, & cool to day about 62°

through ^{the} day. & cooler to night. Henry lost several chickens. Wilfred set a trap last night, & caught a large owl, closed working

Thursday 27 - Plowing & a little haying. Cloudy & a little sprinkle now & then. I have been looking for Mr & Mrs Cheney - & expect Seth & Henry Humphrey - tomorrow or next day.

Friday 28 - Plowing with two teams to day. George mowed the weeds around the yard & garden. Rained a little after bed time last night.

Saturday 29 - Wilfred & George & Herbert went to town after an early dinner, took 7 bushels apples sold them for \$1.10 a bushel. a bushel of crab apples for 50 cts. Lucy Drum, & Mary Combs brought us the mail. (Mary is writing in the neighborhood) Letter from Willy. package from

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Roxie The Humphrey boys did not come. Sunday 30 - Austin, Nancy, Wilfred & Ada, went to church. cool but pleasant weather.

Monday 31 - The last day of summer. A. plowed & Wilfred mowed. washing done & dried. Cool weather - fires in my room & dining room. about 50° to night.

Tuesday September 1st - Plowing & mowing again & putting up hay. Good weather continues. More apples dried. ironing done. baking &c. Hannah Bounclum here. George went thrashing two or three hours for Andy Dufur. this morning. The first frost this morning, or last night. 40° this morning before breakfast. wrote to Miss Gurtie Daily.

Wednesday 2 - Went with Austin & Ada to Warsaw to attend a sort of fellowship meeting. Three ministers. Mr Cheney. Mr Fisk & Mr Rogers. ^{There were three} Henry Plant was also there. Bible reading. devotional meetings & exercises. a sermon. singing &c. a sort of picnic dinner at the church. one or two slight showers this afternoon. came home before dark.

Thursday 3 - Raining to night. Mr & Mrs Cheney came just before noon to stay over night. The last hay finished & taken care of.

Friday 4 - There was but very little rain last night & to day has been pleasant. Wilfred & Ada took Mr & Mrs Cheney to Mr Daniels to call this forenoon. Wilfred went to town after dinner. took Herbert with him, & took a load of feed to be ground. Mrs & Mrs C. went home in the afternoon. George Alden & Charlie Hawks came over for Helms came in to tea.

Saturday 5 - Still good weather. Plowing & drawing out manure

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a little washing & ironing done. Mr Farmer came first at night to buy cattle. His wife & baby were with him & came in while he went to see the cattle. Bought three two year old steers for \$80. Two of them Holsteins. Another first last night, making three nights of frost here.

Sunday 6. Wilfred, Ada, R. George & Herbert went to church. & came home by the way of the station to get the mail, but Tourney Dunn had already brought it. Letter from Willie & frosted from H. Humphrey & other mail. Has sprinkled a little & then cloudy most of the day.

Monday 7. Wilfred is getting ready to go to the state fair tomorrow. It is raining to night a little washing done.

Tuesday 8. A small rain all last night & to day. Wilfred did not go to the Fair as he intended. Dried more apples & W. & A. made plum for marmalade.

Wednesday 9. Wilfred went to town this morning to go to the Fair on the 8 o'clock train. It was raining when they started, but cleared up & the afternoon has been bright & warm. Austin took W. this morning & brought back some ground feed from the mill.

Thursday 10. Pleasant day. Mr. Truett here to dinner brought the ^{Willie} Don horse \$70. mail yesterday. Letter from R. & packages of paper to R. Partly made over a cornfield. cut apple to dry.

Friday 11. Cloudy & windy all day. No sun. sprinkling. A. finished plowing the land north of the road. Finished the corn for N. Ada & Ida, helping to tie it. More apples dried & a bushel or two of the remaining Duckers apples gathered. The crab apples are all very small. There are plums everywhere.

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Ada made Plum marmalade. Wed.

Saturday 12. Austin went to town after a load of feed & to bring Wilfred home if he had come from the Fair. but he had not come. & A. came home a while after dark. Took two bushels of apples to market one of Duckers \$1.00 Crab apples 35 cts. Wilfred has just come in, came to W. on the 7 o'clock train. got Mr. Clemens horse to drive home.

Sunday 13. Mr. A. Hubert & George went to church, S. drove Mr. C's. horse home. Ida rode to the turn of the road & walked to Swede Longquist to a meeting. Her sister brought her back to night. Rode with A. kept through the fields to the cornfield. just at night. H. Dunn brought the mail. Letter from Emma to R. also one from Gordon.

Monday 14. Washing day & pleasant weather. The last of the Duckers apples gathered. The fair has held over till Wednesday the 16th & R. R. fair reduced to \$1.50, to the fair or to Minneapolis & back.

Tuesday 15. Austin, Wilfred & the man took some young cattle to Sam Farmer's farm 8 miles. We are expecting to go to Waseoia tomorrow. wrote a short letter to R. A. Mr. Ahernathy came in to see about well digging.

Sunday 20. Austin, sister R. & S. went to Waseoia last Wednesday. stopped at Dr. Wane, in A. a short time. went on to Rice Lake woods where we stopped, & ate our lunch. but owing to the uneasiness of the horses. we soon went on. & reached W. about 3 o'clock. W. E. & Julia were away from home attending their county fair at Dodge Center. but came after an hour or two. The wind blew all day from the South. & that night there was a good deal of a rain. Friday A. R. C. & S. went to Dr. Garver's at Dodge Center. Saturday yes.

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today. came home. stopped again at Dr. Duan's & took dinner. On arriving at O. we learned that Raymond Stoughton had just died. A. & I called a few moments at Mr. Stoughton's before we came home. We are intending to go to the funeral tomorrow. As we were coming into O. on our return, we met Mr. & Mrs. William Chambers. stopped for a few minutes conversation. They have been visiting friends in O. & about to return to their home in America. It rained again Friday night at W. but not enough to spoil the roads. When we left W. A. forgot his overcoat & drove back to get it. (Leaving H. & I. & a man who was riding a few miles with us, at a Mr. Purdy's, a mile from W.) at O. one of the horses was found ailing & we drove home slowly, to favor her. (she seems well now, I believe)

Tuesday 22

Yesterday, Austin, W. A. Herbert & I, went to O. to attend the funeral. which was at the Congl. church. 12 o'clock. Mr. Brown, the pastor, preaching the sermon. I did not go to the cemetery but waited at the Dr. till Wilfred & his father came back, when we had tea & came home, bringing Willy Cooper with us. Ada & Herbert having gone home with the Cares, to spend the week. The day was very, very warm & pleasant. Today has been much cooler. Mr. Cheney & Hannah Hawkes came before dinner to day & spent most of the afternoon. Mr. C. called at Mr. Duan's. Our folks have been digging potatoes, wrote yesterday to Austin & Willy.

Wednesday 23

Potatoes digging again, & again good weather. Hannah Brumfield came to see Ida, Willy C. went out with Wilfred's old gun this afternoon.

Thursday 24

Potatoes digging continued. Willy C. shot a partridge & was delighted. We are now

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Friday 25

drying crab apples. Austin, R. & Willy went to the station. Letter from Gordon. Maple sugar. George has not been well & did not work.

Saturday 26

The weather has been very warm 92° at 3 o'clock. Put up a few bottles of tomatoe, dried some apples. Wilfred went to Ansonia & took Willy Cooper home & brought Ada, Herbert & Ella Rose back to night. Prepared a good many gifts for drying. R. Ida & I. & put first of them out of doors to dry in the sun. 86° about noon.

Sunday 27

Austin took Ida home early this morning, to go to church with her family. W. A. Ella, Herbert, & George went to S. school. weather still pleasant, but so warm as yesterday. Have written to R. & Gordon. Henry came in, stayed two or three hours.

Monday 28

Potatoes digging back on the hill, a very poor yield. Mrs. S. Pierson brought Mr. Cheney over to night to stay a few days to hold meetings at the school house. They have all gone this evening except Austin, Ida & I. It was so late Mrs. Pierson did not come in, but drove right back home, washing & apple drying. Letter from Willy & Century! & paper. sent letter to Gordon.

Tuesday 29

The family except R. & I. have gone to meeting again to night. Mr. Cheney called to day. Mr. J. & Sandy Dunn. The potatoes digging finished. 29th Anniversary of our arrival at our summer home.

Wednesday 30

Mr. & Mrs. Hawkes came over & spent the day. Mr. H. W. & Herbert went to the station. Letter from R. & map from Col. Drum. Letter to R. from Gustie Dailey.

Thursday

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Hannah Hawkes brought Mr. Cheney over to stay till tomorrow. They have gone to meeting again this evening. Mr. & Mrs. Case came to take Ella home.

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Austin & Wilfred went to Wareka to see about business concerning some groceries bought of a traveling man. Sent letter to R. ^{Amfols} brought home ten gallons of kerosine & a new barrel churn oil, 18 cts a gallon, churn \$6.00-

Friday 2

Hannah Hawkes drove over this morning after Mr & Mrs Chaney. A. is plowing the field west of the house. We brought in nearly the last of the Lyslops apples. Ida did an extra washing.

Saturday 3

Much colder weather. Ap. & George helped Henry kill a hog. Austin has been plowing for the last two or three days. Used the new barrel churn first time. Heave letter partly written to Helen & Willy. A letter came yesterday from a Miss Young, who is to teach the district school, asking to board here this winter.

Sunday 4

W. A. R. & H. went to church. Ida's sister came after ^{her} to go home to help them get through with threshing. George rode to the post office to get the mail. Letter from Willy, & Gordon & package of papers from R. to R. Letter to Willy.

Monday 5

A pleasant day. Plowing continued. Cut up the last Independent apples to dry to dry.

Tuesday 6

Still good weather, for plowing or anything else. Ida came back to night.

Wednesday 7

Washing done. More plowing & spreading manure. Am knitting a pair of black stockings for Herbert. Looks like storming tonight. A man here to dinner.

Thursday 8

Julia Vinton's 11th birth day. No storm but continued good weather. Alfred went off to see about a threshing machine. George threshed for Mr Reuter this afternoon. A comfort for Ader. Tied, churned again in the new churn, with a good deal

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of dissatisfaction, perhaps because we do not understand how to use it. We took a load of old wheat to the station. Price 75 cts. Letter & papers to R. from R. Dr. Ware & Willy Cooper came about 1 o'clock went home a little before night. They had been to R. Middaugh. George worked again for Mr Reuter. A fire in the this afternoon, burned a stack of hay belonging to Benny Soderber sent letters to Helen & Julia V. & ^{Sept} Advances to Gordon.

