Lydia Vinton and Family Diaries

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Monday 27, Mr Clement came over & spent the day. H. Drum called. W. & man dug potatoes. Letter to Willy & postal to Helen.

Tuesday 28. Dr, Mame came this afternoon to stay over night. A frost last night.

Wednesday 29 The 31st anniversary of our arrival at our Minnesota home. The Dr, Col. Drum & Austin went over to see Mr Dennis' horses this forenoon. The Dr. went home after dinner Herbert went up to H. Drums to a little party to help celebrate the birth days of two of their children. Postal from Willy.

Thursday 30 A cold day. Austin went to town expecting Helen on the afternoon train but she did not come & he came home without her, & we were surprised an hour later by her coming over with Charley Hawkes. She had missed a train & came on later on another road. We had a little excitement this morning owing to the horses wilfred had in the field running away. They were not hitched to a wagon & only ran into the cornfield & no harm was done. Letter from Gordon

Friday October 1st Col, Dunn, sister K. Austin & I went to Owatonna. Took dinner at Winships did a little shopping. called at Dr Mames & Mrs Burketts. came home before sundown. Hearing that Mrs Broughton was sick we did not call there. Met & spoke with Mr & Mrs Cudworth.

Saturday 2, Potatoe digging finished. Col. D. H. D. & W. went to Waseca after dinner brought Helen's trunk. A letter from

Willy, a washing & ironing done.

Sunday 3 Wilfred, Ada, N. & Helen went to church. Mrs Dea. Wood died last week at her daughters in Seneca Agnes Clapham is very sick & has been for some time.

Monday 4 A beautiful day. Austin has been quite ailing with one of his hoarse colds. a small washing & ironing done for R. who goes away tomorrow Mr Geneson a Norwegian here to dinner, came to buy firewood

Tuesday 5 Went to Seneca with Austin to take Col Drum & R. to take the train to Minneapolis. From there they will go to Fort Snelling & St Paul & then on to Ohio. Wilfred went over with their trunks in the big wagon & Helen went with him. coming back with A. & me. The day warm & pleasant. Wilfred sent postal to Willy.

Wednesday 6 Another fine day. washing done, Cornhusking begun. corncrib fixed. Helen is making a black cashmere dress for Ada. George threshed yesterday & day before for J. Dunn & a little while this morning. Herbert went to school monday but has not wanted to go since does not like the teacher Miss Winters. She has a bad cold.

Thursday 7 cornhusking now & on for weeks. a day that this fine weather could not last till it is over. We brought in a stalk of corn to day which measured ten feet & eight inches in height & a half acre yielded 61 bushels of ears of corn.

Friday 8 Austin went to Seneca brought home the box sent from Arizona two months ago & which we feared had been lost. also a package sent from Minneapolis by R.

a postal from Col. Drum from Minneapolis. Letter from Willy to Wilfred

Saturday 9. This morning Austin & Helen went to Geneva to come back on monday. The day has been pleasant tho' it sprinkled this forenoon & looked rainy. Postal from Col. Drum from Chicago.

Sunday 10. A quiet day. Wm. A. & Herbert went to church sprinkled a little as they came back. Ada went home this forenoon. Mr Miking a German neighbor died to day.

Monday 11. We had a good deal of a rain this morning at four & five o'clock. washing done & clothes dried. Austin & Helen kept home a little afternoon a meeting to night at the school house to see about having a singing school. a letter to the Drum & Springfield O.

Tuesday 12. Another pleasant day. George threshed yesterday & to day for Mr Daniels. a German Henry Lemp was badly hurt to day in the horsepower of a threshing machine we have had. This is a beautiful moonlight evening. The morning was very foggy.

Wednesday 13. Austin went to the county fair at Seneca. We husked corn a little. George away again threshing for Peter Daniels. sent away two parcels by express one to Kiantone & one to Sheridan. A dress finished which Helen & Ada have been making. black cashmere for A.

Thursday 14. Austin W. George & Herbert went to the fair N. & Helen are making over a black silk dress for N. Agnes Clapham continues very sick but it is hoped that she is a little better. a very windy cold day.

Friday 15. A bright quiet day. Pa. & his father husked corn. George Reinhart & Ellen didn't work this forenoon. Have corded a good deal with

what seems a fresh cold_ another singing school to night_

Saturday 16 This morning early W & A, Helen & Herbert started for Waverly. The morning was cold but the afternoon has been warmer. Austin went to Blooming Grove. Herbert coughed a good deal_ Letter from R. at Springfield Ohio

Sunday 17 a pleasant day & a very quiet one. No one at home but us three, Austin, R, & myself George & Ida both gone till night

Monday 18 cloudy & sombre weather till middle of the afternoon. Our folks came from Waverly home just at dark, had a pleasant trip. took dinner at Dr, Ware's to day. There is said to be a good deal of sickness about the country_ Typhoid fevers_

Tuesday 19 Good weather_ A. went to Warsaw on county business, a man came to night to husk corn wrote to Willy_ Wash, dress finished, very high wind all day_ Ides with Hannah stays with her to night from

Wednesday 20 another day without storms_ A. has been to town & home again_ Helen fixed light colored wrap & Jersey, for me. Ada went to school with Herbert this forenoon

Thursday 21 A pleasant October day, & the cornhusking is getting another day at Ewaseka_ for A. & now the Co. business is done for this time. H. fixed silk dress for me & draped over one for Ada.

Agnes Claghorn thought to be a little better

Friday 22 a good day, cornhusking is getting on a sheep killed, H. made over my velvet bonnet_ stoves blacked. butter worked &. George White here to dinner, singing school to night. We did not go.

Saturday 23 We expected Mrs Preston & Mrs Bush. but they failed to come. owing probably to the rain last night which made the roads heavy, Helen's 17th birth day.

Sunday 24 Letters from Willy & Gordon. Roads too muddy to go to church. Herbert went to S. school

Monday 25 August the German went home yesterday came back this morning before nine o'clock to the husking. a cold wind, but no rain, or snow as we feared. Washing done Helen & Ada began making a calico Log Cabin

Tuesday 26 Austin went to Town with H. Dunn, Letters from R. in Ironton, & from Emma, Letter to Mrs Dailey.

Wednesday 27 A beautiful day. Dr, Ware came up just after noon. & took Helen home with him to stay a day or two. Letter to Gordon. John Dunn came to night to husk corn a few days, or till it is finished_ H. went over to the Dunns_ & went into the school this forenoon.

Thursday 28 Fine weather continues. August has gone home to night. John Dunn will stay till the corn is finished. Ripped up two seams of military trowsers & had them washed & ironed.

Friday 29 _ Another good day_ Austin went to Town, no letters_ news of a terrible railroad accident in Wisconsin. Ida began to wash windows.

Saturday 30 _ Austin went to Newtonia & brought Helen home_ Mrs Preston & Mrs Bush & Lettie Preston came about 10 & went home about 3. John Dunn went home at noon. W & George opened a corn crib, & did several things, about two days more of corn husking. Stove drawn down to the haystacks for burning around the stacks when it is dry enough

Sunday 31 _ Went to church with Wilfred. Helen & H. called at the gate at Mr Jonah Claghorn's to enquire after the sick girl. Agnes. She is still very sick. delirious most of the time. Letter from Mrs Dailey saying Hattie is getting well of scarlet fever. Roads fine & weather warm.

Monday November 1st Still good weather. Stacks burned around

Austin went to town to stay over night. A business meeting to night at the church. Helen made a bonnet for Emma, to be sent to her tomorrow by express.

Tuesday 2 Election day. Wilfred & George went to election this forenoon. & Austin came home with them to night. A very windy day & a little rain at one time sent a bonnet to Emma by express.

Wednesday 3 Austin & Wilfred went to Wasaa late this afternoon to a business meeting of the church also to hear election news, another windy day. Helen beg and a calico dress for herself.

Thursday 4 The corn husking finished. 20 acres. & supposed to be 1,500 bushels of shelled corn. Helens dress finished, Austin & Wilfred got home at eleven o'clock last night.

Friday 5 A. has plowed yesterday & to day in the north field. Kitchen stove moved into the dining room. Pleasant but cold. Ice this morning in the kitchen.

Saturday 6 Letter from Emma & Gordon, from R. to K. & from Mr Bailey to Austin, & from Ed. to Helen. Austin went beyond W. to take some sheep to a Mr McKenna.

Sunday 7 Wilfred, Ada, Helen, Nanny & Herbert, went to church. Clear & cold. George went off & has not yet returned.

Monday 8. Austin went to Ice, with a load of potatoes sold snowflakes to Mr Keys for 57 cts a bushel expected to bring Ed Hinton home with him. But he did not come from La Cross as expected, a beautiful day & much warmer but is clouding up & we may find snow in the morning. Letter to Rhoda, sent to Springfield.

(A. brought home two barrels of apples $2,50 a barrel)

Tuesday 9. A. finished what he is to plow this fall Wilfred & George brought the potatoes from field where they have been

piled & covered since they were dug. The small ones put in the cellar to be fed out & the large ones put into sacks to be sold. Charley Hinton called this afternoon, on his way home from Dakota singing school again to night

Wednesday 10. A. went to Wasa with a load of potatoes 35 cts a bushel. brought home another barrel of apples at $2,50 a barrel to be paid for in potatoes at 40 cts a bushel. A. son of Warren Smith of Wasaa is dead. Wilfred & Ada went over into Dakota to a Mr Millers to get a shawl they had found, that Emma lost between here & Owatonna when she went home from here in September last. Beets gathered yesterday & to day & put into the cellar. A bright day but cold

Thursday 11. A most beautiful day. carpets in my room & parlor taken up & changed about. the parlor to be my room for this winter at least & what was mine, the parlor. Helen thinks now she will go home next Monday.

Friday 12 Austin went to Owatonna, took a load of corn to Dr. Ware. A letter from R. written at Greensburg, Penn. Herbert went to the singing school to night with the rest (in my new room) Put up curtains for closet

Saturday 13. 11 o'clock evening, Wilfred has just started with Helen to go to Wasaca to take the 12, 50, train for La Crosse. George went along to hold the horses at the depot. The day has been pleasant & it is bright moonlight to night.

Sunday 14 W. & A. went to church. Ida went last night to Swede Andersons to a sociable, came back to night. Letter from Willy, Good roads. Funeral of Warren Smithson tomorrow at Wa

Monday 15 Austin went to W. to attend the funeral

of young Smith. but owing to the absence of his father, It was portion
Cloudy & looking like snow again.
Letter to R. from Gordon. He talks of snow six inches deep & riding in a sleigh, but the snow was gone again.
Ada & Hebert went to the singing school to night
R. & Ada rode up to the Dodabrin place.

Tuesday 16 The first snow has come, Enough to whiten the ground fell during last night & to day has been stormy & windy, & the wind is howling this evening. Hebert went to school. rode, home with the Reuters.
We have been busy most of the day regulating things in the changed rooms. Put a new damper in the stove pipe in the parlor, hung pictures &c &c

Wednesday 17 Willy's 39 birthday. We are having a genuine blizzard it began last night & large drifts have already formed all about us. The men have worked in the barn at day-making new stalls for the cattle, no school. No stirring on the road. H. Drum did come in to get the candlemolds, He & the Danns have acres of corn yet to husk.

Thursday 18. The blizzard continued all last night & through this forenoon, The evening is bright & very still. The men have worked all day again in the barn. R. has for two days & more been dressing & working at a carpet for the guest chamber, one that came in the box from Arizona, Ida washed the wood work in dining room.

Friday 19. It has snowed again this afternoon & evening. Two & three teams passed to day & had trouble getting through the ditch & drifts on north side of the road. men worked in the barn again on the stanchions. will light & to town tomorrow, a churning done.

Saturday 20 Austin & Wilfred went to town, after beating

roads awhile in the morning. Asahel Dunn started to go to the station with a load of wheat but could'nt get as far as H. Drums & went back. A postal from Helen & package to R. Letters to R. & Willy.

Sunday 21 No one went to church. The day has been bright but it looks as if we might have more snow to night. It has thawed in the sun.

Monday 22 Rained during last night & has sprinkled at times through the day. bright & starlight to night. snow has gone off a good deal. Ida did not wash. cleaned & painted instead. Have been working on lambequin for parlor mantel. men worked in the barn again.

Tuesday 23 Cold & windy. & to night quite a blizzard. working done. Put on first coat of white paint on the west door of dining room, Finished lambequin & cut out blue flannel shirt for R.

Wednesday 24. A quiet day. Wilfred has drawn gravel for the ice house. Ida rode over to Mr Davids Hebert went to school first time since the snow came. Have worked on the blue shirt & fixed up a curtain on my little stand.

Thursday 25 Thanksgiving day. Chicken pie & for dinner Had an attack of palpitation. George rode the Polly mare to Wiscasset to get the mail. Letter from Gordon. Letter to Helen. Ex. President Arthur is dead. died on the 18.

Friday 26 Wilfred & George have drawn hay all day from the stacks into the barn. Last singing school to night. Hebert & his mother went with the rest. There is talk of another town

Saturday 27. My 64 birth day. Ten years ago to day walked across Boston common with Col, Drum. Austin & Wilfred went to town. Took the cream 18 cts a pound.

Sunday 28. A rather unpleasant day. wind changed from south to north. Ida went home, to (Mrs Cook) father Burgh

Monday 29 A few loads of wood drawn, washing done. A dog cut through the west end of the back kitchen. Finished the blue shirt. Rather a snowy day.

Tuesday 30 Austin went to Town, brought home flour & feed. Letter from K. at Cheyenne & postal from Col Dunn. It has snowed most of the day & tonight there is quite a blizzard again. Will & George killed a sheep. A postal to Willy.

Wednesday December 1st Cold, & drifting snow all day. Wilfred took Herbert to school & went after him to night. no other scholars except Mary & Johnny Dunn & the school adjourned to Mr Dubois at noon. George's time is out here. He has stayed about the house with a slightly lame leg from the kick of a horse. Have been busy mending, & making a pair of cloth mittens for Austin. 10° below 0 this morning not a team on the road or a person seen moving. 13° below 0, snow at 9 o'clock

Thursday 2 A pleasant day. George has gone, his time being out. He may stay somewhere in the neighborhood through the winter. Had a fire in the parlor & put up a Lambrequin on a mantel. Had Ida sew some rags to finish a rug. Herbert not being quite well this evening did not go to school. but finished his Robinson Crusoe, an abridged volume, read for the first time

Friday 3 Yesterday, 20° below 0, to day, 12. went to the barn first time since snow came. Germen Brandt has been drawing wood past here. Our Chas Wilkes owes him a certain lot of wood this fall. Tommy Dunn & one of their men came to the door this evening. Chas an a pair of mittens for Herbert.

Saturday 4 A very pleasant day. Wilfred took a load of wheat to Waseca, sold for 63 cts. He D. rode with Wilfred to W. Letter from Willy to W. chuming done

Sunday 5 wrote to Mrs Dailey, Gordon & Willy. Ida did

go home as she is to go tomorrow to stay.

Monday 6 Ida went home to night after doing the washing. We are to do our own work as long as we can. Austin went to Waseca took some potatoes, ~~to~~ to Johnson & Cleghorn, Letter to Willy Gordon, & Mrs Dailey.

Tuesday 7 Wilfred went to Waseca to take a load of hogs, or four, weighed 15-55 lbs @ $3,35 a hundred. August came home with him to work a few days. Letters from Gordon & Helen, a mild bright day.

Wednesday 8 A hog killed & a very mild day. George came in this morning to get some of his clothes which he had not taken away yet. Is looking corn in the snow for H. Dubois. Herbert went to school again to day. J. Dunn went to Austin a singing school last night. Beginning of a new tank. A load of wood drawn this afternoon. Wood badly drifted in. M. has been reading aloud the last two or three days, "Reminiscences" by Carlyle

Thursday 9 Mr Steinen came just before noon & stayed till four. Wilfred & Thomas August, have been getting out wood which is very much covered with snow

Friday 11 Thawed all last night & to day & the snow is nearly gone except the drifts. W. & men have been getting out wood all day. George came down from N. Dunn's to get dry socks & boots, took breakfast here. Finished a mitten for Herbert. made cough medicine.

Saturday 11 Wilfreds 43d birthday. Hay drawing. August went home to night. was paid 50 cts a day. Has been slowly raining since late this afternoon.

Sunday 12 A sombre day. Rained softly most of last night, then snowed part of the day & become colder, is bright this evening & still. Wilfred went to Mr Dunns this morning to get the mail. Mr D. having brought it from town last night. A letter from Willy to M. & papers

+ circulars.

Monday 13 A double churning done, nearly 20 lbs butter, weather mild. Finished a knitting.

Tuesday 14 – Has snowed a little at intervals through the day. Austin + Wilfred went over north with Henry Morton to look at a ditch he, Morton, has been digging along a new road. This afternoon they went up to the woods to get a load of wood for the schoolhouse. Left found their sled broken + came down without it. We drove to the school for Herbert at night. Ada did a small washing. A. is to go to town tomorrow. A letter to Gordon from A. + me.

Wednesday 15 Austin went to town on various errands. George came in + stayed to dinner, had finished working for H. Dunn. Has gone to Mr Daniels. Herbert was made happy to night by a new fourth reader. Letter from R. to H.

Thursday 16 Wilfred drew three loads of wood to the schoolhouse. Ada rode down with him this afternoon to visit the school. Finished Herbets mittens. Finished trying out what little lard we had.

Friday 17 Wilfred + Ada went to town. brought home a few Christmas cards to send to our friends. George came in to day. + is staying over night. Allen Hawkes had his right hand terribly crushed in an engine the day before yesterday in a furniture manufactory.

Saturday 18. George went early this morning. Fed to H. Dunns to go with him to Owatonna. Wilfred went to J. Dunns to night + brought with the mail, a package from Helen, with our various Christmas presents. A churning done, + half a dozen chickens dressed to send in a Christmas box to Helen who goes to day from La Cross to Chicago.

Sunday 19 Wilfred + Ada went to church.

Monday 20 Packed a box with chickens, butter &c + sent

it to the station. Austin + Wilfred took it over just at night. It is to go by express to Helen at South Evenston Ill. Box weighed 42 lbs $1,10. Also sent Christmas cards to several friends. Letters to Helen + Julia Brinton.

Tuesday 21 Austin has stayed in the house most of the day nursing a cold. We went over to Swede Longquists to see if he could get a man to work for a few days. Good winter weather, not very much snow + a good time to draw ice. which they will try tomorrow.

Wednesday 22. Young Longquist came this morning, has chopped + helped saw wood most of the day. Wilfred drew one load of ice. H. Dunn went to town with his turkeys to send to Minneapolis. Allen Hawkes hand is doing as well as could be expected, another skinning. A letter from Gordon to Herbert.

Thursday 23 Wilfred + the man went with two teams this forenoon after ice. this afternoon Austin + I went to town, I to attend a meeting of the masons, this evening. Ada did a small washing.

Friday 24 Austin went to Waseca + brought home a new pair of sleds, + brought a Christmas package from Nettie Lane + Jolie Powel. Letter to R. a package also came this morning by the Meriden post office from Mrs E. C. Dailey. W. + A. packed a tub of eggs from the cellar to send to town tomorrow. If I go.

Sunday 26. Having a bad cold + not feeling well did not write last night. My cold is still troublesome, but hope to feel better tomorrow. Christmas package came this morning by the way of Mr Dunns, from Mrs Dailey. 28° below this evening. W. A. + Herbert were to have gone to town this evening to S. S. concert if weather had been mild.

Tuesday 28 Neglected to write last night. Wilfred went to Owatonna yesterday to get the horses shod, and we thought best to have the doctor come up

+ do something for my cough. He stood all night + went home about noon to day, stopped at H. Drums to prescribe for his injuries received in falling through a trap door into the cellar. Four loads of ice drawn Monday night 23° below 0, here at bedtime at 9. 30 + more during the night. Am not feeling well in these days.

Wednesday 29. Am feeling a little better to night. Ice drawing again.

Thursday 30. Four more loads of ice drawn. Letters from Helen + Roxie. Mr Drum is now Lieut Col, They have been ordered to Los Angeles Cal.

Friday 31. Another good day for drawing ice. Wrote to Gordon Nettie Lena + Mrs Humphreys. The Swede man has gone home for a few days.

Saturday January 1st 1887. Cold weather. 24° below 0 to night about 26 or 28 this morning, wrote to Mrs Dailey

Sunday 2 A quiet cold day. Too cold Wilfred cared to think of going to church. 16° below 0 to night + mail this morning from Mr Drums. Letter from Emma + Julia, + cards for Herbert + me Letters for others in the family. Letter from Addy to Wilfred. Papers from Gordon + his Thanksgiving sermon to H.

Monday 3 Wilfred took Herbert to school this morning + went after him to night, also went to Longvists + brought the young home to work this week. Austin goes tomorrow to Wausau to attend to county coms, business, expects to be away most of the week. A charming day.

Tuesday 4 Austin + Wilfred went to Wausau early this morning. We, came home before dark brought Christmas package from the Drums + photos from the Stevens. Clothing also came

Wednesday 5 Wilfred + man drew hay into the barn

Irish fool peddler called yesterday.

Thursday 6 Men drew two more loads of hay this afternoon, the last of a stack, H. Drums team ran away this afternoon, His men were drawing hay from a stack when they started, the sled was broken but neither men or horses were injured, it is hoped. 25° or 30° below 0 this morning + nearly that now at 8 o'clock p. m.

Friday 7 30° + more this morning. Tommy Dunn came after potatoes this afternoon. Wilfred went to the funeral of Mr Bakers mother. Have been raveling a scarf of Wilfreds yesterday + to day + have begun one for Herbert.

Saturday 8 Wilfred went to Wausau + brought his father home to night. Letter from Mrs Dailey Gustie + Hattie + postal from Mrs Humphrey a letter yesterday from Mrs Humphrey in Mathers to Herbert.

Sunday 9 A pleasant day, Have written to Mrs Dailey + Emma + Julia. H. D. came in last evening + again this evening

Monday 11 28° below 0 this morning. Austin went early to town + has not now at 9 o'clock returned Sent letters to Mrs Dailey, + Emma + Julia, + postal to Mrs Stevens.

Tuesday 11- Austin came home about noon. milder weather to day. A churning done, W. has gone up to H. Drums on an errand.

Wednesday 12 Two loads of ice drawn. at noon, 11° above 0.

Thursday 13- Two more loads of ice drawn, We drove over to Swede Lundquists + Johnsons to get a man for a few days, One may come in the morning. Peter Daniels + the Hensels have drawn ice for H. Drum yesterday + to day, or rather P. Daniels yesterday + Hensels to day. It is snowing + has been all afternoon Th not very fast.

Friday 14 Last four loads of ice drawn, a little more snow fell to day. George came + is staying here

to night

Saturday 15. The ice packing in the ice house finished very moderate weather, 18° above 0 to night

Monday 17. not feeling well, did not write last night a blizzardy day, + continues cold + rough. W. took Herbert to school + went after him, a beef killed. H. Drum + man also brought one down + killed it at the barn.

Tuesday 18 Wilfred + George went to Waseca, about noon, took a quarter of beef to Mr Duddeth, brought the mail which we had not had for a week; Letters from R. + Mrs Leach, + letters to others in the family + papers &c — a bad day + the wind is blowing hard to night Letter to Helen + papers to Gordon. Herbert rode home from school with German Helms, otherwise "Little Dick"

Wednesday 19 Austin went after Ida to come for a week or two, but found her quite unwell. but hopes to be able to come in a few days, Wilfred drove over to San Simons to see about getting some feed ground. a churning done.

Thursday 20 very windy this morning. blizzardy, but not cold. afternoon quiet + not yet cold Beef cut up + put in the barrel.

Friday 21 W. + George drew wood a part of the day, wind has blown most of the day. + drifted the snow somewhat. Beef brine made, am still knitting Herbert's scarf.

Saturday 22. Austin went to Blooming Grove. came home a little after dark. Letter from Billy + an envelope from Gordon, a mistake in some way. W. + G. drew hay into the barn —

Sunday 23 a bright mild day. W. A. + Herbert drove over + brought Ida home to stay a week.

Monday 24 Washing done. Have written to Mrs Stevens, a mild day, more hay drawn into the barn + load of wood drawn. Wilfred is to start to Waseca tomorrow. Ada will go as far as Austonna or Mr Cases, +

stay till W.'s return.

Tuesday 25 Wilfred + Ada started this morning a little before ten. It has been a fine day. Austin took a load of feed to Simmonds to be ground. He has a new wind mill + feed mill.

Wednesday 26 another very good day. a churning done George has worked about the barn. dreamo mower &c. I have kept busy mending an old buffalo coat + mittens.

Thursday 27. A. went after the feed at Simmons, but it was not ground. Letter to Wilfred at Waseca Letter from R. from Cal. + from Lola Bailey.

Friday 28. Austin + A. went again to Simmons + brought home his feed + drew a load of ice this afternoon for H. Drum, Ida did another washing, Herbert received a letter from his mother last night + answered it this morning before school. made a bed spread of cretonne like the closet curtains

Saturday 29 It was pleasant this morning + Austin went to Waseca rather late in the forenoon. the afternoon brought quite a blizzard. A. came home just at dark. brought a letter from Wilfred to Herbert from Waseca Finished Herbert's scarf. Ironing done

Sunday 30 a very cold day + all last night was very cold + windy. Austin took Ida home after dinner Have written to Mrs Leach.

Monday 31 Still very cold weather, 18° below 0 this forenoon when I looked at the thermometer. Have been busy most of the day mending, wrote to R. Agnes D. + Annie Rueth rode home from school with A. when he went after Herbert + came in to warm. Expect W. + A. home tomorrow

Tuesday February 1st Snowy this afternoon. W. + A. came home about dark from their weeks visit. Found every body

well, where they went + had a pleasant time.
Began knitting a pair of over socks
Wednesday 2 Ground hog day + no shadows, so we may look for an early Spring. Have written to Mrs E. C. Daley.
Thursday 3 Letters to K, Mrs Leach, + Mrs Daily, of LaCrau, cold weather. a churning done.
Friday 4 25° or 30° below 0 this morning. Herbert was ailing this morning. but felt better + went to school a load of wood drawn.
Saturday 5 mild weather, Walfred thinks of going to church tomorrow. George went up to help H. D. a while this afternoon
Sunday 6 Mr + A. went to church, a quiet, still day outside + in. Mr Hawkes has been quite sick. threatened with inflamatory rheumatism. is better.
Monday 7 A trade made between our folks + Benj Sadubier of cattle. The white Durham exchanged for a small red Durham. Shawing most of the day. Tommy Dunn came for more potatoes.
Tuesday 8 Austin + Walfred went to town. took a sack of butter, 18 lbs. 20 cts a pound. wheat - 67 cts. sold 27 bushels. Ada has not been well this afternoon + evening. Mr Hawkes does not get well is quite ill.
Wednesday 9 Very mild weather. Ada is better, came down stairs this evening. Walfred is ready to start to Norristown tomorrow morning after sawdust for the ice house. Andy Dunn is to go with him. a churning done
Thursday 10 They started this morning for Norristown at 5 o'clock + got home this evening before 8. Ada is still not very well + Sister H. too has been ailing for several days. a stormy night
Friday 11 The last day of the district school. The Drifton + Rueter children came in on their way home. very much pleased with the term

the teacher had given them + Herbert has a handsome scrap book for being with one or two others, well up in spelling.
a blizzardy day. The sawdust packed around the ice. + that job is ended for this year.
Saturday 12 a bright pleasant day. W. + George cut some wood + drew some hay into the barn. G went over to Mr Dunns to night to get the mail. Letters for some of the family + a paper or two. Letter from Willy to W.
Tuesday 15 Have neglected writing again for two or three days. Have not been very well. + Sister H. has also been ailing for a day or two, is better to day. The weather is quite moderate + we begin to think about Spring. A. went to Manoa yesterday. took another crock of butter 20 lbs or more. A new man has come on trial. a Swede, George went away yesterday with Austin. Letter from K. yesterday
Wednesday 16 Austin went to Aweatonna this morning early. took some corn to the Dr. Mrs Otis Ford was buried to day.
This forenoon some men came to look at horses + 2 men from Bloomingrove came to see about digging or getting a well in some way. Mrs Pelet Daniels + baby spent the afternoon with us. H. Dunn brought the mail. Atlantics, Century + Bazars + other papers + reading matter.
Thursday 17 a snowy afternoon. a churning done, warm
Friday 18 Stormy this forenoon. colored some yarn socks &c. Seal brown. washed a few garments. framed the picture of Mr Stevens house.
Saturday 19. Several loads of wood drawn. Churning done.
Sunday 20. A pleasant day. + a day of rest. a fire in the parlor first time this winter.
Monday 21 Austin went to town. took 21 lbs butter 21 cts a pound. W. + man drew the last of the stack of hay which was near the barn, into the barn. Began another pair of over socks

Tuesday 22 Washington's birthday. Wilfred & Ada have gone to Inwood to a Masonic supper. A little washing & a churning done. wrote a short letter to K. in Fr.'s letter.