Monday 12

Saturday, I had an attack of palpitation of the heart, & as I did not feel well that day or the next, neglected to write in my book. Letter from Willy, Sat. Wilfred & Ada went to Swatara Sunday. To hear Mrs Miller & a returned ^{after an illness of more than fifteen months} Dea' Wood died last Saturday & was buried to day. funeral at the house. Mr Carter, Anethoster minister preached the service. Mr Chaney, being away from home, Rained yesterday afternoon, in the night & part of to day, a gentle quiet rain. white clothes washed tho' not dried, churning done.

Tuesday 13

The forenoon was cloudy - in the morning was, the rest of the day pleasant. Lucy Wescott's wedding day.

Wednesday 14

A good day. Austin & Herbert went to Wareka, went round by Mr Hinney & took a barrel for sorghum syrup. The roads are muddy & heavy. A. sold some wheat he had at the mill for 81 cts a bushel, 17 bushels. Willy Clement has scarlet fever. The men have gone down in the field to burn the grass around the haystacks. Mr. Child, the old editor of the Radical, is talking of buying the "Herald", & coming back to Wareka.

Thursday 15

Wilfred & George helped Mr Dunn in threshing. a beautiful day & warm for the time of year - a Congl church fair at Wareka.

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Friday 16. Austin went to Waseca again on business. W. & George helped Mr. D. again in threshing. Another fine day. Ada worked the potato windows.

Saturday 17. We have just been shocked by seeing the mention of Mr. Humphreys death in a Minneapolis paper. We shall send to the office in the morning & may hear something further. W. & George have been all day at the Dunn & they are not yet done threshing. A little cooler weather & more wind to day.

Sunday 18. We all went to church, to hear Mr. Chaney for the last time. He is going this week to Granite Falls & we are all very sorry to have him go away. Mrs. Charles Clapham is very sick. Letter this morning from Mrs. Humphrey & Willy. or rather ~~by~~ an enclosed card from Mrs. H. telling us of Mr. Humphreys death. He died last Tuesday morning the 13. We went with two teams to day. W. & G. in the double buggy. Austin & myself with the covered buggy.

Monday 19. Wrote to Mrs. Humphrey & Willy. Cellar fixed & part of the potatoes put in from the cover heaps in the field. Washing done & dried. Cloudy & colder this afternoon & a little snow this evening. Letter from R.

Tuesday 20. The ground was white with snow this morn the first time this fall, but it was all gone in an hour or two. Austin went to Waseca on county business. came home before night or dark. W. & Ada have gone over to a reception for the Chaney's at the Grant House. It is a moonlight evening. A postal to R.

Wednesday 21. Austin went to Waseca again on county business. W. & George put more potatoes in the cellar. A man called & wanted to

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Thursday 22. R. went with Austin to Waseca this morning. they came home between 7 & 8, a bright moon light night. Letter from Mrs. Humphrey & Julia Binton. more potatoes put in the cellar more than 140 bushels now in the cellar. Helped Ada make another corn fort.

Friday 23. Yesterday mended a coat & fixed cast iron doors. A. went again to finish up his county business. weather continues fine. another bright evening. W. & men husked corn this afternoon. Yesterday Mr. Farmer & two other men stopped at the barn to see the white Durham.

Saturday 24. Austin & I went to Ansonia last Saturday afternoon. stopped at Dr. Jones. went up to the Stoughtons for a little while before dark, came back to the Dr. stayed all night, went to church Sunday morning to hear Mr. Brown, came home after tea. The Dr. was called Sat. evening to Lansing to attend two people who were injured on the railroad. came home not far from midnight. Yesterday, Monday, Austin went beyond Waseca somewhere to see about a road, a bridge, came home by McKinney's & brought the porphum haul. Wilfred & man threshed ^(yesterday) for B. & D. October Head a turn of headache last night. Mr. Kimmy & son, took dinner with us, came for oats. Rainy this afternoon & evening. A sheep killed last Saturday.

Wednesday 25. Corn husking & plowing. man came to the door asking for work. corn husking. sent an errand to Ansonia by J. Dunn. The haystack, ^(yesterday) burned round

Thursday 26. Austin & Herbert went to the post office. Lot from Willy, packages of paper from Gordon & paper & letters to R. Threshing machine here to night.

Friday 27. Wheat threshed & part of the barley. wheat a very

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light yield 300 bushels & a little over. (316)
 snowed an hour or two middle of the day which hindered the thrashing entirely.

Saturday 1 - Thrashing done before dark. machine taken to Mr Dunn. only two men stayed to supper. 15 men to dinner to day & yesterday, 13 last night to supper. 796 bushels of oats, 123 bushels of barley.

Sunday November 1st - A lousy day. all stayed at home to rest all but George, who went off as usual. Herbert started to go to school with the Dunn children. but they were too late, & came back.

Monday 2 W. & George thrashed for Henry Dunn. The machine went by going to Andrew Dunn's, just at dark. The cook stove moved into the dining room from the kitchen, this evening. washing done & dried, tho the clothes froze after they were hung out. Finished ^{knitting} a pair of black mittens for Herbert. W. began knitting a pair of stockings.

Tuesday 3 Wilfred & George thrashed for Andy Dunn. Churning & house cleaning.

Wednesday 4 A very fine day. Wilfred & man thrashed for Peter Daniels. It is to be hoped that ends the thrashing for this year. Ida did another washing & a little more cleaning house. Thursday 5 Austin & Wilfred went to Waseca. after dinner brought Willy Humphrey home with them. Sent 34 lb butter to market. 20 cts. Letter to Simon. Pantry cleaned.

Friday 6 Wilfred took Willy H. to the station, Waseca. when they started & rained much harder. before W. returned. Centing & Attantors & packages of papers from R. Postal from Willy. More windows cleaned. Ironing done &c. Lightning & thunder this evening.

Saturday 7 A rainy day. men worked about the machine shed & hen house. churning done, the last of the windows cleaned. Put up put up clean white window curtains

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in the dining room.

Sunday 8 Ida has gone home to stay. Austin took her home this morning. A cloudy day. George

Monday 9 A fine day. W. & G. thrashed corn. Austin worked at the hen house. fixed fence, corn husking & plowing. mild weather. A Mr

Tuesday 10 Peters came after a lamb. Paid \$2.50. Mr Pallas bought one a few days ago. same price.

Wednesday 11 Corn husking & plowing again. cloudy & warm weather

Thursday 12 more corn husking. snow enough this morning to whiten the ground a little. & to night much colder. 10° below freezing to night. The men went up this evening & carried some potatoes in heaps, that are still in the field, & but lightly covered. churning done & butter worked over.

Friday 13 corn picked up without husking. 15° below freezing this morning. Two kegs sugar put in the cellar. cold to night & wintering

Saturday 14 Mild weather, corn husking continued. Andy Dunn brought the mail. Letter from Emma. Austin wrote to Gordon

Sunday 15 All stayed at home. except George, who went away this morning. & has not been at bed time. returned. weather bright & clear. Wilfred & Herbert did go to the school house but found the Sunday school had closed for the season.

Monday 16 The last of the potatoes drawn from the heaps & put in the cellar.

Tuesday 17 weather pleasant & warm for the season. Willy's 38th birth day. Austin went to Waseca. Took 14 lbs butter to market, 20 cts a pound. Took a few bushels potatoes to Mr Horton. jam & corn & wheat for meal & graham. which he brought home. also some oatmeal. Mr Priah

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Claphorn came through the yard going to the Sadashir place, & to the cornfield to see Wilfred. Letter from Wilfred to Willy. Another fine day.

Wednesday 18. Churning again. Wilfred had head ache this afternoon. George husked corn alone mended old gloves &c.

Thursday 19. mended more old gloves, attended to the milk. Lowery weather. One more day of the husking over. Two men with their teams staying here tonight.

Friday 20. A very pleasant day. The men who stayed here last night were Mr Stearns & his son-in-law, Mr Clifford Allen. H. walked up to Mr. Drums.

Saturday 21. Wilfred & man. went early this morning to help Peter Daniels thresh & have just now a little before 9 o'clock, got home. It is a bright moonlight night. Austin went to the post office this afternoon. Two letters from Mr Dailer to A. about freight for Thanksgiving. Letters to Roxie & Willy.

Sunday 22. A cloudy day, but no wind or storm. George went off to some of the neighbors.

Monday 23. Another good day for husking. One of the Hengel boys came this morning to help in the husking. A churning done. A letter from R. to H. & from Willy to Wilfred.

Tuesday 24. A. went to Waseca. Bought & sent a turkey to Mr Dailer. Brought home some flour. The Hengel boy & another younger one by name George Bottles, worked today & the corn is nearly done. Letter to Julia V. & two Nov. Advances to G.

Wednesday 25. Another fine day. A sale of stock at George Whites. The corn husking at last done, finished early this forenoon. Wilfred & Herbert went to Pleasure after dinner, Austin went with them

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as far as George Whites. Mrs S. Preston & Mrs Bush from Waseca drove over, came a little before noon, went home before 3 o'clock. Lucy Drums came in this morning on an errand. Well diggers have been at Mr Drums several days.

Thursday 26. Thanksgiving day, all stayed at home, except George who went to the station to go to Co. on the train, early freight. But found none running & walked to Waseca & home to night. Had our chicken pie &c, dinner between 12 & 1 o'clock. A very pleasant day.

Friday 27. My 63 birth day. A cloudy day, a little snow this forenoon. George husked corn for Andy Drums. Wilfred is feeling rather miserable with a boil on his face.

Saturday 28. Another good day. A. & W. fixed around the pump & shed over it. Went with A. to the station. Letters from Willy & Gordon, & letter from Mr Dailer to A. Century & papers from R.

Sunday 29. Very pleasant this forenoon, & we thought of going to church, Wilfred's face being swollen from a boil. He preferred staying at home & we, Austin & myself decided not to go. It is raining a little to night, which will perhaps turn to snow before morning.

Monday 31. A washing done. The back kitchen & cistern banked with chip dirt. Enoch Holmgren came just at night to ask about a job of chasting rock. wrote to Emma.

Tuesday December 1st. Cloudy but not stormy. Letters sent to Emma & Gordon. Letter from Helen with the news of her husband mother's death "Aunt Achua". she died 19th of last month aged 86.