Wednesday 23 Austin & Wilfred went to the auction sale of the McDougal property near Milton. Ida came over this morning & told us that her sister Hannah was going to Idaho with a number of other Swedes quite a party. to start in about a week & she, Ida, is to stay at home this summer & we will be obliged to find another girl. if we can. W. & A. came home last night at one o'clock.

Thursday 24 corn shelled this forenoon at the barn for feed. The Herels brought the sleds home which they have had to use a week or two. George came this afternoon. is staying over night & talks about going to Idaho.

Friday 25th Is windy, snow blowing afternoon. Have spent most of the day making scrap books.

Saturday 26 We have had fun all days blizzard & it continues in unabated force now at bed time. It is not very cold. not much below zero, does not snow but the wind from the N. west has piled the snow in drifts in new places & kept the windows covered with a thick coat making it necessary to jar it off. in order to see out. The men have gone back & forth to the barn to take care of the stock glad not to be obliged to do anything else & thankful for health, food & fuel.

Monday 28. Forgot to write last night. yesterday was a quiet day after the blizzard. The snow is piled up in huge drifts between the house & barn & the road to the barn now goes through the apple trees & through the plum hedges & trees into the garden back of the granary.

Tuesday March 1st Austin, Wilfred & Herbert went to town, took wheat to exchange for flour. a crock of butter

& four or five dozen eggs. It has thawed all day & the drifts have settled perceptibly wrote to Gordon in K's letter. The cattle got out of the yards to day by walking on the fences on the drifts. Herbert came home from town delighted with his first pair of boots, rubbers

Wednesday 2 Wilfred went to Swede Youngbois to take money ($45) to Ida for her sisters fare to the west. The man went away this morning to be gone two or three days. 22 lbs of the butter taken to market yesterday. 20 cts. Has thawed but little. Froze again this afternoon. churning done

Thursday 3. Finished a pair of oversocks for Herbert. Some people by the name of Somerville are staying here to night. A man & his wife & a boy with them.

Friday 4 The people who staid here last night went on their way this morning. They live beyond Rochester. had been visiting in Brown Co. no thawing to day & a cold wind W. went to Inwood this afternoon after feed. Ada & Herbert went as far as H. Dunns.

Saturday 5 Wilfred & Ada went to Mr Rose's to attend the funeral of an infant of Mrs R.'s son. H. Dunn brought the mail. Postals from Col. Dunn & Willy.

Sunday 6 another thawing day. The Swede man came back to night

Monday 7 Thawed to day & the night is very still & bright. a Mr Southwell from Owatonna came to see about selling a feed mill. W. & men cut down some of the dead poplar trees next to the maple grove, and the churning done. The Swedes from "over south" started for Washington Territory. or went to Waseca to day, & go on tomorrow.

Tuesday 8 Thawing & melting day. Austin & Wilfred went to W. found bad roads. snow melting making bad traveling. George Collins went this morning with the Swedes to the west. Postal to Willy

Wednesday 9. moderate weather. Wood chopping & driving a colt about with the Kate mare/ has kept the men busy

Thursday 10. Thawing. Wilfred & Eman worked at getting a manure & helper do a small washing./ Finished footing a pair of red stockings for Hebert

Friday 11. still thawing. This afternoon the snow was shoveled away to let the water run off from around the granary. churning done. coffee parched a little ironing. getting the meals. dishwashing etc. has made up the work of the day. I have added a little to my largest scrap book/ mostly pictures.

Saturday 12. Heard to day of the death of Henry Ward Beecher He died last Friday morning the 8th. our reading this morning was the first chapter of Genesis. will read the Bible through by course. Austin W. & Herbert went to Ted Reynolds to get a saw. The roads are almost impassable from the thaw. Papers from Mr Dunn. no letters. most milk emptyings bread for the first time in my life. Did a little more scrap book work this morning.

Sunday 13. a high wind all last night & to day bright but too cold to thaw. W. went over to Ted Dunns & got the mail. Letter from St Paul to Austin. postal from Willy. Letter from Gordon to K.

Monday 14. not a thawing day. Herbert went over to see Johnny Dunn, because yesterday was his 4th 8th birthday. Alfred, the man, went up to Hel. H. Dunn kill a couple of pigs or hogs. a tramp came in just before dark & sat a while by the stove but went off without asking for lodging for which we were very thankful. a churning done. a German came to hire out

Tuesday 15th W. & A. washed this forenoon. wood drawing this afternoon. wagon used for the first time in months. snow drifts still formidable in the yards

Wednesday 16. Austin & Wilfred went to town. took eggs & butter, 2 Gl 6 butter, 18 cts. Roads very

bad, went with big wagon. Letter to Mrs. A. E. Daily. Letters from Helen & Mrs Stevens Bogans from K. Another R.R. accident near Boston. said to be 30 killed & 70 wounded.

Thursday 17. The men shoveled through the snow drift east of the house on the opposite side of the road & drove through with a wagon It is to be hoped the sun & wind will soon clear the roads & make them passable I have not been well yesterday & to day but hope to feel better tomorrow Timothy Dunn came after more potatoes.

Monday 21 Have not been well & have neglected writing since Thursday. Friday, the 18, Austin went to town, brought letter & papers from K. Saturday was a damp disagreeable day, & towards night snowed a little, ending in a gentle shower of huge flakes. Pap & his father took the blinds off the horses bridles. Yesterday, Sunday was not a sunny day, but it did not storm. at night. Swede John, H. D's man brought a letter from Mrs E. Daily & postal from Willy, Mr Dunn had been to the office Sat. Heard also of the safe arrival of the Swedes, George Collins etc. at Spokane Falls, Wash'Ter. Wilfred & man have just shoveled out a road from the barn towards the gate (part of the way needing no shoveling) & have gone down to the stacks after a load of hay, [illegible] before dinner. They have drawn a load or two on a wagon & found it too hard work, that was done Sat. I think & they drove around some other way to the barn. The big drift between the house & barn is slowly flattening. I do not feel very well yet. Have had a good deal of pain about my chest at different times & have used hot cloths with more or less success. Dr. Ware is in Florida. & I should not like to be obliged to send for some other doctor. In 30 years, Dr W. has been our only physician

Tuesday 22 3 o'clock p. m. Austin & Herbert have come to see Ida & get her to come & stay a few days if she can. Ada had a dizzy turn this morning & is not feeling well to-day. I am better than for several days. Was not able to go about much W. & man drawing hay. a letter last night from Mrs Leach, brought by Tommy Dunn & a Hensel boy. the latter staying all night with T. & going to-day with the rest of his family to Wash'n Ter.

Evening. W. went just before night to Sannamans & brought home a few bags of feed. there not ground

Wednesday 23. A very thawing day, several loads of wood drawn. have been looking over & burning old letters. a light snow fell during last night & the early morning. but soon melted away. N. is making a brocaded velvet wrapper.

Thursday 24 men here to-day to see about digging a well, also H. Dunn called, & Andy Dunn. W. went to Sanamans again after feed. Has thawed most of the day but is colder & freezing to-night. man offered $146 for the Kate mare. Bad luck with the churning. Ida was to have come yesterday or to-day but the weather was bad both yesterday morn' & this, & she did not come.

Friday 25 Ida came over this morning & stayed till after dinner, & went home to come next week for a few days. Austin & Wilfred went to Bukers to get wheat for sowing. Agnes Dunn came & spent the afternoon. a Buckman here to supper. come to see about grubbing.

Saturday 26. Austin & Wilfred went to Owatonna. Dr. Ware has not returned from Florida, has been over to Cuba. is not expected home till some time in April. Mrs. Ware's daughter, Mrs. Graham is staying with her. W. went down to Mr Dunn's to night to get the mail. Letter from Willy, one from Col. Dunn to Austin & from R. to N. also Bazars & other reading matter. Letter from Geo. Collins to W.

Sunday 27 a quiet day. Alfred went away for the day

Monday 28 Ida came this morning to stay a few days. has done a washing & tho the clothes froze after they were hung out. dried before night. Churning done. Have letters ready to send to Rosie, Helen & Gordon.

Tuesday 29 Austin & Wilfred went to Waseca. took two crocks of butter about 40 lbs, sold for 18 & 21 cts. 11 doz eggs ten cts a doz. a sack of potatoes to Mr Craven 35 cts a bushel. brought home express package from Col Dunn a rug & basket from Santa Fe, N. mexico. Basket for N. no mail except some English papers sent to G. Collins & which he told us to take from the office. have moulded several dozen candles.

Wednesday 30. W. & man have been getting up wood. A thawing day. freezing again to night. William Lindsley & his nephews at the barn to look at horses. A. & Herbert went to the station to mail some letters. wrote to Col Dunn & W. to Mr Darling at St Paul, made more candles. Ida swept & dusted the parlor & washed two dining room windows, this afternoon. Did baking &c. this forenoon. A leech first this afternoon.

Thursday 31. We had a brisk snow storm for a little while this forenoon. but it soon melted away, & the afternoon has been bright & warm. soapmaking to-day, more candles & the last, made 16 or 17 dozen in all. we use Kerosine oil & lamps like every body else. but also use a good many candles. to carry about the house &c. A load of hay from a stack on a lot rather sold to a German. wide wood drawn. a churning done, & a little house cleaning. Lucy Dunn came in this afternoon.

Friday April 1st a pleasant day. a Mr Wetzel stayed here last night. lives at Tracy. was traveling with a horse & sulky. To night we are keeping a peddler. The soapmaking finished. A Swede boy came to see about his sister working for us this summer. We began harrowing the

ground for wheat. It is a bright night + not freezing yet.

Saturday 2 First wheat sowed 8 acres, on the north side of the road next to H. Drums. There was some difficulty in getting the seeder through the old drifted snow in the road in going to the field the warmest day we have had. Yesterday Herbert shoveled through a drift lying across the walk in the front yard + to day we walked back + forth for the first time. H.D. has gone to town with Mr Dunn, + we are still looking for him to bring our mail. Past nine o'clock

Sunday 3 Wilfred went on horseback to Aneora to get the mail. Mr Dunn + Drum having failed to get it yesterday as we expected. Letters from Long Beach Cal. from R. from Willy. + from Mr Darling in Minneapolis to Wilfred. Papers from R + other papers, & carried Ida home this forenoon. We are having a blizzard this afternoon It began with rain. Expected a new Swede girl to day but she did not come, owing to the storm doubtless. A postal to Willy.

Monday 4 The wind kept up + the storm continues to day. Before it left about noon this A. walked to the schoolhouse with Herbert it being the first day of school, with a Miss Van Cordal for teacher. Johnny Dunn + Herbert were the only scholars to day. A churning done. Beef hung up to dry.

Tuesday 5 Austin went to Aneora this morning saw Dr. Keane who has just returned from Bloids + Cube. W. + made home drawn the last stack of hay into the barn. Continues + Atlantics for Feb' + March came by way of Mr Dunn from the office.

Wednesday 6 - a very pleasant day. Harrowing for seeding has been the mens work most of the day. Several of the horses are ailing with horse distemper am working at fixing over old shirts, when I do anything. The girl we were expecting does not come.

Thursday 7 - a good day + the seeding continued. A man from town came with another telegram from Mr Darling for Wilfred, in relation to his W.S. taking the overseeing of a Dakota farm. another churning.

Friday 8 another good day for the seeding. The remaining snowdrifts have melted fast to day, wind in the south + rain feared

Saturday 9. Austin went to town. H. Drum went with him. took three gal. crocks of butter. 18 cts. The wheat sowing finished

Sunday 10. Easter sunday. a good many Germans have gone up to church. Alfred our man went away this morning + has not yet returned. It has been a cloudy afternoon + lightens this evening. the last two days have been very warm. we look for rain.

Monday 11 No rain yet tho it did rain a little during last night + there was thunder + lightning. The new Swede girl, Minnie Johnson came this afternoon.

Tuesday 12 - men plowing in the constable. warm weather. Baking + churning. + the big closet cleaned out + Herberts bed moved moved in. Papa from R. + box of shells for Herbert, + more of George Collins papers + letter from him to Wilfred. No fire in my room since early morning, till this evening + the a very little is needed. Ten hens + 18 young pigs at the barn within a week, + the first brood of chickens. Milk set at the ice house.

Wednesday 13. Mr Dunn went to Aneora, sent a note by him to Dr Keane asking him to come up soon. weather continues warm. Frogs are heard + the buds are swelling to bursting. The white clothes washed + dried A. has been working with the sulkey plow yesterday afternoon + to day. No rain yet to hinder putting in grain

Thursday 14. A sharp shower of rain this afternoon small hail with it. some thunder & lightning this evening & now it is raining slowly & steadily. colored clothes washed & ironing done

Friday 15 A cloudy day & now & then a sprinkle. The plow Austin was using broke, & W. went to town to get what was needed to make it good. Papers & another letter from G. Collins to W. Two one gallon (19 lbs) crock of butter taken to Mr Grant. 18 cts. a churning done.

Sunday 17. Dr. Mare was here last night & I neglected writing in my book. He came up first at last night & went back this forenoon. Told us of his trip to Florida & Cuba & we were very much interested. It has been a quiet pleasant day. The girl Minnie went to see some of her Swede friend after dinner. Roads too muddy to go to church.

Monday 18. A beautiful day. Austin done work putting in oats. indoor work, washing.

Tuesday 19 Oat sowing finished. In the house ironing & churning done. also baking good wheat cookies. Austin went to the station with H. D. Letter & papers to Gordon postal to Willy.

Friday 22 Have not been well & have neglected to write. The weather has been good till to day. Raining this forenoon & all the afternoon it has been snowing & blowing. now at six o'clock it is blowing hard & sending the snow straight from north to south. Wilfred went to the schoolhouse expecting to help Herbert home. but H. D. went with the horses after his children & they all rode home together. Am feeling miserably to day. scarcely able to sit up & have lain down most of the day

Sunday 24 Snowed again last night & was snowing at getting up time this morning. Tommy Dunn brought the mail Thursday morning when on his way to Austonia This morning Wilfred went to Mr Dennis for the mail. A letter from Willy & the usual papers. Neither of the Swedes went away, owing to bad walking

Monday 25 Austin went to Waseca with H. D. who took some cattle & a sheep or two to market. W & man worked at the wood pile. washing done. a bright day but not warm enough to take all of the bed clothes out. Letter from Gordon to W. & papers. A brought home lemons & oranges.

Tuesday 26 Has been an unpleasant day most of the time snowing some & raining some & towards night the sun coming out bright & pleasant. Wilfred & man went to town. took over a steer & sold to Mr Bonnell for $22,50. Took to the creamery 44 inches of cream. a letter to Willy.

Thursday 28 Very high wind all day. Mr Severson came to day to get a load of wood, is staying here to night. Mr Peter Daniels & his father stole & bought a calf for $16.

Friday 29 Bright, most of the day. Barley sowed. Mr Woodman & Georgie Plumer drove in to the yard on an errand were going to Mrs Plumers. Mr Severson went home this afternoon

Saturday 30 Austin went to Owatonna, took some seed corn to Mr Case, left at Kelly's. Mr & Mrs Woodman & Georgie Plumer drove into the yard on their way to A. W. & men busy all day getting out manure on to corn ground. Ada very unwell for two or three days with cold & cough. Girl went home this afternoon.

Sunday May 1st Very high wind all day & very hot weather, 88° above 0.

Monday 2 White clothes washed & dried tho the day has been cloudy most of the time & quite cold & fears of frost or freezing, 40° above 0 now at 9 p.m. The two Swedes came in last night at ten.

Tuesday 3 Fine weather all day. men have been at work on the corn ground plowing it &c. Ada has not been able to come down stairs to day. Colored clothes washed. I too have a cold. Head sore throat last night, it is better to day. lungs somewhat sore to night.

Wednesday 4. Mr & Mrs Case came; she is to stay a day or two. He went back this afternoon. Ada doesn't get better & we sent by Mr C. to have the Dr. come up tomorrow. A very nice day. My lungs very sore during last night. Tried mustard, then hot cloths & then salt pork, & lastly onion fried in grease the last two remedies giving satisfaction. Minneapolis jewelry peddlers called yesterday & today.

Thursday 5. A good day. The Dr. came up this afternoon & has just gone home - nearly 9 o'clock. Thinks he will come again Sunday to see Ada.

Friday 6. Another fine day. The corn ground nearly plowed. Ada is no worse - has been quite comfortable.

Saturday 7. Wilfred took Mrs Case to the station. She is to come again next Tuesday. Ada seems very comfotable & we hope will get up soon. A fine day. Some rocks in the cornfield blasted.

Sunday 8. A beautiful day. The Dr. came early in the afternoon & went home perhaps about five. Austin has gone to see if he can get Ida to come & stay a day or two to help take care of Ada. A is getting better & the doctor think will be about again in two or three days. A young colt at the barn yesterday.

Monday 9. Corn planting begun. A. went to town after dinner, took the cream to the creamery. Ida came this afternoon, to stay till tomorrow night. Minnie not feeling well, the washing not done. Letters for other members of the family & a package of flower seeds for Herbert, from Col. Drum.

Tuesday 10. Corn planting again. Washing done. Some ironing & some baking. Ada quite as well. Mr Neal Graham & Mr Edmund called at the barn to see the new colt. Lima beans planted.

stoves in guest chamber & kit. room taken down yesterday. Letters to R. & Willy yesterday.

Wednesday 11. Corn finished north of the road this afternoon. A. took Ida home this morning & brought back a Norwegian girl to stay a day or two for help. The cook stove moved into the back kitchen. Rain is needed.

Thursday 12. Another bright day. Potatoes planted. A. took the Norwegian girl home, she could neither speak or understand English very well, we will try to get on with the Swede girl. Minnie's moccasin here to look at horses.

Friday 13. Still we get no rain tho it has sprinkled several times; more planting in the garden. Ida came over to bring home a hand corn planter. Ada sits up tho not much - is quite comfortable.

Saturday 14. Another fair bright day. Mrs Hakokes & her two little girls came this afternoon & stayed a couple of hours. More men to look at horses. Mr Henderson bought a mink skin of us. price 30 cts! as it would have brought from five to seven dollars & more. Heavy thunder & lightning during last night, no rain to speak of, tho we had a fine shower at Owatonna & vicinity. A little field of sweet corn planted & more garden seeds.

Sunday 15. W. R. & Herbert went to church. Georgie Plumer called at the door to inquire how Ada was getting on. A most beautiful day. Postal to Willie. A letter to Minneapolis yesterday.

Monday 16. Finished dragging the corn, & picked up & burned brush on the new piece of land, is the report from the men, washing done.

Tuesday 17. Dry bright weather continues. Ada came down stairs this afternoon. First time since two weeks yesterday. A little more washing done, & part of ironing. Men busy with

the burning brush + clearing off the little piece of land to get it ready to plow or break, for corn. H. D. came for some seed corn.

Wednesday 18, Good weather continues, The new piece of ground is ready for breaking. + Charley Johnson is expected to come tomorrow to do it.

Thursday 19 A dry warm day. men home Greenbury with their piece of breaking. My closet cleaned + regulated. H. Drum has gone to town + we hope to get some mail. Later. The mail has come. Two letters from B. one for R. + one for me also the Bazars. also, a description of Cal, wins from Col. Drum sent by express.

Friday 20 Dry weather continues + very warm, The piece of plowing or breaking finished. + C. Johnson is just starting home. only half an load high Yesterday the Dunns took away from the cellar about 30 bushels of potatoes, + today H. Drum came for a load of hay, + potatoes.

Saturday 21. The new piece of ground planted to corn a little bit of rain just at night. Minnie went home this afternoon. to come back tomorrow night +

Sunday 22 Mr Dimmon preached at the school house at Ralf past three this afternoon. W. R. + Herbert were all that could go from here. Charley Hawks drove up here + took R. + brought he back. several others came from Geneva

Monday 23 Austin + Wilfred went to town after dinner, came home just at dark, are now at the barn with the man doing the chores. It has just begun to rain gently + we are thankful for every drop that falls. Tomorrow is Herberts 8th birthday + he has a wagon for a surprise in the morning. Letters to R. + Willy

Mrs Leach.

Tuesday 24 The rain proved a very small one last night To day has been dry as usual. Alfred work in the corn + will now for many weeks do cultivating. Wilfred + his father are getting ready to shear sheep tomorrow Have to day taken the last potatoes out of the cellar + cleaned it out. The colored washing done, + ironing. Herbert was duly surprised + pleased with his new wagon.

Wednesday 25. Sheep sheared. A Mr Reedy who lives on the Canfield place. sheared sheep for H. Drum yesterday + an hour or two this morning. then came here + with A. + W. to help, finished ours about six. this ending 20 sheep only. covered a box for a footstool for Addas room.

Thursday 26. A. went to town to get a load of plank for the road. We, worked on a new road over north.

Friday 27. W. + man worked on the road took their dinner + did not come home at noon. A little baking. a little washing cleaning up the back yard &c, has taken up most of the time mine is has had + I have helped her what I could. Am feeling much better than for months.

Saturday 28. work on the road continues. A. + Herbert went to town. took a load of wheat 76 cts. Bert Case called took Ada to ride. Postal to Willy.

Sunday 29. W. + R. went to Chureah. Herbert went to the S. house to Sunday school.

Monday 30. Decoration day, Chester W. + Herbert went to town, Alfred went over to the Swede neighborhood to go to town with his friends. Washing + churning done. Our folks came home early in the afternoon

Tuesday 31 We. worked again on the new road. Last it is not to go again. We have had two or three bits of showers this afternoon. enough to wet the top of the ground.

Wednesday June 1st 7. A pleasant day. Rain enough fell yesterday to benefit the crops greatly tho' it seemed best little. corn shelled to take to mill for feed. The assessor Mr Lewis, here this afternoon. More washing done.

Thursday 2 A. took a load of feed to W. to be ground, Wilfred has worked about the house, white washing & kalsomining the ceiling in the dining room & his room. Ida. Her sister, & Miss Longuet came to get some wool.

Friday 3 - Wilfred & Ada's room papered. Austin went to Vassalboro again. brought house paper for the dining room. Mr & Mrs Adams from Clinton are here to night. Letter from Willie.

Saturday 4. Mr & Mrs Adams went home this morning & Austin went to Auburn. Broke the plate of my teeth this morning & will go to Auburn on Monday, & stay a few days to have new one made. Seven or eight quarts of strawberries picked first we have had. Ada's room finished, carpet put down. Letter from Gordon Thursday

Sunday 5 We, R. Herbert & Alfred. went to church. Heard a sermon from Mr Anderson of Auburn who exchanged with Mr Stannen. Saw Col. & Mrs Cobb from Maine. Mr Hawkes's sister & husband. Strawberry shortcake for dinner. first berries we have had, seven or eight quarts picked last night Every thing needing rain. very warm today

Sunday 12 Last Monday the 6th went with A. to Auburn & stayed till Friday the 10th. went to the dentist on Monday & had an impression of my mouth taken. went in, two or three times afterwards & Wednesday afternoon my teeth were ready for me. Thursday 9th. (I was staying at Dr. Mann's) went with the Dr. to the Indigent School, where he had a patient. later to Pilsbury Hall, to call on Mrs Lucy Prescott Cudworth, & in the afternoon to Mr Stoughtons. In the evening A. having come down in the afternoon, we all, Dr. & Mrs M. Mrs, Graham Evelyn & ourselves went to hear the Jubilee singers. Friday morning did a little shopping. visited the dentist again & started home before noon. During my absence our folks had finished kalsomining & papered the dining room. a churning was done Tuesday. on Wednesday. Mr Hinton went to Augusta & Minnie the girl went with him to make some purchases. Tuesday night the 7th there was a gentle shower, here & at A's and now we have had a good rain, it having begun yesterday & continued at intervals through last night & this forenoon. During the week the magazines & papers from R. came & yesterday a letter. Letter. Alfred & Minnie went to Abnaki meeting at Gothenrons. Strawberry shortcake for dinner

Monday 13 Called to see Mrs Dunn this forenoon. She has been sick several days with lung trouble. we have had a very rainy afternoon. After dinner A. went to Augusta, has just returned. Last night o'clock. brought letters from Willy, forwarded from Auburn. Letter from Hannah Hawkes. Postal from Mrs Stevens a dozen or more quarts of strawberries picked, of inferior quality owing to the dry weather. Put up six one quart cans. White clothes washed & dried before the rain came.

Tuesday 14 Thunder & clouds but no rain. Cabbage plants from Mr Dunns set out. The back cistern cleaned out.

Harnesses washed + oiled, + the double buggy being painted. Strawberries picked for tea. / Ironing done. Have been busy all day doing bits of mending &c

Wednesday 15 / Washing / ironing + baking. Have in hay from mowed back. A finished painting the buggy. Papers from R. W. + men worked in the corn on the hill.

Thursday 16 Wilfred worked on the new road. Took with Peter Daniels a job of a few days man in the corn. A very warm day 91° above A. several quarts strawberries picked but they were very small + inferior.

Friday 17 12th anniversary of Wilfreds + Adas marriage. We went over for the road again. A fine day + not so warm as yesterday. R. + Ada went to see Mrs Dunn this afternoon. Herbert rode to school this morning with Mr John Chambers + another man who were fencing. + after school went to Mr Daniels + came home with his father.