Charles Vinton & wife came about noon.

Wednesday 2. Brittan has been sick all day, unable to sit

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- Thursday 3^{up} Austin & Charles went to Warece this forenoon. Wilfred took a load of wheat to the station. Price 68 cts. The two Paris Claphorn drove up to the door, were going to visit Edith Claphorn, who is teaching school in the House district four or five miles east of us.
- Friday 4 Winter has come with a rush. All day the wind has blown furiously, a real blizzard. Early this morning Charles & his wife started for home, & soon after Wilfred, Ada & Herbert started to go to Mr. Ceaser's. It was snowing a little then but the wind increased & sent the snow flying straight from north to south. It is snowing now, at eight o'clock, faster & we are not likely to wait long for drifts. Wilfred intended to go to Monrovia to mow, but will probably come home when the weather & roads are favorable.
- Saturday 5 A pleasant day, a great contrast to yesterday. H. Drum went to Warece to get a pump for his new well. started yesterday, but the storm was too bad, went as far as Mr. Kinnup's & came back in time to take his children home from school. Washing done.
- Sunday 6 Another cold windy day, coldest we have had.
- Monday 7 - 8° below 0 this morning. A. went to Mr. Daniels to see about getting ducks & turkeys to send to Mr. Dailey. 4° above 0 this evening. Ironing & churning done.
- Tuesday 8 - Austin went to the station. Letter from Simon. Papers & other reading matter from R. to R. Snowing, & blowing some to night.
- Wednesday 9 A pleasant day. George White came to get the big Kettle. Very little snow fell last night.
- Thursday 10 Wilfred, Ada & Herbert came home this

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- afternoon.
- Friday 11 Wilfred's 42nd birthday. He & his father went to Warece with a sleigh. very little snow & no sleighing. They sent more turkeys, ducks & chickens to Mr. Dailey. mild weather.
- Saturday 12 A small stack of hay drawn into the barn, a load of wood drawn. strawberries covered. Another churning. A half dozen chickens dressed to send to Helen.
- Sunday 13 Wilfred & Ada went to church. heard the new minister Mr. Stemen, for the first time, 8 or 10° below 0 this morning. George went to Wilton, came back early this evening.
- Monday 14 W. & A. did a washing. Two more chickens dressed. am knitting a pair of wristlets for Herbert. The wind is blowing tonight.
- Tuesday 14 Austin went to Warece. Brought home a few boards for doors in the barn. mild weather. sent a box of chickens to Helen by express, \$1.40. weight - 49 lbs. Letter to Helen.
- Wednesday 16 Soap made. W. & A. have gone over to Mr. John Daniels' this evening. a bright evening. mail to night from H. Drum. Letter from R. & papers to R. Letter to R. from Iowa & from Gadsden to Austin.
- Thursday 17 Two hogs killed. weight - 178 & 220, mild weather.
- Friday 18 A thawing day. Lord tried out & frock salted. Wilfred & George went to the station this evening. bright moonlight. Letter to R. from Gustav Dailey. Letter to R. & package, also package to Simon.
- Saturday 19 Austin & Wilfred went to Warece after dinner. H. Drum came in this evening. Brought the mail. Postal from Emily. Churning done.
- Sunday 20 Ada, Wilfred & George went to church. Dr. Ware came a little afternoon, stayed till after sundown. very mild weather. Thawed enough to make the roads somewhat muddy.

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- Monday 21. Still warm weather, Austin & Wilfred made a door in the barn. K.D. went to Minneapolis.
- Tuesday 22. Cloudy, dark day & to night quite a sprinkle of rain, roads are getting bad. & if the weather does not grow colder, the mud will will soon be deep. Several lights of glass put into the windows at the house & barn & granary. Head cheese made.
- Wednesday 23. A little colder weather, Roads are frozen & very rough. wrote to Willy, & Gordon.
- Thursday 24. Christmas eve, Wilfred, Ada, & Herbert have gone to town, to the Xmas tree at the Congl Church. George has also gone off for his Xmas. Sent letters to Willy & Gordon, & ^{little} packages to Julia & Gordon.
- Friday 25. Christmas day. W. & A. came home last night a little after 11 o'clock. George came with them, & went to A's this morning. Letter from Helen, & package from La Krosse to H. & myself. Paper to H. from R. Henry D. came in this forenoon & told about his trip to Minneapolis.
- Saturday 26. Austin took a load of wood to Mrs Davis's was going round to the post office, but a wagon tire came off, & he came home. George came home from A's, & brought the mail. Christmas packages from Wariofo & Arizona. Letter from Mary Brisbane.
- Sunday 27. A day of rest. no one went to church. Cloudy all day.
- Monday 28. A dismal day & raining towards night & this evening. A stack of hay drawn into the barn, a little Handel boy rode into the yard just at night.
- Tuesday 29. Austin went to Waseca to take wagon wheels to be made over, W. & A. did a washing. Raining this afternoon & evening. Letter to Willy & postal to Ed. Dunn.

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- Wednesday 30. Mild weather continues, tho it has frozen all day. A churning done.
- Thursday 31. The last day of the year, Wilfred went to the station on horseback. Letter from R. & Emma & Julia, & express package from South Evanston from Helen & Nettie. Magazines & other reading matter from R.
- Friday January 1st. Letter to Helen & Roxie. Wilfred went to the station brought home a barrel of apples from Willy, sent as a new years present. snow enough this morning when we got up, to partially whiten the ground. W. took a small load of wheat to the station, but did not sell it. Price of wheat at the station 67 cts, at Waseca 69 cts.
- Saturday 2. Wilfred & George have drawn 7 loads of wood on the sled, ^{all the} the ground is scarcely white with snow. cut out & finished a pair of drawers for Austin, K. sewed them upon machine.
- Sunday 3. A stormy day the snow blowing & quite a blizzard this evening, snow enough has fallen to be drifting more than we like to see it. Yesterday & to day have written to Mrs Alder, Simon & Mary Brisbane.
- Monday 4. A very blustering day. no traveling on the road & snow blown in to drifts all about the place, & probably all about the country. Haven't heard a whistle on the railroad to day. Austin is intending to go to Waseca tomorrow if he can get there. The county commissioners are to meet. A beef killed.
- Tuesday 5. Still, & pleasant this morning & our folks went through the drifts as far as J. Dunn, hoping to be able to get to Waseca, but came back & decided not to try to go till tomorrow. Left a little before noon resolved to start this afternoon, & have just gone at half past one W. to come back to night. They may both come back without being able to get through to Waseca.

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sent letters to Mrs Alden, Simon & Mary
Brislane, & postal to Willy.
Evening. Bus. so was so late & the way so drifted
& unbroken, that A. & W. came back after going
as far as Mr Daniels' & will try again
tomorrow.

Wednesday 6. Austin & W. went this morning to town.
W. came back before dark, went through
without trouble. took over three quarters of
the beef killed the other day. Jimmy D.
brought the mail to night. Letters from
Col. Dunn & R. & from Mrs E. C. Dailey
& Christmas card from Mrs Stevens.

Thursday 7. Two men came from Deerece & killed
two beavers at the barn, taking one & a
half home with them. colder to
night.

Friday 8. Another cold windy day, roads
all filled up again 19° below & to night.
W. has set up the old stove in the cellar &
built a fire in it, fearing the cellar might
freeze. all things in it, rather.

Saturday 9. Wilfred was to have gone to W., after his
father to day but the roads are too drifted
or rather there are no roads & A. will
not come home probably till the fore
part of next week, even the monitor was
not just in working order this morning
but it was double then 25 or 30° below.

Sunday 10. A quiet cold day, & bright moon
light this evening. 20 or 22° below 0.
W. got up a 2 o'clock last night & night
before & built fires in my room & dining
room. above 31° this morning.

Monday 11. milder weather Wilfred & George went out
breaking roads. W. intends to go to town
tomorrow.

Tuesday 12. Wilfred went to Quassee father his father,

J. Dunn & Miss Young the school teacher rode
over with him, brought home another can of
kerosine oil 11 gallons or more 18 cts per gallon.
Postal to Willy.

Wednesday 13. Beef in the cellar cut up & packed in the barrel, part
of it however put out to freeze before packing in
snow to keep fresh till warmer weather, snow
melted to wash with, a churning done.

Thursday 14. Austin & Wilfred went to the station
this afternoon. Letters from R. to R. & me the
November Centenary & other papers &c. Letter from
Emma to R. - W. & A. did a washing.
mild weather.

Friday 15. mild weather continued, several inches
of snow since yesterday. W. & his father
worked at the beam sort of the day, mak-
ing a new door. R. has not been feeling
well, sore throat & headache, sister R.'s, both today.

Saturday 16. Fallow tied out & sarge made. weather colder
this evening. no travel on this road.

Sunday 17. R.'s birth day. George spent the day at H. Dunn's
no church going. in these days of unbroken roads.

Monday 18. The wharf clothes washer a man in trying
to cross the road & come into the gate. Had his
horses down in the snow. Wilfred & George
helped him shovel out & go on. He went
to the station & beyond, came back past
here after dark. thought our mail, Letter
from Willy. 10° below 0, this morning, warmer
this afternoon, snowed most of the day, but
no wind yet.

Tuesday 19. 18° below this morning, W. & George went to the
woods. drew the loads of wood. broke the sled
tongue in trying to turn round in the snow
in the back yard. W. has been suffering a good
deal of fever this evening from an inflamed
finger & hand, caused by getting a blow
on the finger, knocking a piece of skin off.

Wednesday 20. Wilfred's hand, better to day, but it is painful

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him most of last night. we have treated it to-day with bread & milk poultices & hope it will soon be well. a churning done also. ironing. more snow has fallen. several of the neighbors have been to Waraca. A. is talking of going tomorrow. woolen washing done yesterday.

Thursday 21 21° below, this morning. A. getting ready to take the fat hogs to Waraca tomorrow. W. has felt better to day. carries his hand in a sling.

Friday 22 25° or 30° below, nearly all day & very blizzardy, the worst day of the winter so far. Had a slight attack of palpitation. The day has been too unfavorable for Austin to think of trying to get to town.

Saturday 23 snowed a little more. Our folks broke through the drifts into & across the road with the horse & sleigh. but the track may be filled again by tomorrow. H. Dunn called. W.'s hand is better. tho he can not use it.

Sunday 24 Very blustering, with wind in the south till afternoon then sunshine & quiet. snow above a foot of the day, colder to night.

Monday 25 more breaking roads. H. D. had his horse down in the snow. Our folks went over as far as beyond Mr Daniels. Mr Dunn went to Waraca this afternoon. Austin & Wilfred will go tomorrow if they can.

Tuesday 26 Austin & Wilfred went to Waraca, to have the doctor see his hand. His finger or rather the swelling on it broke this morning & now we hope it is in a way to get well. The weather has been mild all day. but it is snowing again & doubtless the road will soon be filled again.

Wednesday 27 Two or three teams have frozen, & the wind hasn't blown. A. is to take a couple of fat hogs to town tomorrow if circumstances are favorable. W. did not feel at all well the fore part of the day, but is better to night again. & his finger

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is looking quite better. Have been making a checked woolen shirt for A. yesterday & today. Thursday 28 Austin & George went to town taking the hogs, came home about four o'clock. The wind is blowing this evening & the snow drifting a foot or to will.

Friday 29 a quiet day cold in forenoon, sun dogs. He & his father started to go to the station but found the road beyond H. Dunn's entirely unbroken, & came back. The snow drifted too much during last night to make it safe for A. & W. to start to town this morning with the other hogs, so they intend George has gone to H. Dunn's this evening.

Saturday 30 Austin & Wilfred took three hogs (the last) to town. H. Dunn & Mr Reuter went to the station & bought the mail. Letters from R. & Gordon, & letters to R. from Sheridan. Papers & papers, & Atlantic Postal from Welley. First mail since the 18.

Sunday 31 - A quiet day.

Monday
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Austin went to Waraca to see about getting ice to put up for summer & took a sheep to market. G. Dunn brought the mail. Letters from Willy & Hortense. Letter from R. to R. & more papers. we are to have our mail come to Waraca, after having it come to Menden for nearly 30 years. Colder to night. 16° below to night & blustering all afternoon. finished a pair of woolen drawers for A.

Tuesday 2 a cold day. 28 & 31° below this morning. W. went to town late this afternoon after ice, colored a few things with cardinal red & diamond dye. W. & G. did a washing this forenoon. an Elliotts paper came with news of the death of Mrs Choate. Stephen & Eliza McCoy daughter. Wednesday 3 Wilfred drew a load of ice this forenoon. He

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+ his father, each a load this afternoon
28° above 0, this morning

Thursday 4. Two more trips for ice, four loads, 28° below 0 this morning, 6° below to night.

Friday 5. Four loads of ice drawn, a pleasant day & moderate weather, colored yarn, & several pairs of socks woven, with Diamond dye.

Saturday 6 Four loads of ice drawn, a warm day. The snow has melted & run off the roof all the afternoon, & the ~~water~~ on the windows came off in sheets. what didn't run off & soak into the carpets, now at bed time it is freezing a little.

Sunday 7. Has thawed again all day. George went to Waseca this morning, & has not returned. We thought of going to church this morning but feared the roads were too soft in some places - Letter to Mr McCoy & Julia B.

Monday 8. A. took some sleds home he had borrowed of Mr. Kessel, to draw ice on. It has thawed again to day. The ice put away that we left out over Sunday, a chunking dose, opened to Adon & Julia B.

Tuesday 9. A washing done, W. & George drove hay into the barn, nearly sprained my ankle.

Wednesday 10. Letter from Mr McCoy & Helen & Mr Hawk. my ankle was very painful yesterday afternoon, bathed it in hot smelt water with good effect. Do not use it much fearing it will not get well so soon if used.

Thursday 11. Austin & Wilfred went to town late this morning. Took 4½ dozen eggs, which were packed in salt - 18¢ a dozen. Three buildings burned last night in Waseca. Hannah Hawks came home with our folks to night, my ankle better. Letter to Gustie Dailey, front to Arizona.

Friday 12. Wilfred & Ada have gone to town

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to attend a church reunion, will stay over night at Mr Hawks. Austin & George went to the station this afternoon with a small load of wheat. The fine 66¢ station sent papers ^{Rougholph} to Mrs Ware.

Saturday 13. W. & A. came home a little afternoon, Austin took wheat to the station, Hannah went with him.

Sunday 14. A quiet day of rest.

Monday 15. Two loads of ice drawn, & probably the last, making 57 blocks. A. is to go to Waseca tomorrow to get the horses shod, Hannah will go with him. Letter from R. & Centura.

Tuesday 16. A. went to Waseca & Hannah with him started as soon as it began to grow light, about six o'clock, & returned before dark. H. went to Mr. Stoughton's. Young Charles Vinton came just after noon, will go with Wilfred tomorrow to Waterville after saw dust, if the weather is favorable. W. & A. did a washing.

Wednesday 17. They have just come ^{half past eight} home with their two loads of saw dust. Wilfred, & Charles Vinton. They started this morning about 5 o'clock.

Letters from Gustie & Willy.

Thursday 18. Austin went to Waseca. Took Hannah home. Our folks have been packing the ice, or part of it. This afternoon cut a load of wood for Charles to take home. He & W. went just before night to see the Dunn stock. It is quite blizzardy to night.

Friday 19. Charles B. went home a little afternoon. Our folks worked at storing away the ice, a slow job of work. A Jersey cow & calf a yearling, belonging to Mr. Kessel of Waseca, were sent here yesterday to be kept for a while.

Saturday 20. Another blizzardy afternoon. Wilfred went over to Goose Lake & got two more blocks of ice & will go Monday to get one more load of saw dust.

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Sunday 21st Another quiet day. Henry Astor called to see us. The bird with us part of the winter. Three years ago. Letter from Willy; & one from Mr. Stevens to A.

Monday 22 Wilfred started this morning at half past three to Waterville after another load of saw dust. Andy Dunn went with him after a load for himself. We got home sometime before dark.

Tuesday 23 A little washing done, a thawing day. Spent the forenoon in baking & work about the house. The men put the last saw dust on the ice. This afternoon W. went up to help H. Dunn kill a beef, & also drew a load of wood. Weather colder.

Wednesday 24 A very thawing day, tho it is colder again to night, & a strong wind blowing from the north. A. went this morning over into Otisco to see about a bridge some home about middle of the afternoon. Have been busy making order on old vest for A. sent Harper's weeklies to Julie.

Thursday 25 W. & G. chopped in the woods this afternoon. Wind blew hard all last night from the north.

Friday 26 Some hay drawn into the barn. W. went to Mr. Dennis to get the cornsheller. He & Ada went this afternoon to town to a Masonic supper. To come home tomorrow. Took two cans of cream to the creamery. Letter to Reilly, Harper weekly to J. V. Shields to Mrs. Stevens.

Saturday 27 Wilfred came home this afternoon, leaving Ada till tomorrow. A letter from R. to W. Mrs. Harold to Mrs. Stevens. Letter to Willy enclosing a windy, blustering day. District school closed yesterday.

Sunday 28 Several inches of snow fell during last night & to day a fine snow

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has fallen all day, & W. did not go to Church. Have written to Gordon.

Monday

March 1st more snow through the day. Three loads of wood drawn. Harpers put to smoke. A calf at the barn last night. Found dead this morning. Was busy most of the forenoon baking. wrote to Helen this afternoon.

Tuesday 2nd

Wilfred went to town & brought Ada home. H. Dunn went over with him. Letter from Willy & from Iowa to W. W. also took wheat to mill & brought home several sacks of flour, also a pump for the new cistern. sent letter to Helen & letter & papers to Gordon, postal to Willy & A. a letter to Mr. McCoy.

Wednesday 3

more hay drawn into the barn, Letter from Mr. Dingley to A. concerning fur overcoats. H. Dunn took some line hogs to town.

Thursday 4

W. & A. did a washing. Ida, her father & sister came & stayed to dinner. Ida is to come the first of next month to work for us again through the summer. Austin took W. to Mr. Dennis to see Addie, who has been ailing for a few days.

Friday 5

A pleasant day, an eclipse or partial eclipse of the sun just before night or just before & at the going down of the sun. Mr. Dinton & George went over to Mr. Hensels this afternoon. A new pump put in the cistern in the back kitchen.

Saturday 6

A. & W. went to town to get lumber or board for an extra roof over the ice house. Took the cream to the creamery. second time we have sent cream. Looked for Mrs. Case. Postal from Willy.

Sunday 7

It was snowing when we got up this morning & continued storming till well on into the day, but the afternoon has been mild & pleasant. Have written to R.

- Monday 8 a washing done. The men drew several loads of wood. The smoked ham put in the cellar. The Drumm hired man John left him this ^{evening} morn.
- Tuesday 9 Town meeting day. Wilfred & his father went to town meeting. Took over a load of grain & brought back a load of ground feed. Letter to R. Observer to Gordon. Paper from R.
- Wednesday 10 More hay drawn into the barn. Mr. Vickery with another man came to look at horses.
- Thursday 11 Mr & Mrs Case came this forenoon. Mr C. went home at 2 o'clock leaving Mrs C. to stay a few days. It has been somewhat stormy & W. did not go to Waseca as he intended to meet with the Lodge.
- Friday 12 A. took a load of grain to mill & had it ground for feed. W. A. Mrs Case & Herbert called at Mr. Dunns. Had for weekly to put in Package of reading matter from R. Iowa Science Monthlies.
- Saturday 13 Seven loads of hay drawn into the barn.
- Sunday 14 Wilfred, Ada, Mrs Case, George & Herbert went to church. Snowy this morning but a mild day.
- Monday 15 The well cleaned out & the water in the new cistern pumped out & cracks found in the cement that will necessitate its being replastered or cemented. Agnes & Lucy came in this evening.
- Tuesday 16 The Co. Commissioners met to day. W. took his father over to W. & Mrs Case went with them to go home on the train. The snow has gone off very fast. Letter from R. Postal to Willy.
- Wednesday 17 Thunder & lightning this morning. Rail & iron W. & A. did a washing. Snow has gone off very fast. Some men came to look at horses. Several of the horses are ailing with horse distemper. Letter from Willy Cooper.