Saturday 18 A. was to have gone with Mr Dunn to Waseca this afternoon but owing to the rain did not go. A. did go to / Minden station with R. Dunn + took the wool to send to Mrs. Has rained more or less this afternoon. W. worked on the road. Got was driven home by the rain. Have written to Gordon. postal to Willy

Sunday 19 Austins 70th birthday. A very pleasant day Roads rather too rough to go to church. Herbert + Minnie went to S. school. Bert Case + Georgie Plumer called at the door a few minutes ago

Monday 20 We R. + I, are getting ready to go to Wasioja tomorrow. A. started to go to Waseca with Mr Dunn, but as it looked like being a rainy afternoon, they came back after going a couple of miles. Wilfred has been over on the road again. It rained very

little.

Thursday 30 As we intended R. + I went to Wasioja Tuesday the 21st. A. took us to the station. Willy + Jake met us at Dodge Center. took us to Dr Soleys where we met Mr + Mrs Kellman + Emma, spent a pleasant afternoon + went over to W. just at night. Austin + Herbert came on Sunday the Saturday the 25. Sunday we went to church + heard Mr Westcott / preach. Monday, Dr + Mrs Soley, Mr + Mrs Kellman came + spent the day, at least were all there to dinner. Wednesday came to Owatonna. took dinner at Winkips. called to see the dentist. had tea at Dr Mares + came home before dark. A. went to Waseca yesterday. Today, Wilfred, Ada, + Herbert, have gone to Owatonna. went after dinner. Alfred still plowing corn.

The clover was cut Thursday the 23d

Friday July 1st cloudy + rainy this forenoon. A washing done + dried this afternoon. A few raspberries picked for tea. W. + A. came home before dark. They report scarlet fever in the state school at Owatonna.

Saturday 2 A Mr + Mrs Gould stopped here for dinner. were going to Lasson. A. went to town to get a / pump to put in the pasture. Had cucumbers for tea

Sunday 3 We were nearly ready to go to church this morning, when it began to thunder + soon the rain came down in a fine shower without wind. but the roads were spoiled for to day. We were sorry not to go to church as it was communion to day + Mr + Mrs Chaney are in W + to go away tomorrow.

Monday 4 went to Waseca with A. called at Mr Beatts + at Mr Sawins. saw Mr + Mrs Chaney at the latter place. They were to go away on the 3 o'clock train. took dinner at Mr Hawkes

drove out to the Park. Mrs Hawks & Allen drove over with us.
A. & I called to see Mr Clement before going to the Park. He has been sick but is getting better. a letter from R.

Tuesday 5 Wilfred Ada N. & Herbert went over this afternoon to Maplewood Park to be there this evening at the opening exercises Ida came in this afternoon. Minnie came back at noon. She went home Sunday to stay over the 4th. mowing begun

Wednesday 6 Mowing & getting in hay. a man came to get subscribers for a history of the county a Postal to Mrs Humphrey yesterday Washing done. Bert Case & Georgie Plummer called at the door to night Postal from Ida to night

Thursday 7 A hot day & a good hay day. Churning done 14½ lbs butter. Ironing done. new white window shades put up in the parlor

Friday 8 Austin went to mill. Haystacking hindered by the wind. A good many apples fell off. Baking done. coffee parked

Saturday 9 This morning a man called at the door to sell some things we left at Waverly. window shades &c. After dinner Mr A. & Herbert went to Maplewood Park to see & hear Frank Beard the chalk talk man. We have been looking a little for the Humphrey young folks.

Sunday 10 The Humphreys did not come. Ada & Herbert stayed at the Park last night. We came home & went again to day. N. & I went with him but stopped at the church & heard E. M. Williams preach from Psalms 25–10. while he went on to the park to hear Rev. Mrs Gillet.

went came back for us at noon & we went over & found Ada & H. at Mr Prestons tent where we ate the dinner we had taken, rested, & went to the amphitheatre where the Chautauqua S. S. was in session Frank Beard had a little chalk talk & then the W.C.T.U. ladies had a little talk, & then we all came home.

Monday 11 Seven loads of hay put in a stack back of the granary. Mr. Sapp. & it rained when they were finishing it. Some heavy thunder but not a heavy rain. A washing done. Finished a colored shirt for A. Great fuss for dinner. A. went into the field & mowed a little before the rain.

Tuesday 12 The barley cut to day. & more hay raked & put up & hoeing in the garden. Painted several articles, pails &c. Raining a little since 6 o'clock. Austin was not well yesterday & laid down most of the time. This is Chautauqua day at the Park none of us went over. Rainy yesterday forenoon

Thursday 14 Haying. After dinner Austin went to town after a load of feed at the mill. It has been a very hot day. Postal from Mrs Humphrey. Letters to R. & Willy. have also written to Hortense & Helen. Postal to N. from Emma.

Friday 15 Allen Hawks & Harry Humphrey came just before dinner & went away soon after. Seven loads of hay drawn. Hot weather continues. 94 about 4. The chinch bug is destroying the wheat crop all about the country with some exceptions ours is nearly spoiled. We hope the corn will not also be ruined. It is looking fine now. Mrs Peter Daniels & baby & Annie Daniels called at the

door.

Saturday 16. The wheat harvest such as it is began this morning, what wheat there is in the head is not ripe but when dry may be good for something & if left standing it would soon all be destroyed. Mercury in the nineties.

Sunday 17 Austin, R. Herbert & Alfred went over to church. Mr & Mrs Alfred going up to the Park Mr Marill preached at the church after church they all, with Mary & Martha Humphrey drove around the Park grounds & came home quite early bringing the girls with them. They came to Wasoca yesterday stopping at Mr Hawke's. cloudy most of the day & a little rain this evening

Monday 18 The piece of wheat on the north side of the road, cut. finished this afternoon, the binder out of repair & needing a good deal of fixing. Washing done. Bright pleasant weather, cooler than for many days. a sheep killed.

Tuesday 19 Binder repairing & cutting in a piece of wheat South on the hill after dinner W. A. Mary & Martha & Herbert went to the Park to hear the Schubert Zerenata as it is near bed time & they have not returned we think they are to stay to another concert this evening.

Wednesday 20 A little rainy this morning. A. & W. worked nearly half a day repairing the binder & rain. cutting wheat most of the afternoon. There was another concert at the Park last evening. our folks got home about 12.

Thursday 21 Wheat cutting continued.

Friday 22 A fine cool day. Austin R. & I. went to Wasoca, to take Mary & Martha to Mr Hawk

where they will stay to night & go home to monroe on the 3 o'clock train, R. stopped at Mr Preston. The Assembly broke up to day. Every body cutting wheat some good wheat not many chinch bugs around Wasoca Letters to Gustie Dacky & Willy no. postal to W. We brought home the long delayed box, sent by the Drums from Arizona last Jan.

Saturday 23 A good cool day. wheat oats being cut W & Alfred were to have stacked barley but W. has not been very well. A shirt done. Minnie has gone home to stay till tomorrow. Window curtains arranged in the parlor.

Sunday 24. Went to church with W. A. R. & Herbert. Mr Stevens preached his last sermon before his vacation. He is to go east for a month. German minister stopped to night to oil his buggy wheels. Georgie Plumer brought Ella Reese to stay a few days. Letter to R.

Monday 25. Still dry weather. Every body busy harvesting. Washing done.

Tuesday 26. Harvesting finished, at least the grain is cut. Thunder & lightning this evening & a little rain. Aggie & Lucy Drum invited to tea

Wednesday 27. Beet greens from Mr Drums for dinner. Barley too wet from last night's rain to stack. Tommy Dunn brought the mail. Postal from Mary Humphrey & papers from R.

Thursday 28. cloudy & rainy through the middle of the day. A small washing done this morning. Blue window shades put up in dining room, covered buggy washed preparatory to painting. Ella Coe & Herbert called at Mr Drums.

Baley stacked before the rain.
Friday 29 A hard wind before noon. no harm to the crops here. one appletree blew over & the apples fell off in showers. 7½ bushels pickd up & taken to town & sold. some for $1.50 & some for $1.75 a bushel. Herbert went with his father to town. Letter from Charles Humphrey & Willy. Ellen Case borrowed "Vanity Fair". Georgie Plumer has "May Erskine".
Saturday 30. Wilfred & Herbert went to Owatonna to see the Dr. for Ada. took him some oats. a pleasant day. Georgie Plumer came & took Ellen C. home with her yesterday. this morning they called at the door on their way to Owatonna. Left the book "May Erskine".
Sunday 31. All staid at home, except the man.
Monday August 1st A good day but very warm. a stack of wheat put up. Austin went to town to get more paint for the covered buggy which he partly painted last week. Washing done & dried. Letters from K. & Gustie Bailey.
Tuesday 2 More wheat stacking & very hot weather 96° this afternoon. Thundering & lightening & a good prospect for rain. Rose just before dark. a double churning done. Ironing & baking & lead bread. which is akin to sickness in the family. Mr Clement drove into the yard on business.
Wednesday 3. Another hot day. & more stacking. Wilfred & man stopped work in the early part of the afternoon for a couple of hours owing to the extreme heat. Just as they started after the last load of wheat. the wind suddenly came up from the North & it began to thunder & lighten & we thought we would

surely have a shower. but no rain fell & in half an hour or less, all was quiet as before. magazines came. Two Atlantics & one Century. wire screens put on back kitchen windows & door. Young Chaney from Waseca here this morning to exhibit a mannikin. he is selling for schools.
Thursday 4 The wheat stacking finished & a stack of oats put up. Austin went to town somewhat expecting Gusti Bailey from Minneapolis to come back with him. but receiving a postal from her instead. Mr Hawkes came with A. & will stay till Saturday. No rain & no sign of rain. a bright moonlight & cool fine day. Austin & Mr Hawkes went to Owatonna. Wilfred & men stacked oats. hope to finish tomorrow. Postal from Gustie Bailey, & letter from Mary Brisbane. Expect G. tomorrow.
Friday 5 Saturday 6. Mr Dinton took Mr Hawkes home this morning & brought Gustie back. To night Charles & Harry Humphreys home come on their bicycles. The stacking finished to night.
Sunday 7. Had an attack of palpitation lasting two hours or more. No one went to church.
Monday 8 The boys went off on their wheels this morning a little after 5 o'clock. a hot day. & towards evening some wind & thunder & lightning. we hoped for rain but only a few sprinkls have fallen. Wilfred & man went to town, took 12 bushels of apples to market, sold for $1,50 a bushel. no more apples on the trees. no more Duchess apples. Letter from Gordon.
Tuesday 9. Austin, Wilfred & Herbert went to Owatonna

to witness the laying of the cornerstone of the State school building. Black clouds & threatenings of rain. Some rain fell during last night.

Wednesday 10, A good shower this forenoon. Austin began mowing again this afternoon.

Thursday 11 More mowing. Raking & putting up hay. A letter yesterday from Simon to Wilfred. He expects to come to see us within a few weeks

Friday 12 more haying. A peck of plums brought.

Saturday 13 Rained all forenoon. Cistern emptied & cleaned in the afternoon.

Sunday 14. Wilfred went to Hanover on horseback. brought letters from R to Gustie & Ramy & other mail. Minnie & Alfred went to their Swede meeting at Longueuil.

Monday 15 Work day. Postal to Willy. A. has plowed all day. Put up two cans of apples.

Tuesday 16. A. churning done. W. & man drew seven loads of hay. Mrs Plumon & Georgie called at the door. A few tomatoes canned. Yeast made & baking done

Wednesday 17. More haying. mail to night. Letters & papers to Gustie. Bazant from R. a few plums canned.

Thursday 18. Ada canned a few more plums. men busy haying. We look for Willy & family tomorrow

Friday 19 Bed time & we have been looking for Willy & Emma since four o'clock, but they did not come. owing perhaps to rain, a little rain here just at night enough to stop the haying drawing in the hay.

Saturday 20. Rained enough to prevent finishing drawing in the hay. W. went to town on horseback. Letter from Willy saying an attack of Cholera morbus prevented his coming home. Letters for Gustie & photograph holder from Mrs Christy. Letter to Gordon

Sunday 21 A quiet day. This afternoon we all rode up to the pasture. W. & his father. Gustie. Ada Herbert & myself. man & girl both went on into the Swede neighborhood & have not returned.

Monday 22. Thunder. lightning & rain during last night much cooler weather. Letter to Willy. Wilfred went to town very early this morning. came back noon & went to the station this afternoon, sold several hogs to a Germen. Rosner.

Tuesday 23. Wilfred & man went to the station this morning with 8 fat hogs. This afternoon W. & Herbert went to town with a load of feed. had it ground & got home just before dark. Letter from Helen, & one to Gustie from home.

Wednesday 24. The men have all worked at haying. There was a slight frost last night & cold to night.

Thursday 25. Gustie has gone home. A. took her over to take the train at 3,0' clock this afternoon, they had time to drive out to the Park before train time. Letter from Willy. He is better & will come home soon. Telegram from Simon, to tell us to expect him tomorrow. 7 loads nine loads of hay drawn & the last. Sent an express package to Julia Stevens.

Friday 26. A dull gloomy day. Wilfred & Herbert went to town & brought Simon back.

Saturday 27. Simon went out with Wilfreds old gun & brought back two prairie chickens. went with A. over to see Ida.

Sunday 28. Letter from Gustie to Austin & postal from Willy who was not so well. R. & Simon walked up to H. Drums to see Mrs D. who is sick.

Monday 29. A. & W. both, have plowed. Washing done. Herbert had quite a sore throat. Mrs H. Drum much better. wrote a few lines in Wilfreds letter to Willy

Tuesday 30 A cloudy day. W. & his father have both

flowed all day again.

Wednesday 31. Postal to Gustie + papers to Gordon, Letter to night to Simon from his father + mother + from R. to H. from Willy to Wilfred, postal from Gustie.