- Thursday 18 Wilfred got a horse at Mr. Dunns this morn. to drive with Tony to town to bring his father home. Our horses having the distemper. Took the cream over & brought home a calf. But his father was not ready to come home. The roads are in a bad state or rather there are no roads & they go across country through mud & water & ice.
- Friday 19 A foggy dismal day. snow still melting. Ricked over feathers ^{in bed room} yesterday & to day to put in a bolster.
- Saturday 20 An all day blizzard & now at bedtime the wind still keeps up. Wilfred was to have gone to the station for his father who was to meet him there from Waseca. but the storm has made it impossible to go.
- Sunday 21 Charles Stevens brought Austin home this afternoon. He, A. went to Waseca on the cars yesterday & finding no one there to bring him & the storm continuing he went back to W. on the afternoon train. This morning the drifts around the house were higher than before this winter, but they are already settling fast & the snow melting. Letter from Willy.
- Monday 22 Pleasant all day & the snow has melted a good deal. W. drew three loads of wood. used the new harnes. a man was expected to recement the new cistern. but he did not come. The imbecile daughter of William Dunn was buried to day. A young man, a cattle buyer is staying here to night. Austin came home last night with a horse cold & has been kept in with it most of the day. Mr. Bennet was here this morning looking at cattle. H. Dunn sold him half a dozen young cattle. The snow has not melted so much today. As he stayed in most of the day, he coughed more. Parent over to Simonson's.
- Tuesday 23

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Wednesday 24. For the last two or three days, have been making additions to my scrapbooks. Mr Reynolds came to plaster the cistern but the cement not proving satisfactory it was partly done & left to dry & to be fixed some other time. Mr Dunn went to town took our mail & brought a letter for Ada, only. Austin's cold letter.

Thursday 25. Wilfred & the neighbors broke the road through the snow from Mr. Dunn's to Mr. Dunn's. The travel has gone through the fields all winter. There is very little traveling, roads being very bad. Papers, & letter to R. from R. There is not much snow left, except where it drifted. George having a pain in his side has not worked to day.

Friday 26. George went this morning to find another place to work. his time being out here, or nearly out. The cattle buyer who stayed here last Monday night, is here again to night. Tommy Dunn & a Keweenaw boy just came in. wanted to look at the blind colt. the H. boy talking of buying him.

Saturday 27. W. went over to see the Dorneys. this fore noon. this afternoon helped Andy Dunn about getting the Clement house ready to move. H. this evening, went down to Mr. Dunn's to get the mail as Mr. D. has been to town. Porter from Willy. George has our mail, some where on the road probably.

Sunday 28. Another stormy windy day. several inches of snow has fallen. It is quiet now at bed time. Have written to Willy.

Monday 29. Wilfred went to Waseca with a sleigh. took the cream. George came back with him. He has engaged to work for a Mr Taylor, beyond Waseca. A postal & papers from Gordon. Papers from R. A man, or boy, by name Joe Plant came this

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morning to work for a few days, & perhaps for the summer. A Keweenaw boy has bought the blind colt. came this evening & took him away. Letter to Willy.

Tuesday 30. W. & George went this forenoon to help Andy Dunn about the Clement house. this afternoon, they with the new man went up in the woods to work. It has not thawed fast to day. the snow drifts have not diminished much.

Wednesday 31. The Clement house moved with fourteen span of horses. Wilfred has been there all day with a team to help draw tools & things to use. Austin went after Ida, & she has come to work for the summer. Heathaved a good deal. J. Dunn went to W. to take

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was not well & did not write in my book last night. H. Dunn went to Waseca yesterday, with some cattle he had sold. & brought our mail. A letter from R. & one from Gordon to R. The L. part of the Clement house moved today. George finished packing up his things & went away to his new place to work for the summer. to a Mr Taylor. The new man has been hired for eight months for \$128. Ida washed yesterday & ironed to day.

Saturday 3

The snow is slowly going off, very slowly. H. Dunn went to town with Andy Dunn. brought our mail. only papers. a roof put over the shed where the ice is stored. an extra roof.

Sunday 4

Quiet & pleasant all day. Have had a fire in the parlor & stove in there all day.

Monday 5

Another pleasant day. Working done men cleaned up wheat ready for sowing. The man Joe has gone to Mr

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- Heurels is to take his blind colt to Amatoma tomorrow, for his father who lives there, to take care of ^{from there}
- Tuesday 6. Pleasant again. W. killed & blasted a rock out in the field. Went to Andy Durns after the big Kettle to boil the feet of the ^{three} beavers killed this winter to get oil for kummers. R. H. Durn & wife called at the door to night, spoke of the death of Mr Brubakers daughter of Warsaw.
- Wednesday 7. Still pleasant. Seeding is going on in the Suede neighborhood, snow in the fields here mostly gone. Plenty around the house & yards yet. Mail to night by way of H. D. Letter from Mr Deiley & Willy.
- Thursday 8. Wilfred stayed in his room this forenoon with a headache, this afternoon went with his father to see Mr Durns new horse a French Coach horse which he has just brought from the famous Dunkans farm in Illinois. Letter from R. to R. The drifts around the house grow flatter & thinner each day. Ida took off the two double windows.
- Friday 9. It is now at 8 o'clock evening, raining. It rained a little this morning ^{enough} to prevent our folks going to town, but has not rained through the day & it has been warm & the spots of snow have rapidly diminished ^{diminished} the day. A churning done for the first time in many weeks. Some of the people living in sight have been putting in grain for perhaps two or three days. Cattle is still too wet. Cattle cleared up for sowing.
- Saturday 10. A. & W. went to town, took a cow to C. Stevens which was sold to him three weeks ago for \$30.00 brought home a barrel of cement. Letter to Gustav.
- Sunday 11. Cloudy all day. Ida went home, Roads too bad to go to church.

- Monday 12. Wilfred began seeding, sowing oats north of the road next to H. D. & land Mr Reynolds came this afternoon & put a coat of the new ^{Portland} cement on the cistern, washing down.
- Tuesday 13. Wilfred finished sowing oats where he began yesterday & was hawking when stopped by rain. Mr Reynolds came again this afternoon & finished the cistern. Snowing day, weather warmer than it has been before snow all gone except a little by the side of the road, black & flat.
- Wednesday 14. Thunder, lightning & rain during last night & too muddy for seeding to day. W. plowed a while on high ground in a south field. This evening again we have had almost incessant thunder & lightning & rain. A little beginning made towards house cleaning & the Buffalo robes & coats put away. Mail to night by H. D. postal from Willy. Harper papers letter to R. flower seeds to A.
- Thursday 15. A pleasant & warm day after the storm of last night. We have heard of a cyclone in the state somewhere north of us, no particulars said to have occurred yesterday afternoon. W. has been plowing again to day. The whole prairie or slough north of us is covered with water & looks like a lake with numerous islands.
- Friday 16. A rainy day. tho it hasn't rained all day. Alvin & Webster Stoughten came in at noon went away after dinner, went down to the barn first time since fall.
- Saturday 17. A very pleasant day. Berry Soda beer & wife went to town & took four cream. Mr Farmer & an Awetome creamery man called at the door. W. & his father both plowed, Ida put on several of the wire

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window screens. George Porter, H. Dunn, man came in to ask for Arvica for a hunt caused by a kick from a horse Johnny Dunn came over to play with Herbert this forenoon. Guest children cleaned & regulated yesterday & day before.

Sunday 18 a pleasant Sunday, a very quiet day. Men went home as usual. Germans went by to church but roads are very muddy. It is a bright moonlight evening & we hope it will continue pleasant weather till the grain can be put into the ground.

Monday 19 A warm bright day. 79 or 80° above. 3 or 4 acres of wheat sowed, the first we have sowed. John Johnson this morning to work for a few days. Another Swede came to see about work. Andrew Holtgren here this afternoon to get a job of grubbing. A working done.

Tuesday 20 Bright & the boys have been very busy all day sowing wheat w. with the seeder & the boys with the harrow. There was thunder & clouds just at night & we expected rain but hope as it did not come, that it will be pleasant again tomorrow. The closet in my room cleaned & part of the ironing done. A man here to day.

Wednesday 21 Another warm day. The wheat sowing finished & now plowing. George Collins came in & brought the mail. He has left the place where he went to work is now at A. Dunns. Dandelion greens for dinner first time.

Thursday 22 Not quite so warm to day. & to night there is lightning & it looks like rain. A German here to hire out would work for \$190 month. The Japery have sailing.

Friday 23 A cloudy day but no rain to speak of. Pantry cleaned yesterday & to day. For a few days have been mending & sewing garments, have also fried a bedgilt

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material, old calico

Saturday 24 Cloudy all day. Plowing & sowing oats. Letter to Mrs. Stevens. The Dunn children here. Herbert took the mail to Mr. Dunns. Portal from W. & papers. Japery seems well again.

Sunday 25 Cloudy most of the day & this evening raining. Lightning now & then, & low thunder. George Collins came from A. Dunns, & is staying over night. The Swede boy Johnson is here for another week.

Monday 26 Washing day. man came for the cream. The Swede boy who came a week ago to get work, came to work a few days. G. Collins went to Wadena this morning. will try to find another place to work failing in that, may come back here. Fence in front of the house next the road taken down, was built 21 years ago. Leaves & grass growing fast.

Tuesday 27 A good work day but the ground is muddy for seeding. worked at scrap book making yesterday & to day. Dandelion greens again.

Wednesday 28 Rainy this afternoon, a Mr. Norton from Wariope (who is staying a day at Mr. Dunns) called. He worked in the cellar sprouting potatoes.

Thursday 29 A rainy forenoon. The two Swede boys. have taken the looking away from around the back side of the house. W. & his father fixed a barrel with covers to set milk in for the summer. Put on the quilt fixed a week ago which we will finish tomorrow. The ground is very wet again. the slough north of the house like a lake & the oats not all sowed yet.

Friday 30 - a bright pleasant day. The quilt finished & put away. Hannah B. Japery came this afternoon & got a basket of strawberry plants.

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Saturday
May 1st

Another pleasant day & potatoes planted. The two Swede boys went home to night. George Collins came back, having failed to find work. We brought our milk, two Centon, & Kemper pears & others. Letter from R. to R.

Sunday 2nd

A quiet cloudy day. George & Herbert went to the school house expecting to find a Sunday school, but were disappointed. Spent the day as usual, in reading yesterday. Ida & I helped rake up the dried leaves in the front yard.

Monday 3rd

Wilfred went to Maraca, took milk cans to be repaired. brought home two pickerel which he & Allen Hawkes caught in Clear Lake with several smaller fish. The pickerel weighed 7 lbs. & 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Allen H. came with us, they brought George's trunk. Cloudy, a good part of the day, raining to night. Letter to Willy, note to R. in R.'s letter. postal to Gordon also freight to G. Began making a rug, W. brought home a fine globe.

Tuesday 4

The cream gatherer left to dinner. colored washing done. Fresh fish for dinner, worked on rug, cream only 13 cts from today.

Wednesday 5

A pleasant day, sitting room cleaned. Allen H. is staying a few days to help in the Spring's work. Thunder & lightning & a little rain this evening.

Thursday 6

The sitting room regulated. stove set up again. it being yet too cool to take it out. The two women Kate & Polly had each a cold last night. Men busy plowing corn ground & getting out manure. Steep carpet taken up & put down again & a little more window washing. worked at my rug a little.

Friday 7

R.'s room & the hall upstairs cleaned. cream man here.

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Saturday 8

A rainy day. worked on my rug. Mr. Dunn brought the mail. a letter from Willy & one to R. & myself from Curtis D. Papers bring news of a serious riot in Chicago.

Sunday 9

Another rainy gloomy day. Wilfred took Allen Hawkes home & went to church. wrote to Willy Cooper.

Monday 10

Cloudy & wet this morning & forenoon but pleasant part of the afternoon & Ida dried her clothes. of the white ones black in the north & south both, late in the afternoon but we escaped rain. A. worked in the garden, W. plowed. worked on my rug again.

Tuesday 11

Pleasant all day. Plowing & garden making. cream man came. Mr. Gilson with him. Both had dinner. A. is to go to Queatonna tomorrow.

Wednesday 12

Austin went to Queatonna about noon to stay over night. a good deal of thunder & lightning this evening, with some wind for a few minutes. I have just heard of another cyclone, this time in Missouri. at Kansas City, a good many lives lost. no particulars. Letter in this to Curtis D. postal to Mr. Humphrey. Letter to Willy Cooper. pears to G. & J. B. Rug finished.

Thursday 13

Ida's room cleaned. Austin came home before night. an ailing cow at the barn.

Friday 14

My room cleaned & repolished again. corn planting begun. Tommy Dunn helped prepare the ground for planting.

Saturday 15

corn planting nearly finished. Ida has gone home to night to go to church tomorrow. Began a knitted rag rug.

Sunday 16

W. A. R. George & Herbert, went to church to hear Evangelist Brown preach. service in the Methodist church. a frost last night ice thick as window glass in Maraca.

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Monday 17, Wilfred got up very early this morning + finished planting corn after which he went with his team to help Andy Dunn fit his corn ground. It has been somewhat rainy this afternoon + thunder, snow at last time. White clothes washed + dried - worked most of the day on the rug -

Tuesday 18 A good day. colored clothes washed most of the morning done - worked on the rug. German boy came to see about work.

Wednesday 19 Another pleasant day. Oats + barley sowed the last of the seeding. Mr. Inverell + a Mr. Forsythe called at the barn to look at horses. Henry Lewis, the assessor here to dinner. Heave knit on the rug much of the day with help from R. + this afternoon from Ida. A letter this morning from Mrs. Humphrey, paper to Gordon. screen put on the east dining room door

Thursday 20 Austin went to Waseca took Herbert with him - brought home some lumber - came to fix a place for the milk near the ice, Postal to Willy. A Mrs. Reynolds came to ask for contributions to a picnic dinner to be given by or to the S. A. R. a row of Lima beans planted

Friday 21 Mrs. Peter Daniels has a daughter born on the 19 - or Wednesday night. A coach put up + soap making begun. Planted another row of Lima Beans myself. W. plowed a part of the sheep pasture for sweet corn. Yesterday helped R. + Ida build up a pile of stones in the front yard for vines to run over. Began another braided rug yesterday. we are also knitting another one of mixed rags. the one we have been knitting finished yesterday. Dish cupboard cleaned + the wood work in the dining room

Saturday 22 The German who came the other day to see

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about work. has come to day, + is to work half a month. A. + W. have fixed a place by the ice, to set the milk. Soap making finished. carpet put down in dining room. Ada went with Mrs. Henry Dunn to call on Mrs. Daniels who has a young babe - went to Waseca Austin + I, to hear Mr. Brown the evangelist service at the Opera house. Bible reading at 4 o'clock at the Congregational church. Letters from Willy + Mrs. Stevens. Mr. Stevens is to start for Minnesota tomorrow + we may look for him last of this week. Herbert's seventh birth day. Austin went to Blooming Grove. Mr. Cudgen went with him from Waseca. Potatoes all taken out of the cellar. Stone moved into the back kitchen. work in done

Sunday 23

Monday 24

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Saturday 29

Wilfred took Ada to Waseca + left her to stay a few days to attend the meeting. A letter from George Alden to Austin. Austin went to Alton to see about a road. wrote to Mrs. Humphrey. postal to George Alden

Austin went to Waseca to attend to the county commissioner business. W. drew a load of gravel to put around the milk room + ice house, + whitewashed, or kalsomined the dining room. A. came home to night. is to go back in the morning. Mr. Stevens came to W. to day, will come home with A. tomorrow night. Letter from Mrs. Christy.

Mr. Stevens came to night with A. is to go to New Richland to procure with W. churning done or rather two churning to be done. Ada came home to night from W. with Austin. Mr. Stevens + W. went to New Richland. Postal from Mrs. Humphrey, one to W.

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Monday 31. Yesterday, Wilfred & George went to church. Mr Stevens stayed here & went to the school house to S. school with Ada, Herbert & the Drums, Mr S. also walked up to see his old home. To day, Austin, Mr Stearns & Mr G. Dunn went to Awatonne, A., & Mr S. took dinner at Mr Stoughtons. Corn large enough to be worked in & our folks began plowing it out.

Tuesday June 1st This morning Austin took Mr Stevens to Mareca. He is to start for Dakota tomorrow. We had a little gentle rain this forenoon, not enough to more than dampen the ground on top, more at Mareca. We began shearing the sheep men plowing out corn. Letter from Willy Fisher from R. to N.

Wednesday 2 More sheep shearing men worked in corn. Austin went off on road business, & to town colored working done, Ada roasted two fowls & baked a pan of beans for the banquet given tomorrow to the G. A. R. S. Ida went home this afternoon to get things to wear tomorrow, as she goes with the next to town.

Thursday 3 W, A. Herbert & all the hired help, went to town to attend the encampment of the G. A. R. S. The weather was very fine, roads good & nearly every body was there. Austin took me over to call on Mrs Peter Daniels & her two weeks old baby. drove in to Mr Durnis one stopped at the door a moment. also drove up to H. Durnis & called at the door.

Friday 4 Pleasant all day till toward night when there was a little rain & there has been some thunder this evening. Sheep shearing finished. Gordon

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ploughed out. sat out in the barn muck this forenoon & worked on the rug Sam braiding.

Saturday 5 Austin went off on county business to the township of Foreville. St Mary R. A. & the two hired men worked in the potatoe field, plowing & hoeing. worked on the rug. a letter from Mrs Christ to N. Letter to Mrs Stevens, postal & box of books to Gordon. W, A. N. & Herbert went to church. It began to rain, just as they got home but proved to be a light shower.

Sunday 6 Wilfred & George worked on the road. the other men in the corn. A. in the garden. Letter from Mrs Humphrey.

Tuesday 8 Another small rain this afternoon. Austin went to Blooming Grove, to see about a road. Ada went with him as far as Mareca. to attend a missionary meeting. Letter from Helen with news of the death of two little Powell children, her grandchildren. Some Suede people came & bought some wool, 8 fleeces at 18 cts a lb. W & G on the road.

Wednesday 9, W & G, worked on the road again. Randy the other man works in the corn. A. mowed the yard this afternoon. Herbert went to school this afternoon. Letter from Gordon, postal from Mr Stevens at Fargo, Dakota, Letter to Mrs Humphrey yesterday. Look for her here tomorrow.

Thursday 10 Mrs A. Preston & Mrs Davoe & son, came this forenoon. went home before five A. went to the station for Mrs Humphrey about two o'clock & came back with her after four. He went to school this forenoon.

Friday 11 A very warm day, 72°. A. took Ida home to night to go to a wedding tomorrow among her Suede friends. Strawberries for dinner &

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tee, first from our own vines, will have a short crop, unless we have rain very soon. All crops are needing rain badly. Albert went to school all day.

Saturday 12. A. took Mrs Humphrey to the station, we went to Maraca. Herbert with him. Took wool & several sheep to Mr Henderson. A very warm day 90°. Letter from Willy, postal to him.

Sunday 13. A. & Herbert went to church. In three days we have had strong winds from the South, & hoped for rain, but it is very still to night, & no sign of rain. Crops garden & all vegetation is suffering for rain.

Monday 14. Another hot day. Black clouds & wind just at night. but so far no rain. A. & Herbert went to Maraca. A. took wool & several sheep to Mr Henderson. A very warm day 90°. Letter from Willy, postal to him. Mrs Newell from rain to speak of this it still thunders & we hope the storm is not over. Strawberries for tea, so far we have picked about six quarts. 94° above.

Tuesday 15. Austin & Wilfred went to Quatone. Took a load of oats to the Dr. Ida came home this afternoon. Having been gone since Friday night.

Wednesday 16. We looked for Mr & Mrs Hawkes but they did not come. Ida washed white clothes this afternoon. too late to dry them. We had another light rain just at night.

Thursday 17. Austin went to Maraca with a load of feed & had it ground. Postal to Willy. Postal from Mrs Humphrey yesterday. The rest of the washing done & most of the morning five quarts strawberries picked. Letter to Helen.

Friday 18. Thunder again this afternoon but no rain except a sprinkle. Potatoe bugs are trying hard to destroy the potato & Paris Green is being used in quantities. Put up one can of strawberries. Johnnie Duran has scarlet fever & the school stopped yesterday.

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Saturday 19. Austin's 69 birth day. He went to the station to bring Willy & family home. But as we had written them of scarlet fever in the neighborhood they did not come. A few more quarts of strawberries picked but they are quite inferior to those of last year owing to the dry weather.

Sunday 20. Went to church A. & I. Heard a Mr Dickinson from St Paul. who had exchanged with Mr Stemen. We had a good rain last night. The first in many weeks that has wet the ground much. & it made the travel rather slow. & we were a good deal tired when we got home. The day has been very pleasant.

Monday 21. Wilfred & Ida have gone to Geneva & started at 11 o'clock, wishing done, several little rains this afternoon. Johnnie said to be better this morning. One of the little Duran children ailing yesterday & today. The Dr. says it is scarlet fever. Put up another can of strawberries, but they are small & inferior compared with those of last year.