Thursday September 1st — went to town with A. did a little shopping + called at Mr Hawkes. met Mrs Buckmaster Letter to Gustie. Letter from Gordon + one from Willy

Friday 2 — a very cloudy day + this afternoon a little rain we began drying crab apples Simon shot a chicken has a stick in leg piece of Mr Reynolds. not good for much

Saturday 3 — a rainy afternoon the men did not work

Sunday 4 — The rain yesterday made the roads too muddy to go to church. Mr Stevens not yet expected home from his vacation to fill his

Monday 5 — a double churning done instead of the washing. Ida came over this afternoon a hot afternoon 83° above.

Tuesday 6 — Wilfred + Ada went to Austonna + to Mr Cases. Johnnie Dunn brought a letter to Simon, + one from Julia Stevens.

Wednesday 7 — Simon went to town with H. D. Wilfred came home before dark. left Ada to stay a few days at Mr Case's.

Thursday 8 — a good deal of rain about the middle of the day. + quite cool to night. canned a few crabapples yesterday + to day.

Friday 9 — Austin went to town, took a few bags of wheat to sell, Simon went with him, to stay a day or two. The girl Minnie also went to have some teeth taken out. Postals to Mrs Dailey + Emma Sent a little bag of crabapples to Mrs Dailey

Saturday 10 — Clover for seed. cut. H. Drum called this forenoon. Put up several cans of crab apples. Raining a little this evening

Sunday 11. — Wilfred + H. went to church. Dr Moore came about 3 o'clock + staid two or three hours. W. is to go to Faribault tomorrow, Minnie

went home this afternoon. to come back to-morrow.

Monday 12 — Rained from early morning till nearly noon. Wilfred + Herbert started to Carlton — no after one o'clock were to go to Mr Cases to night, + to Faribault to-morrow if weather + roads are favorable. Minnie has not returned.

Tuesday 13 — Alfred helped Andy Dunn thrash. came home at half past eight. — made sweet pickle of some small crab apples

Wednesday 14 — a fine day. made a few bottles of catchup + a few quarts of chopped tomato sweet pickle Simon came home from Waseca with H. D. old Mrs Preston was buried at Waseca yesterday.

Thursday 15 — Wilfred. A. + Herbert came home before dinner, They staid at Mr Cases last night. afternoon from Faribault. Austin went to Waseca this afternoon to get barbed wire for fencing. Letters from Gustie, + Eb Dailey. Basket of grapes from Mrs Ware. + also a box of grapes from Mrs Humphrey

Friday 16 — Charles Denton + wife came about noon. Clover for seed. stacked. Simon shot several birds. a squirrel + a partridge.

Saturday 17 — Simon went with Drum boys to the station Charles + wife started home this afternoon, were to stay one night with an acquaintance on the way.

Sunday 18 — A. + I, went to church. called at Mr Hawkes + at Mr Clements, to see Mary who is not at all well. a fine day.

Monday 19 — went over to Ingvald Youngdons this morning helped prepare crab apples for drying + this afternoon made a gallon of spiced grapes.

Tuesday 20 — Austin + Herbert were to have gone to Geneseo but it rained a little + twas thought best to wait till tomorrow. Charlie + Hannah Hawkes came over about noon. They went back without

getting out of the buggy is to come over again tomorrow after Charles who came to hunt a day or two with Simon we are looking for sister R. to come in about a week. We have used up the last of the Transcendent crab apples, made sweet pickles. Jelly & dried some. They have not kept well all this year. Letter to Gustie. D.

Wednesday 21. Austin went to Owatonna with Mr Dunn a rainy afternoon Hannah H. came over after Charles but owing to the rain they have staid over night. Apple jelly made. Letters from Col Dunn & R. Mr Daniels & his son in law Mr McKinly (to see about sheep) came

Thursday 22 Charles & Hannah H. went home this morning immediately after breakfast. Wilfred & Alfred went to town. Austin went over South to look for a girl. could not get one Minnie is said to be at home sick. We are looking for sister R. first of next week Letter from Emma.

Friday 23 a pleasant day. W. & A. washed this forenoon Had a pot pie of birds for dinner & Simon has killed two partridges to day & Herbert shot a bird, We have heard that Minnie is sick at home.

Saturday 24. The 20th anniversary of sister R.s. marriage, Stoves put up in parlor & guest chamber a busy day about the house for us all. The men too have been busy getting ready for threshing. getting belt-manpower fixing sheds &c, Simon has a bad eye to night. hunt. playing with the children at R. Dunns.

Sunday 25 We A, H. & Herbert went to church, though it possible sister R. might come home with them. She may come on an early train tomorrow. Austin will go to meet her.

Monday 26 Austin & Simon went to town to bring sister R. She did not come but telegraphed us to expect her tomorrow. Another washing done. A little rainy this afternoon. Mr Dunn's arm broken yesterday by the kick of a horse Letters to Emma & C. C. Daily.

Tuesday 27 Austin & Simon went this morning to town & came back about eleven o'clock bringing sister Rosie. Alfred threshed for Mr Reuter.

Wednesday 28 Alfred threshed again for Mr Reuter & Wilfred for Mr Dunn.

Thursday 29 The 31 anniversary of our arrival in Minnesota Threshing again at Mr Dunns. a little rainy about noon. Young Fred Conmee came this afternoon to hunt with Simon is staying here to night. Letter from Lola Daily.

Friday 30 W. & Alfred worked this forenoon at Mr Dunns & this afternoon at R. Drews. a gloomy day. Young Conmee went home this afternoon.

Saturday October 1st went to Owatonna with Austin took dinner at Winships. called at Dr. Ivens. then at Mr Stoughtens where we staid an hour or two called at the Drs again & their home just at dark. Letter to Willy & posted to Gordon. Letter from Willy this evening

Sunday 2 a little rainy this morning. thunder & lightning W. & Simon drove over to Mr Dunns to get R.s trunk which Tommy brought yesterday from town. There was some mistake. it being delayed a few days.

Monday 3 This morning Austin & R. went over & brought Ida home to stay two days. to wash & iron &c. The white washing done & dried.

Tuesday 4 Austin, Wilfred & Simon went to the fair. We led the young colt to be entered at the fair. Colored washing & a large ironing done. Letter from Willy

Wednesday 5 Austin & Alfred went over to the fair again.

Wilfred + Ada took Ida home this fore-
noon.

Saturday 8 Thursday the 4th Austin, W + Ada, Simon + Herbert went to the fair. Simon staid over night + came back last night with W + Ada who went over yesterday afternoon to a mission-ary meeting. Mr Puddefoot + others being there. This morning Austin + Simon went to Peoria - ja. Sister R. + I. were to have gone with them but having taken cold + not feeling well I was obliged to give up going. Pa churning has been done to day. Alfred dug potatoes this forenoon. This afternoon is dark + a slight rain is falling.

Sunday 9 W. A. + Herbert went to church.

Monday 10 A sheep killed. + some potatoes dug.

Tuesday 11 More potatoe digging. Austin went to mill Letter to Willy. Postal from Gordon A daughter of Warren Smith of Waverly died yesterday or last night.

Wednesday 12, Potatoe digging. Austin plowed this forenoon. helped in the potatoe this afternoon Simon came home from Waverly a little before night. wrote a short letter to Gordon in Roxie's letter

Thursday 13 more potatoe digging + nearly the last. Charles Hawkes came to the door with some mail. but had not time to come in. Simon shot several birds, a duck + partridge.

Friday 14 The potatoe digging finished before noon. Simon shot a squirrel + a partridge.

Saturday 15 Austin went to New Richland with Mr Dunn. A churning done. Sprinkled this evening. Letter from Gordon. Simon took Herbert with him hunting this forenoon + late this afternoon went with some of the Dunns to the Station

Sunday 16 It was a little rainy this morning enough to hinder going to church. W. Simon, R.

W. + Herbert were intending to go. The day has been cloudy + to night a little rainy again

Monday 17 Ida came this morning to stay till Wednesday night. We expect the threshing ma-chine here tomorrow. Austin + Simon went to town this afternoon. Postal to Willy. washing done.

Tuesday 18 The "machine" came this morning + the oats + barley and some of the wheat is threshed. Mr Stennen called this afternoon.

Wednesday 19 Threshing finished before noon. about 11 o'clock Charles + Hannah Hawkes came over this morn-ing to get a cow C. to lead her back but she refused to lead, + our folks are to take her over some other day. Wilfred + man helped the Daniels thresh this afternoon. Austin + Simon went to a Germans about four miles away to see about getting a girl. Ada took Ida home just (Sat.) this

Thursday 20 W. + man threshed again at Mr Daniels. came home about five o'clock. + moved the cookstove into the dining room.

Friday 21 Wilfred + Alfred helped in the threshing for the Daniels, this forenoon when they finished R. cooked a mallard duck which Simon shot two or three days ago. The vegetables in the garden gathered + put in the cellar

Saturday 22 Simon started back to Wyoming. Wilfred took him to town. Herbert going with them. The train left about 3 o'clock this afternoon + S. would get to Omaha tomorrow morning Letter from Willy. We are having our first snow.

Sunday 23. Three or four inches of snow fell during last night. but it has been thawing to day + we hope it may all go off tomorrow W. had to go this morning + get home half a dozen of our young cattle which have been pastured on Mr Dunn's farm during the (Summer)

Monday 24_ 14° above 0 this morning + the snow has not melted at all. Keebet went to school, but came home again owing to there being no wood at the school house for a fire

Tuesday 25 mercury at 0 this morning. Corn taken out of the crib + put in the granary + the crib repaired ready for the new crop, but the weather seems rather dubious for corn husking which is to begin soon as possible. R. received a visit + letter from Col Drum. of Kinsley + several friends

Wednesday 26 Cornhusking begun, some of it is covered by the snow, which tho not very deep does not thaw or go off as we hoped. A letter from Simon from Oneha to his mother. Also a letter from Gertie + Hattie to R. Ann fixing my plaid woolen wrapper in these days.

Thursday 27_ cornhusking this forenoon. a pig killed this afternoon. snow has melted a good deal.

Friday 28 Ida came over again last night + has washed to day. most of the snow has gone off to day + we hope the rest will go tomorrow. Rufus Sutliff came this morning to help husk corn

Saturday 29 Austin went to Aceytane to get a load of lumber for a corn crib. Wilfred has not been feeling very well. Took quinine last night will take it again to night. Ironing-chearning &c. has kept us all busy most of the day.

Sunday 30 a very pleasant day, windy this morning + roads not good. R. + Hebert took a long walk ~~with~~ up through the pasture + around by H. Drums. where they called.

Monday 31 A beautiful day. a washing done. The cornhusking is getting on. a postal to Willy

Tuesday November 1st Ironing + windows washing. a pleasant day

Wednesday 2_ another beautiful day. For two or three days the mercury has been 70° above 0. my room cleaned + regulated. Mr + Mrs Hawks came this afternoon. went home before dark. Minnie came about noon took away her clothes or most of them. Talked about coming back next week to work. Letter from Willy. + from Simon to his mother from Rock Springs - Wyoming - a corn crib built.

Thursday 3_ The land from the pig killed a week ago tried out. House cleaned + Ida has washed several windows + helped fill two steambeds went down to the barn to night with R. to see the cattle + the new corn crib. The wind is blowing this evening + we fear a storm The last few days have been pleasant + the corn husking has progressed finely. The Sutliff man has worked six days, finished to night.

Friday 4_ The rest of the windows cleaned. + another two straw beds filled. Head cheese made + green tomato pickle. The tomatoes have been kept in the cellar a month or more, Austin went to town with a few bushels of wheat + exchanged it for flower + brought home boards to cover the new corn crib. Postal to Willy. Fine weather continues

Saturday 5_ another good day. We were surprised by a visit from Willy + family. Emma + Julia driving in with a German girl one of the Smykings, who happened to be at the station. Willy walking over this his father hurried off to meet him.

Sunday 6 a fine day. a German funeral procession passed to day. An elderly woman fell from a load of hay, was unconscious when picked up + died the next morning. we have had a quiet pleasant

visit with Willy & Emma, Julia & Herbert have been very happy.

Monday 7 Austin took Willy & family to the station to take the train for Dodge Center. Still good weather for the husking.

Tuesday 8 Austin & R. went to town, I was to go with them but was afraid the wind was too cold. Agnes Drum & Mary Clement called & Lucy D. came in - on her way home from school Mary is visiting in the neighborhood for two or three days. Mr Daniels drove in to get the big kettle to use in soapmaking. Snow is falling again this evening. We are not glad to see it. would much prefer rain as many wells are dry & people are troubled about water for the winter. There is a good deal of corn still to be husked, all about the country.

Wednesday 9 This morning we found two or three inches of very wet snow on the ground, ~~Hard~~ The evergreen trees were ready to break down with their white burden. Wilfred took R. to Waseca to take the afternoon train to Minneapolis. She is to come back Saturday. Letter from Willy & postal from Mrs Gamer an invitation to thanksgiving - H. Drums men have husked corn to day a part of the day, our folk thought there was too much snow to attempt it. Have made two new roller towels.

Thursday 10 Pleasant all day, notwithstanding a red sky this morning. The new corn crib partly shingled. Alfred husked corn alone this afternoon. Minnie came to go to work again, came this afternoon

Friday 11 - This is the day the Chicago anarchists were to be hung. We are anxious to hear what has been telegraphed. Weather continues pleasant. R. Gutteff has come down to stay

over night, & help in the husking tomorrow & washing done. made a gingham apron.

Saturday 12 Austin & Sister R. went to town & brought R. back from her Minneapolis trip. They all took dinner at Mr Hancocks. A & R. called at Mrs Hunes on their way to town - Ironing - baking & general housework to fill up the day - Letter from Col Drum Postal to Willy.

Sunday 13 We, A & R, went to church. cloudy & looking stormy. Alfred has been gone all day. We have heard that St Peter is burned up - but no particulars -

Monday 14 a washing done - a German here talking about buying hogs - cornhusking nearly done.