Tuesday 22. Mr & A. came home before dark. Two churning done. 21 lbs butter. Mrs Lindsay & her son called at the door, with an invitation to a lawn party at her house Friday.

Wednesday 23. The cottonwood trees in the backyard trimmed. Large limbs cut off. A hard wind blew them onto the house. wrote to R. we, R & I, are knitting and mending. Sewing finished.

Thursday 24. Austin & Wilfred went to Maraca. Took part of a load of wheat, 62 cts. attended a prohibition convention. Letter to R. & Willy. Three more of the Duran children sick with scarlet fever.

Saturday 26. Austin, R. & I, went to Quatone yesterday afternoon. A. & I, stayed all night at Mr

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Stoughton, N. at the Dr's. did a little shopping got home before sundown. Mr. Dunn's family no better. Addie very sick. Mr. Clement is there to help take care of them. Papers & Centuries from R. letter from Willy.

Sunday 27. Addie Dunn died this afternoon about 5 o'clock. Two more children Mary & Belle are very sick. Wilfred & Ada went to church. Austin went to night after Mrs. Daniels to come to Mr. Dunn's.

Monday 28. The funeral at Mr. Dunn's was at two o'clock. Mr. Stemen came here & took dinner & went over to Mr. D's. with Wilfred & his father. He did not preach a sermon, the services were held out doors & were short. we sent postal to Mrs. Humphrey & Willy.

Tuesday 29. Austin went to Waseca N. went with him to have a dress fitted. A. also had some road business between here & Waseca, to see to. Postal from Mrs. Humphrey. Letter from Gordon to N. The Dunn children a little better. Picked the first raspberries two or three quarts. George has worked for Henry for the last three days. Ruddy went to Waseca. Marble man from Owatonna called at the door.

Wednesday 30. George worked again to day for Mr. Dunn. man came last night at 11 o'clock to get Wilfred to go to Waseca for Dr. Young, for Billy & Labia's wife. Letter from R. postal from Dr. 5 gts berries.

Thursday July 1st. Haying began yesterday. 3 quarts of berries picked. Ruddy the German went away carrying his trunk on his shoulders. put up a can of berries. several quarts currants picked.

Friday 2nd. Ida has gone home to night to stay till Sunday night. A. went to see about a road again this afternoon. brought back Ruddy's trunk which he took away yesterday & he is coming back here to work next Monday. Jimmy Dunn is very sick. Dr. Young & Humphrey were to come to see him to night. Letter from Willy.

Saturday 3rd. Wilfred, Ada & George went to Waseca this morning. to hear General Howard speak at Maplewood Park. It has been quite showery this afternoon. Letter to Willy. Jimmy Dunn still very sick. Put up a can of currants yesterday & 2 to day.

Sunday 4. Went with Austin to Waseca, attended church in the morning. communion service. several persons benited with the church. went over to Maplewood Park in the afternoon to hear Gen Howard speak. Mr & Mrs. Haerkes came over with us. got home before sundown. Washing done. The Dunn children getting well. Ruddy's father here to night to have him go away to work for another man, very hot weather, 96°.

Monday 5. another very hot day. Ida picked 8 quarts currants. Men are haying. Ruddy has gone again this time to work for a man near Witten. His father came again this morning. N. & I. are making a lawn dress for me. more haying hot or hot as yesterday, canned more currants & one can of raspberries. Dress finished.

Tuesday 6. Good weather & haying continued. Wednesday 7. A. took sister N. to Waseca to stay a few days. After he came home. W. & A. went over to hear Mrs. Noble, an elocutionist at the Congl church. Put up three more cans of fruit.

Thursday 8. more haying. Mr. Bennett came this morning.

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+ bought some hogs. This afternoon Harry, Mary + Martha Humphreys came to stay over Sunday. Letter from R. Portal from Weill.

Sunday 11

All went to Maplewood Park. Austin alone staying at home. brought N. back. Heard a sermon by A. Q. White.

Friday 16

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Went last Monday afternoon to Waseca with the Humphreys. Who went that way home. N. also went back to Mr Prestons. We stayed till yesterday afternoon. She at Mr Post's, at Mr Heavies when Austin + Herbert came after us. Josie Preston came home with us. Attended the assembly at Maplewood Park. Tuesday all day + evening + Wednesday afternoon + evening. Charles + Harry Humphreys came Tuesday night to W. on bicycles, went to the Park that evening. Left at Mr Hawkes went to the park again Wed. forenoon, + came over here in the afternoon, went home next morning. Heard good lectures at the park from different men. Among the best speakers were Miller - Wright - Gillet - Holman + Mrs Cobe. Assembly closes to day.

Haying still going on, with good weather. A washing + ironing done to day, churning yesterday.

Saturday 17

Mowing finished. Good weather for haying continues. Wilfred has gone to school meeting this evening.

Sunday 18

All stayed at home + rested. Pleasant all day. raining a little this evening.

Monday 19

Another good day. more hay drawing to be finished tomorrow. washing done. George White took dinner here, getting cream. Austin has been to Waseca on county business. Letter to R. from R. magazines + Harpers.

Tuesday 20

Austin went again on county business to Waseca + several miles beyond.

Wednesday 21

The haying finished. a little afternoon. Still good weather. Wilfred + George went with a team + helped Mr Dunns get up hay. A. went to Waseca again.

Thursday 22

Letter to R. Wilfred, George + Herbert went to town. Haying to begin tomorrow. many have already begun. Letter from W. to W.

Friday 23

First oats cut - scrub acres. still dry weather. Looking like rain.

Saturday 24

Oats north of the road finished + wheat cutting begun. Some rain during last night or rather early this morning, but the day has been pleasant - 90° + more.

Sunday 25

No one went to church. Ida went home. a day of real rest.

Monday 26

A. went to W. Took Josie Preston home who had been visiting us since the 14th. wheat harvest - continued. washing done. Postal to Wille. Papers to Gordon. Kate + Julia A. has not come home. Yes, he has just come + it is nearly half past nine. bring two letters from R. telling of Col Dufurs illness. The letter but will not be able to start on their visit to us. + trip East. for two weeks + perhaps more.

Tuesday 27

Another hot dry day 97° + probably more. George is flaid up with a swelled face. The binder gave out this afternoon. Wilfred went out to Mr Dunns to get Mr Clement (who was there setting up a new binder) to come + help fix it. They have failed to make it work right - + Mr Heavies is expected ^{now} in the morning. to find out the trouble if possible. Letter from Helen.

Wednesday 28

M + Mrs Hawkes came early this morning

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he, to fix the binder, which he did in a short time & the wheat was finished this afternoon. They went home about ten o'clock. It looked very much like rain most of the afternoon & did sprinkle a little. It is preparing to rain soon.

Thursday 29. Helped weed out the beets. Green peas for dinner sweet corn last Sunday first time. R. finished preparing the room. George has been at work today, his face getting better. They began cutting oats on the hill in the south field this morning machine worked well - no break down. Churn done.

Friday 30. Mary Dunn came to the door with the mail cards of invitation for us all to G. Dr. & Mrs. Gove's golden wedding. Letter from Emma, Sept mail by Mr. Dunn. Letter to R. Helen & Willy. Ambush fiddler staying here to night.

Saturday 31. Oats & Barley finished. A few more green late oats to be cut some time. A remarkable year for harvesting, no rain since the beginning of harvesting. Ida has gone home to night to go to church tomorrow. Austin took her home or just way has gone to find help to stack next week.

Sunday August 1st. Helped Ada George & Herbert went to church. Heard Mr. Carter at the Methodist church. Mr. Stemen has gone east. Mrs. Garrison is very sick not expected to live. Mrs. Wood is also very ill. Wrote to Simon. Letter from R. yesterday.

Monday 2. One stack of wheat finished & another begun. Washing done. Janny Dunn came for some oats.

Tuesday 3. Another stack of wheat. A sprinkle of rain this forenoon nearly stopped

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the stacking. Finished a rug for Herbert. Ironing done. Maggie White & her brother here yesterday to dinner. They are gathering cream this week instead of their father. I went to town. took part of a load of wheat. 62 cts. A new man to help in the stacking a day or two. Have finished stacking the wheat (three stacks) & have a stack of oats pretty done, weather still dry - we are needing rain. Postal to Willy & letter to Simon. Mrs. Garrison of Maroon died of apoplexy last Monday.

Wednesday 4. Charles Haufkes came early this morning to look at stack oats, has gone home to night. Charles Britton & another man are staying here to night on their way to Dakota.

Thursday 5. The man who has worked stacking two days - went away this morning. Grain all stacked - except the two or three acres of oats not yet cut. A few fiddlers is staying here to night. Austin & I. are to go to Quarijo's tomorrow.

Friday 6. George White took dinner here. Saturday 7. Saturday last - the 7th we went to Quarijo. stopped at Quatonno on the way to get the horses shod. stayed at Dr. Wines. till half past two. & then went on without stopping. Reached W. before seven. Sunday, I did not feel very well, & did not go to church with Willy & his father. Monday the 9th went to Dodge Center to attend the golden wedding of Dr. & Mrs. Gove. It was a large gathering nearly if not quite four hundred people were entertained. During the afternoon & evening. There were hand some presents. speeches were made. there was music by the Dodge Center band & everybody seemed

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Luppus, me, ourselves & Willy & Emma & Julia went home at ten o'clock. Next day the 10th came home, stopping at Q, at the Dis. again, to dinner, arrived home at dark. Next Q. came home an hour or two later from Waraca or Maplewood Park, where the masons had a pic nic or gathering of some kind. To day we have had a good rain. The first in weeks. There was sharp lightning & very sharp heavy thunder.

Thursday 12. A. went to Waraca this morning on Co. business. Charles & Hannah & Hawkes came this morning, went home about six this evening. When they got home found Austin there just coming home. & Hannah came back with him to go home in the morning when he goes over again to finish his work there. The day has been very warm. made ice cream. Two letters from R. yesterday & one from Mrs. Stevens.

Friday 13. A. went again to town, Hannah going with him. To night Mary Clement came home with him. Wilfred has mowed the weeds & grass around the house.

Saturday 14. Wilfred has plowed two or three days & George draws manure. Letter to R. yesterday. Mary Clement is staying to night at H. Dums.