Tuesday 15 Austin & R. went to Waseca - came back to a rather late dinner - Mrs Preston & Mrs Bush came about 11 o'clock & stayed till half past three corn husking finished. The men went out to help H. Drum fight prairie fire, to protect his hay stacks.

Wednesday 16 Wilfred & his father went to town with a load of wheat - 68 cts a bushel - had some new corn ground for samp - Got the big can filled with oil - 15 cts a gallon. A steer calf at the barn. H. Drum called this afternoon.

Thursday 17 Willy's 40th birthday. Austin & Wilfred went to Owatonna. Still good weather Mr & Mrs H. Drum called this evening. made samp.

Friday 18 - Snowed a little just at dark. a churning done Put up a little crock of butter for R. to take to Col. R. made loaf cake, made sponge cake yesterday. Four chickens dressed. Mr Brazier here to talk about buying a farm

Saturday 19 Austin & Wilfred went to town again took along a dozen chickens which sold for four cents a pound, brought home a pair of steer horse blankets. 8 dollars. Papers & letters for R. Letter from Simon to Herbert.

Sunday 20 A cold, but not a stormy day. sister Roxie

is to start tomorrow on her homeward trip to Col. Had a roast turkey for dinner

Monday 21. Austin went early this morning to a farm two or three miles west of Waseca to get a sheep. H. Dreem went with him. Wilfred & R. went a few hours later to town she to take the noon train south, but she decided to wait & take the evening train. & after lunch or dinner at the eating house at the depot with A. W. & H. D. went to Mr Hawks to wait for the train. Ada called at Mr Dreems.

Tuesday 22. A washing done, & clothes dried tho' they froze a little at first. The men worked fixing the pump in the pasture. There is a good deal of trouble about the country to get water for stock. Wilfred Ada & Herbert have gone over to Mr Daniels to spend the evening An Irish peddler stopped to ask to be kept over night. He had a team & a tremendous voice, we let him go on.

Wednesday 23. A. took sister N. to the station to take the train to Dodge Center. to be in readiness at Dr Gaines for Thanksgiving tomorrow We were all invited. but she was the only one who could go. She is to make a visit of a week or more at Waseja before coming back. This has been a great day for fighting prairie fire over north of town fields. Two haystacks belonging to H. Dreem were burned. Wilfred & man, H. D, & man & Mr Reuter, were kept busy till late this afternoon. Hean just finished a pair of black woolen stockings for Herbert

Thursday 24. Thanksgiving day. Wilfred & Ada went to Waseca to hear Mrs Stevens's Thanksgiving sermon at the Methodist church. They had Union services. The post office was closed & they could not get the mail without staying later than they wished to, we were anxious to hear from R. We got up this morning to find the ground white with snow but the day has been mild & still.

Friday 25. W. & A. have gone to Waseca to attend a concert. Just as they were ready to start, Mr & Mrs Case drove up & went with them. It has been snowing this afternoon a little but the weather is mild & still.

Saturday 26. They came home from the Schubert concert last night before one. Mr & Mrs Case went home late this afternoon, snow has been falling most of the afternoon. A letter from R. mailed at St Louis Lattesville

Sunday 27. My sixty fifth birthday. cold & clear tonight, mercury about 15° below 0. Tomm Dreem drove in this morning with sleigh & bells going to the station. There are six inches of snow perhaps.

Monday 28. A washing done. Two pairs of cloth mittens cut out & partly made, 20° below 0 this morning. The men have been for a day or two making over a shed or stable for some of the cattle.

Tuesday 29. Letter to Col. Dreem. A went to Waseca with a load of feed to be ground. Alfred went with him. Mr Mrs Hanna & sheep man here to dinner. bought a dozen sheep here for $27.00. Letter from R. at Waseja & one from R. in Kansas to N.

Wednesday 30. Somewhat blizzardy this afternoon. A. thought of going to town. But decided to wait till tomorrow. Herbert rode to school with Mr H. Dreem who went to Waseca & beyond, with some sheep he had sold.

Thursday December 1st. A stormy day, Wilfred took some wheat to town. H. Dreem went with him Bought two gallons of sorghum 50 cents a gallon not very cold weather but windy

Friday 2. a stack of hay put into the barn. Dreem men took dinner here. Feeling quite unwell for the last few days. sent note to

the doctor to come up tomorrow, cream man took the note.

Saturday 3. It has been quite a raining day. The Dr. did not come owing doubtless to the rain. The men have worked at the barn fixing sheds,

Sunday 4 The Dr, came up this forenoon & stayed till about three o'clock. He had a cold ride up owing to the wind being in his face. A letter from Gordon enclosed in one to Herbert & letter from R. to K. from Barston, within less than a day from Los Angeles.

Monday 5 a mild day. Minnie did the washing & afterwards helped Wilfred wash the horse blankets. Herbert takes a short lesson in Swede each evening Alfred being the teacher. am feeling a little better to day than for several days past. Two loads of wood drawn. Have knit & mended a little.

Tuesday 6. August Brandt & another man here from Warren to see about or talk about starting the creamery again in Warren Centerville cream brought here to dinner. Another man from Co. here to buy hogs would pay 4.70 a hundred, very foggy this morning but the day has been mild.

Wednesday 7. Soap made. After dinner Austin went to town & brought sister K. home from her Arizona trip. Letter from Los Angeles from R. where she arrived Monday the 28, to find Col. Drum gone to Arizona

Thursday 8, Austin went to town with H. Drum, Yesterday, pork, live hogs, was selling at $4,75 per hundred. to day at 4.40. am refitting waistlets in these days. when I do anything.

Friday 9 The last three days have been gloomy enough we shall be glad to see another sunny day.

Saturday 10 Still another gloomy day & it has snowed since the middle of the afternoon. H. Drum brought the mail a letter from Willy & a package from Simon to Wilfred, an outside window frost on the pantry & bathroom.

Sunday 11 a pleasanter day than we expected to see Alfred went to see his Swede friends & perhaps to church. Minnie also went away & may come back tomorrow & may not. Have written a little in Wilfreds letter to Simon & part of a letter to Helen. Have felt a little better than yesterday.

Monday 12. Horseblankets mended by nearly all the family. Wrote to Helen a good day. Minnie came back this afternoon. rode with her father & brother. The seed corn in the two southbedrooms picked up & put away.

Tuesday 13 a very mild day. and the stack of hay put into the barn. Creamerman with a friend took dinner here. A German hog buyer came & bought 4 hogs for $5,00 per hundred weight. They are to be taken to Owatonna next Friday. The white washing done. Rode out a little ways for my first sleigh ride.

Wednesday 14 A couple of loads of wood drawn. A. drove over to Mr Daniels to get Peter D. to help take the hogs which were sold, to Owatonna. The colored washing done. Have felt a little better than usual. Good weather accept bit Wilfreds hand & he put salt pork on the wound

Thursday 15 The men have been getting ready to take the hogs to Owatonna tomorrow. Letters from Col Drum & sister K. to K. wrote to Willy. a short letter to K. yesterday. in his & also contributed to a family letter Simon. a mild day.

Friday 16 The hogs taken to O. in three sleighs weighed 45 45,7 lbs. They were 8 months & a week old. A man here to see about well digging or boring. a pleasant day 20° above this morning

Saturday 17 Wilfred & his father went to town took 20 bushels & more of wheat price, 64 ct. Good sleighing & last little snow. Postal to Emma, one from Willy

Sunday 18 W. A. & Herbert went to church. A letter from

Ed. Drum to Austin. Rode a little ways after they came home from church

Monday 19 A washing & churning done & several chickens dressed. Mild weather continues. Am knitting a pair of double mittens for Herbert. Carl shelled 2 a load of feed put up to take to be ground.

Tuesday 20 Wilfred went to town to help Benny Soderbier take his hogs to market. A stormy day & it is still snowing. A box of chickens sent to Helen in Chicago. Also a letter

Wednesday 21 Mr. Reynolds here to dinner. came to look for water or a place to dig for water. by carrying a stick in his hands. A Keen man also here to dinner

Thursday 22 20° below 0 this morning & quite blizzardy to night. Finished a pair of double mittens for Herbert.

Friday 23. The snow was drifted about a good deal during last night. We took Herbert to school. there were only one or two other scholars. H. Drum started to go to town afternoon, has not yet returned, & we have not seen him. Portal to Julia Dunton. Two hogs killed. H. D. has just come to the door. Brought the mail. Letter from Willy a little Christmas box from Mrs E. C. Daily & the usual papers.

Saturday 24. Alfred went off among his Swede friends to spend christmas. Tiffey took Mamma home this afternoon for her christmas & it is quite probable she will not return. Anders to have gone to Austonne but the roads are a good deal filled up with snow, it will doubtless be broken out by Monday.

Sunday 25th. Christmas day. Had oysters for dinner. A bright day but roads too drifted for going to church. A few teams have passed.

Monday 26 Austin went to Austonia took a pig killed

the other day. to the Dr. brought home a dozen bottles of Ben for medicine for me to try. The road to C. is nowhere. A. says. He had to dig in every direction on account of drifted roads.

Tuesday 27 - Letters from Rosie & Helen. & Christmas card from So. Framingham, 16° below 0 this morning. 18 to night

Wednesday 28. 22° below 0 to night & more this morning. H. Drum went to town. brought us no mail except the Radical. Portal to H. from Emma. Orient man here to dinner. Our folks went over to John Scholljegerdes yesterday afternoon after a load of feed.

Thursday 29. This morning 30° below 0, not so cold to night. W. drove over to Swede Gustaffsons to see about getting a new girl. one has promised to come next monday. Mr Dunn was attacked by a bull this afternoon & quite seriously injured at least badly bruised. One of his hired men came to his rescue & fought the bull into submission. or Mr D. would without doubt have been killed.

Friday 30 - The forty sixth anniversary of our marriage. The day has been very blustering but not very cold. Alfred came back to night having been gone a week.

Saturday 31 - A snowy day with more or less wind. no teams passing. not cold. 20° above.

Sunday January 1st 1888. A very quiet day. not a person has passed along the road. Wilfred went on horseback to Mr Dunn's, but there is no road Mr D. is getting well over his bruises. no mail since wednesday. 14° below 0 to night

Monday 2. The new girl Tilly. came this morning. A thumping dose, & snow melted for tomorrow's washing. to save the cistern water. our folks started out to break roads this morning & found it much easier than they expected, more hay drawn into the barn

Tuesday 3 Austin + W. both went to town. Letter from K. to N. + Papers - Bazar + Century - a washing done, H. D. called

Wednesday 4 moderate weather the little load we had, tired out. The men worked in the barn fixing stalls or something cream man here to dinner. We are to churn our cream for a while + sell the butter without salting to a farm in Wisconsin.

Thursday 5 A beef killed - Stormy most of the day, and round snow first + rain afterwards a good many pails of water caught + poured into the cistern. Head cheese cooked + made.

Friday 6 - Our folks sold H. Dunn a beef, for a cent

Saturday 7 - nothing ~~done in particular~~ except the usual house work - Austin + W. cut up the beef in the cellar. 488 lbs.

Sunday 8 a cold quiet day. Alfred went to Mr Dunns this morning + brought the mail. Mr D. had very little - It ~~was not~~ yesterday. magazines + papers Letters from K. Emma + Papa to K.

Monday 9 A washing done. 25° or 30° below 0 this morning

Tuesday 10 A beef killed at the barn for H. Dunn - 18° below 0 to night - meat ground for sausage

Wednesday 11 Two churnings done, butter made for the beef + pork sausage finished + put away 12° below 0 to night another letter from K. to K.

Thursday 12 - A very stormy day - W. started to take Herbert to school - but came back after going part way - fearing the drifts would be so deep at night be impassable.

Friday 13 The worst day we have had this winter. most bleak and cold, but it is quiet to night + the stars are bright - 24° below 0 all day. made mince meat for pies.

Saturday 14 92° below 0 to night. No. Wilfred has come in + says it is a mistake. It is only 26° below 0, We are thankful that the wind does not blow.

Sunday 15 - very cold weather. 30° below 0 this morning how much lower we could not tell as that is as low as our thermometer registers. we find it necessary to build a fire now + then in the stove in the cellar. our folks will make an attempt to break out the road tomorrow, if it does not storm again. There is no track now. one man has passed on foot. wrote to Julia Dinton.

Monday 16 20° below 0 this morning. warmer to night with prospect of more snow. W. walked to school with Herbert. on the drifts. did not attempt to break roads, H. Dunn called. A washing done

Tuesday 17 W. + man broke out the road to Mr Dunns Mr D. went to town - brought our mail. Postal from Gertie D. to Austin. Letter to K. The usual papers. wrote to Gordon. Two churnings done. milder weather.

Wednesday 18 Austin + Wilfred went to town + the roads were not as bad as they expected. an express package from Gertie Daily. Three terrible accounts of deaths caused by the recent cold + storms in this state, Iowa + Dakota. Letters to Gordon + Julia D. + papers to Emma.

Thursday 19 - weather growing colder again. 18° below 0 now at 8 o'clock, evening. several teams have passed back + forth.

Friday 20 28° below this morning, 22 to night. Hay drawn into the barn this forenoon. Last day of the school. Ada went to the school this afternoon. rode home with H. Dunn + the children.

Saturday 21 - 38° below this morning, or as low as our thermometer goes. Have much lower we do not know, 14 to night. Finished a pair of black stockings for Herbert. a road broken out to the wood yesterday + a small load of wood drawn. two small loads to day. made pumpkin pies.