Sunday 15. All stayed at home except George & Ida. Hot & close to night & thunder in the distance.

Monday 16. W. helped George. & his father plowed. H. Dums went to town brought another letter from R. Col. Dums still sick with malarial fever. A Mr. Curran living this side of Waraca lost two stacks of grain last night, struck & burned by lightning. White washing

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done, but weather too damp & cloudy for drying clothes. Lucy Dums & Mary Clement here to dinner. In. went to M. Dums this afternoon.

Tuesday 17. Plowing & drawing out manure. Herbert had one or two attacks of nausea & vomited. wrote to R. & Willy.

Wednesday 18. Austin has plowed again to day. will go to Waraca tomorrow on Co. business. What few Dutch apples we have are falling off. & the hens eat them as fast as they fall. & as they will not keep, we will send some to market tomorrow.

Thursday 19. A. went to town again, & came home about dark. Brought two letters from R. & one from Simon. Col. Dums improving slowly. Paper & books also from R. A took bushel & a half apples to market \$1.00 a bushel. Paper from Willy on account of the golden wedding.

Friday 20. Went this morning with A. to Waraca stopped at Mrs. Plummer's door a few minutes. She & her daughter have just returned from N. Hampshire. Spent most of the day with Mrs. Elden. Towards evening walked up to Mr. Hawkes's. Stayed till after tea & drove home after half past seven. The last three miles or more after dark. It has been an exceedingly hot day, 94 & more. Letter to Mrs. Stevens.

Saturday 21. Another very hot day & near night a hard wind & some rain. A locust tree, our last one, blew down in the front yard. George went this morning to the mill for the Hensels. made a few glasses of plum jilly. The last or nearly the last of the apples blew off to night. three pails full. Two little Clement boys came over after Mary yesterday & went home this afternoon.

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Sunday 22 Went to Lucerne to Methodist church
W. A. N. Herbert & J. stopped at Mr
Heenrakes & left the horses in the barn
walked to church & back, Heard Mr
Bentin. our minister is away on his
vacation. The wind we had yesterday
blew the tops off of the majority of the
grain & hay stacks about the country.
The Clement children were stopped
on their way home by the storm, stayed
(23) all night at Mr. Hickory.

Monday 23 92°. The hot weather continues. George
went last night over to Mr. Kersels to
stay till they finish threshing. A.
help plowed Wilfred worked around the
barn & picking up brush &c.

Tuesday 24 Still another hot day & all last
night was hot. The ironing done.
Ada made a few glasses of wild
grape jelly. Have been busy most
of the day mending. A young
man stopped in to get mules
for his party of four, passing in a
carriage. ^{or day or two ago}
a new girl baby yesterday at
neighbor Soda's.

Wednesday 25 Wilfred went to Mr. Daniels to help
in the threshing. the machine is
now at Andy Durns. A. plows.
Mr. Kersell came to look at the Kate
horse, with a view to buying.

Thursday 26 Another hot day. Wilfred & man
helped in the threshing at Andy
Durns. Mrs. Woodbury of Waroger
& Miss Nellie Young called at the door
this evening. were on their way home
from Quatana.

Friday 27 A. went to town took two bushels of
apples \$1.00 a bushel. Letters from R. & Helen

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Saturday 28 A foggy damp day & much cooler.
Plowing done south of the house &
begun north of the road. George
rode over to Mr. Kersells. on some crane
about the Kate horse. Tommy Dunn
came early this morning to get some
slum to stop the bleeding of a wound
on a cold cut on a wire fence. Put
up five cans or half a dozen rather of
stewed apples. Had a slight attack of
palpitation.

Sunday 29 Another foggy day. Having heard
that Mr. Stephens was in Pease. Wil
fred & his father drove over there
this afternoon thinking Mr. S.
might come home with them
but being with a party of gentlemen
from the east who are to leave
tomorrow for Kansas, he thought it
best not to come. The weather is
much cooler. Have had a little fire
in my room most of the day.
Herbert & his mother went to S. school

Monday 30 A cool day for again most of the day.
washing done. B. White had to dinner. A
frost feared to night. 42° last night.

Tuesday 31 There was a little frost last night.
Ada made catfish to day, peas & string
& sliced green tomatoes for pickles.

Wednesday
September 1st a little sprinkle to night & we would be glad
for a good rain. The neighbors, Mr. Dunn & Mr.
Dunn are still cutting hay. we are having
very nice melons, better than for many years.
weather cool enough for fires last four ^{days} a fine
small sheep or lamb killed - wrote to Helen & Helen D.
Thursday 2 A rainy forenoon. Pleasant rest of the day, one side
grain sacks this afternoon. R. & S. Letter from R. & Helen
this evening by way of H. Dunn, of a terrible earth

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quake in South Carolina. Shall hear further news tomorrow. A few potatoes dug.

Friday 3

Austin went to Bloomingrove. Charleston in S. Carolina is almost destroyed by an earthquake & shocks were felt over a great part of the country Tuesday night last. more than a hundred lives lost in Charleston. Letters to Helen & Julia Vinton. post to Mrs. Humphrey. W. took Ida & R. up to H. Drums' to see a quantity of flannel & stockings given they had just received. Letter from Willy to Wilfred.

Saturday 4

Austin & Wilfred both went to town to attend a census or two, & a convention. very warm again. made chow chow - or chopped tomato pickle. a package of paper from Gordon.

Sunday 5

W. A. R. & George & Herbert went to church communion. & I did intend to go. but thought it wiser to stay at home & rest, as we are to have threshing soon this week. & more or less company.

Monday 6

We had a little rain this morning. but Ida washed & dried her clothes. Strained & took care of the wine as I have been making. It lightens & looks rising, & the machine has not come to night. but will doubtless early in the morning if it doesn't rain. Mr. Kies from Waraca is staying here to night.

Tuesday 7

We had a gentle rain all through last night. were expecting to thresh. But the rain prevented. John's horse was sold this morning to Mr. Kies for \$125. Col. Drum & sister R. came quite unexpectedly this afternoon from Waraca. Charles Hawkes drove them over with a heavy team.

Wednesday 8

Cloudy most of the day. Austin went to Waraca & brought Col. Drums trunk

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Thursday 9

A cloudy day & a fine rain or sprinkle this morning. but the threshing machine came & after waiting a while to see whether it was going to rain, they went to work & threshed the wheat 2575 bushels & 225 bushels of oats.

Friday 10

Threshing finished at noon (Willy & George & a Hensell boy went to help H. Drum this afternoon) 1092 bushels of oats in all - cool enough for fire.

Saturday 11

Austin & Wilfred went to Waraca to attend a convention. Col. Drum was to have gone with them but the weather was too cold & damp. about noon Willy, Emma & Julia came. drove to Queatona yesterday. A. & W. came a little after dark.

Sunday 12

Wilfred & Willy went down to the Plumer school house to hear Mr. Carter preach. Austin Col. Drum. Willy. Emma. R. & I. went out to ride just before night - drove to the Breger school house & out south a mile or two. after we came back Willy drove a little way with Julia. Herbert & Ida. we are looking a little for a frost. & yet think it may rain.

Monday 13

Austin. Col. Drum. W. & R. went to Waraca & spent the day. took dinner at the Grant House. met a good many old friends & acquaintances of Col. D's. & Willy's. They are all intending to go to New Richmond tomorrow.

Tuesday 14

The N. Richland party went off at 8 o'clock or after & came home a little before night. Emma & Julia started to Queatona about noon. to stay all night with the Cudworths. Willy will down tomorrow with his father & Col. Drum, & go on home in the afternoon. H. Drum has just come in.

Wednesday 15

Wilfred took Willy to Queatona. Herbert going

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with them. It has thundered & lightened all the evening & now at nearly ten o'clock it is raining hard & some hail has fallen.

Thursday 16 Austin went to Warece to mill. & Col. Drum went with him. The ^{last night} rain made the roads quite muddy. Weather much cooler. Prospect of a frost to night.

Friday 17 No frost - last. Mr. Drum went out with a gun first time but found nothing to shoot. His own gun being out of repair. Willy brought his for him to use while here. A lamb killed. Another washing done. Ida's sisters came in to see her just at evening.

Saturday 18 A whole rainy day. The first one for months.

Sunday 19 The roads too muddy to go to church. H. Drum & wife came in this afternoon. Letter from Willy & Gordon.

Monday 20 Ten years ago to day started on a trip to Ohio & East. with sister R.

Willy & George have dug two loads of potatoes & put them in the cellar. The washing done. Austin is plowing north of the road. Col. D. went out with his gun saw ducks on what we used to call "the lake" but there is no boat to get them if they are shot. Col. D. went this forenoon with H. D. to Meriden station. Agnes D. brought a rail of cabbage to us.

Tuesday 21 Wilfred & Col. D. went to Owa-tonna this morning. got home just at dark. Austin went to Warece to mill took George & Herbert.

Wednesday 22 Mr. Drum killed a prairie chicken this afternoon in the fields north of the house. went down to the lake in the forenoon but found nothing to shoot. Herbert went with him

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both trips. Letter from Gordon two days ago. Churning done & various other things driving out flies occupying a large share of the time of several members of the family.

Thursday 23 Austin & Col. Drum went to Warece about noon. George went this morning to help Mr. Reuter thresh. another washing done. It has been very warm, 92° this afternoon. Tomorrow is the 29th anniversary of Col. & Della's sister Roxie's marriage. we are expecting a little company on the occasion.

Friday 24 The day has been pleasant but windy & warm. Mr. & Mrs. Hawkes came about ten this morning. Mr. & Mrs. H. Drum, later. we had dinner between one & two. Postal to Helen.

Saturday 25 Austin, Mr. Drum, Wilfred & Herbert went to Warece. A. went to Mr. Hendersons on business. Col. D. & Wilfred went fishing taking Herbert with them. Herbert fell out of the boat when one end of it was on the shore & got a wetting. was taken to Mr. Clements where a suit of dry clothes was borrowed for him to wear home. They brought home fish enough for breakfast. Col. D. lost two pickerel by the breaking of the fishlines. They came home sometime after dark! Letter from Willy saying he had been sick several days but was better.

Sunday 26 Wilfred, Ada & Herbert went to church. Mr. D. & R. called at H. Drums. After dinner. Austin took Ida home when he came back. R. R. & J. went with him to ride. went to the German church & around by Anton Schenck's home. Thunder & lightning this evening. Letter from Helen telling us to look for her next Thursday.



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