Sunday 22 - Milder weather. Alfred went to see his Swede friends

has not yet returned. Tilly, the girl went to Charly Gusteffsons. came back just at dark. Mail this morning from Mr Dunns. Letter to W. from Willy. + the weekly papers with more news regarding the great storm + additional accounts of deaths from freezing in Dacotah Minnesota. Nebraska + Iowa + awful accounts of the great flood in China where hundreds of thousands of people have been drowned + millions are starving

Monday 23 9 Mild weather comparatively. Two churnings done + snow melted for washing tomorow. A. + W. went up to Mr Reuters to see how he likes his new well just finished. a tubular well 127 feet deep. yields good water + plenty of it. apparently. Letter from R.

Tuesday 24 A windy snow blowing day. The men were to have taken a load of feed away to be ground but the weather was too unfavorable. Charley Johnson here to see about buying a team. Washing done. Am knitting another pair of double mittens for Herbert.

Wednesday 25th Finished Herbets mittens a bright still evening. tho' the day has been blustering too rough for any teaming

Thursday 26 A pleasant enough day but it seems almost impossible to get anywhere for the filled up roads. W. + man started to go to Mr Dunns but couldnt get there or didnt go quite there as the horses made such work getting down in the snow. The men have been putting thills on the small sleigh. so as to drive one horse on the narrowed roads. Couple walks were going to try to go to John Scholljegerdis with a load of feed to be ground but were told they could not get there.

Friday 27 Mail to night from Mr Dunns. Mr D. has been to Crook + Austin + W. will go tomorrow with one horse. Letter from R to H. wrote to Gertie at Lax. Warm enough for ice on windows to thaw a little. Two churnings done

Saturday 28 Austin + W. went to town took 5-7 lbs

unsalted
of butter 20 cts a pound. Letter from Gordon, + one from Dinnon to Austin. Postal from Willy. Herbert was made happy by a new sloath organ.

Sunday 29 Milder weather. no sun to day. but frost on the trees + damp air. Neal team pressed here +

Monday 30 4 A very pleasant day + for a wonder. warm enough for melting of least part of the snow on the roof. water running into the cistern for several hours. + the windows are all clear of ice. a single churning done. Herbert has tired himself out to day with the new snow shoes Alfred made him. Annie Reuter came to play with him this afternoon. magazine + letter from Julia A. to Herbert. made a few additions to scrap books

Tuesday 31 Wilfred went to town with a load of grain + had it ground for feed. came home some time before dark. to bought a package from Dinnon. a fur cap. pair of gloves + a sort of a hood for any cold weather. Illustrated papers from R. shaft. Letter from Mrs Humphrey. Agnes Dunn came in this afternoon for hours too.

Wednesday February 1st Wilfred has spent the whole day. helping to break out a road to Goose Lake for ice drawing. Alfred also shoveled snow all the forenoon through the cornfield where the road is to go + Neil + Austin have been over part of the road two or three times with team + plow. The day has been mild + bright but the rising wind to night sounds ominous.

Thursday 2 "Ground hog" day. Not a bit of sunshine all day. so I suppose we may look for an early spring. Wilfred + man worked in the ice house getting it ready for the new ice. Ada + Herbert have finished unpacking the eggs which were in a box. + put

them in bran, ready to send to town (on) tomorrow or next day - made a gingham apron
Friday 3 + The girl went away to night to be gone till Wednesday night - Two churnings done Wilfd has had a day of sick headache, feels better to night - Alfred helped Barney Sarrasin plow out a road from here to his place It is warm + look like rain. Has thawed & been damp + cloudy - made mince meat for pies + made pumpkin (pie)
Saturday 4 Austin + Wm went to town, took 68 dozen eggs left them to be sold, about 33 lb butter 20 cts Letter from Nellie The big oil can filled - 15 cts a gallon
Sunday 5 Wilfred would have gone to church but found the road so bad yesterday that he did not want to go over it to day if not obliged to. Alfred went to see some of his Swede friends + has brought one of them home with him this evening to stay all night -
Monday 6 (5) A blustering day. Wm was to have gone after a load of ice but the road is filled with snow + will need breaking out again tho' the track across the prairie can be seen - a load of wood drawn A, + W, framed a large engraving a picture of Edinburgh -
Tuesday 7 First two loads of ice drawn this afternoon. made a new cover to my chair cushion mended mittens &c -
Wednesday 8 + A cold day. 25° below 0 this morning + nearly as cold to night Four loads of ice drawn W + man went + this morning + Austin + W, this afternoon. The girl Tilly came back to night Received a neat picture of Mrs Dailey
Thursday 9 Two churnings, 31 lbs - Hay drawn into the barn Infinitely cold weather 38° + more below 0 this morning - + 28 - to night. Snow melted for washing tomorrow
Friday 10 Not so cold - Wilfrid went to town with a small load of wheat 68 cts a bushel - 31 lbs

pounds of butter 20 cts. brought home a load of ice - A washing done. Letters from Augusta Daily + Mrs E. C. Hailey - Letters to Hattie Christie + Willie + postals to Gordon + Simon
Saturday 11 (The) more loads of ice drawn, Herbert went up to neighbor Reuters to play with their little girl Annie this afternoon, Heard yesterday that Hannah Youngson had come home from Idaho -
Sunday 12 A mild day - but the wind is rising to night + we fear another storm wrote to Mary Bisbane
Monday 13 (6) - Four loads of ice drawn warm + thawing all day - wind blowing more from the north west, Herbert went with the teams after ice this afternoon
Tuesday 14 Four loads of ice again + the best sleighing they have had + began loads drawn + tomorrow will finish it, they hope - colder to day again, + to night, 14° below 0, made a pair of cloth mittens wrote to Simon + Gordon + postal to Mrs Leach,
Wednesday 15 Two loads of ice - + now that it is packed, there is room for a little more + two more loads may be drawn to morrow. Two churnings - wrote to Wm
Thursday 16 - Two large loads of ice drawn this forenoon, + now it really is all in tho not quite packed away + a load or part of a load of sawdust will no doubt be needed to finish it. A pleasant mild day. Walter Dunn went by going to visit his relations - Wilfred has had a severe attack of tooth ache this evening.
Friday 17 Mail from Mr Dunn's - Letter from R, to Mr Lobb + papers from Gordon - Advance picture + another to Mc with the Metropolitan - Walter Dunn called - a churning done this evening.
Saturday 18 Austin went to town - took a small load of wheat - 67 cts a bushel - 31 lbs butter 20 cts - 15 doz eggs, 17 cts a doz - a thawing day, Stella wrote to wedding cards
Sunday 19 We found it raining this morning + it continued a good part of the day to rain softly - has turned cold

more however & the wind is blowing but we are glad the snow cant stir. W. & A. were to have gone to church if it had not rained. Alfred went with Mr Burton to town yesterday & has not come home yet.

Monday 20. More hay drawn into the barn. Wilfred went after Mrs Jane Daniels & brought her to H. Drums. Mrs D. is ill. A washing done. made six dozen candles.

Tuesday 21. Austin went to town for H. Drum to see the Dr, &c. drove H. D's team, took Mrs Daniels home. Letter from Martha Humphrey to Herbert. molded three dozen candles. Two loads of wood drawn, most of the day spent in mending. Washingtons birth day. Wilfred went to town to get a load of sawdust. which was to come to day. a car load being exported, as it did not come he came home after it. It has thawed all day & still continues warm. six dozen candles molded. Two churning done. Began to knit a pair red socks

Wednesday 22

Thursday 23. Wilfred, Ada & Herbert went to Waseca to a masonic supper. Austin & man took a load of grain for feed to J. Scholljegerdes, H. rode with them up to H. Drums. They have another child, a girl born monday the 20

Friday 24 Wilfred & Ada came home last night about midnight. We went to town again this morning after a load of sawdust not getting it from a car as he expected came back to Mr Leavitts where he got part of a load which is all that is needed. It is colder again to night. Peter Daniels came in this evening. Letter from Mrs Hawkes. made half a dozen mince pies.

Saturday 25. An all days blizzard & the wind was high all last night. no very large drifts have formed yet, at least about the house. It is not very cold, not below 0

Sunday 26. a very blustering day. 10° below 0 to night. The wind has gone down & the moon, at its full is shining. The K. K. is probably blockaded as we hear no whistle. The cattle driven to water to day. but water carried to them in the barn yesterday.

Monday 27. a washing done. Hay drawn into the barn. 18° below 0 this morning.

Tuesday 28. a mild quiet day. The last of the hay drawn into the barn. Johnny Dunn brought the mail this morning, letter from Willy & papers & letter for others in the family.

Wednesday 29. Wood drawn & corn & oats put up to take to town tomorrow to have ground for feed. Geage White & the Waseca cream man here. Two churnings done. Six dozen candles made

Thursday March 1st. Most of last night & to day a sleet or rain has fallen & a coat of ice is over everything. limbs on the trees are in danger of breaking off, the evergreen branches hang straight down & look forlorn & discouraged. The men have worked at repairing a sled. & Alfred has sawed wood at the door & done chores. Thomas mended mittens, knit &c.

Friday 2. Austin & Wilfred went to town to mill & to do errands. Postal to Willy. made four dozen candles, the last, making 24 dozen 31, lbs of butter taken to market 14 cts. 13 Dozen eggs 17 cts per dozen. A disagreeable day windy tho not very cold, Trees still covered with ice.

Saturday 3. A bright day. Alfred went to town with H. Drum, Tilly went to night to Swede Gustaffsons to stay over night. Have not been feeling as well as usual. Finished a pair of red woolen socks for Wilfred. a chicken pot pie for dinner.

Sunday 4. a quiet day, Mitton man, a girl have come back, as the man in mind is out, he will probably not come back to work.

Monday 5th Alfred came back this morning. settled his account for his years work & went to Wareca to work for the R.R. Co. The girl also came back this forenoon. Two chunnings done. Mr Broughton & a Mr Cronkite came to look at cattle

Tuesday 6 Austin went to town with grain for feed & brought home a load of ground feed. a new wheel barrow. milk can &c. Letter from mrs Leech. Letter to R. from R. Centum & Otten-tin. Boyce & Weekly. It is good sleighing. much the best we have had this winter. Mr Abernathy called to ask about wells. Washing done.

Wednesday 7 The good sleighing continues. Drs Moore made us a surprise visit this afternoon. Stayed only two or three hours.

Thursday 8 The first anniversary of Beechers death. The afternoon has been very blustering. Mr Woodman & Bert Case came from Owatonna taking Georgie Plumers piano home. They stopped to make inquiries about the road fearing drifts

Friday 9 a damp thawing snowy day. Bert Case called again on his way home. Have been busy mending. cut up an old coat. Two chunnings done. mail from Mr Dunn.

Saturday 10 Austin went to town with R. Drum took 29 pounds butter 18 ct. Letter from R. We were surprised by a visit from Willy this afternoon. He walked from the station. or from the Brayer school house rather. Getting a ride so far.

Sunday 11 The sleighing is good & some of the family would have gone to church. if there had been a man to do the chores. Mr Brinton came Alfred yesterday in town, & hired him again for the Summer. He is to come the morrow to go to work again. didn't like shoveling coal nights, for the R.R. Co. He is to be paid $20. a month till Dec.

Monday 12 Willy went with his father to Wareca. The "Farmers Institute" keeps on, is to continue three days. a washing done.

Tuesday 13 Our folks all went to town to attend the institute & Willy went with them to take the team to Dodge Center. Ada stayed at Mr Hawkes over night. Wilfred & his father will go again tomorrow. Alfred came this morning Letter from Gordon

Wednesday 14 This morning, Mr Brinton, Wilfred & Herbert went over to attend the Institute the third & last day, & Hiram stayed to a lecture this evening. Mr & Mrs Case came early this afternoon to spend the night. Good sleighing.

Thursday 15 The family came home last night at 12 o'clock. Mr & Mrs Case did not go home this afternoon. have stayed over till tomorrow. Two packages came last night from R. Wilfred & Mr Case went to Wareca this morning to see a little more horse training by one of the institute men. came home at half past one Thawed this forenoon. is freezing again this evening A fine day. Mr & Mrs Case went home this forenoon. Corn shelled for feed. A dead tree cut down in the grove by the barn. Mr Reynolds came in this evening on his way home from Owatonna to borrow a sleigh, his having broken down. Have written to R.

Friday 16

Saturday 17 Austin went to town with a load of feed to grind H. Drum went with him. sent letter to R. No letters. A Swede. Jonen Longuest took supper here. Alfred went away this morning to come back Monday. Gen. D.H.H. Strother, (Port Crayon) died at Charlestown, W. Va. the 8th of this month. Emperor William* of Germany died on the 9th, aged 91 years. David R. Locke (Nasby) died last month.

Sunday 18 It has thawed most of the day. Girl went to see her Swede friends. We have all spent

the day in rest + reading.

Monday 19. Wind + stormy through last night + this forenoon, rain first + then snow. The girl has not returned, Alfred also has failed to come back. Wilfred + his father went to the barn about 3 o'clock this morning to put some calves in the barn which had been turned out the evening before.

Tuesday 20. The girl came back at noon. The roads are becoming very bad owing to the horses stepping outside the track + going down into the deep snow. A late fallen snow has so covered the old track that it can not be seen. Herbert has a bad cold. went to bed before dark after having soaked his feet. Austin has also a cold + Wilfred too is coughing. It seems to be a time for taking colds.

Wednesday 21. The wind began to blow last night + all day we have had the wost blizzard of the season really the wost day of the winter we think. Austin has been obliged to keep in the house with his cold + Wilfred has been kept busy at the barn. + it has been hard work to get back + forth to the barn. we saw one man go by on foot just before night going east. supposed to be John Schollgeralis. The wind blew at 9 o'clock still keeps up. Herbert is feeling better than he did last night has stuck in the house + kept very quiet.

Thursday 22. Herbert has not been so well. Is seeming a little better towards night, than through the day. The wind went down during last night, + it has been bright + still. 15° below 0 this morning. It was colder in the house during last night than it has been any night during the winter, owing to the fierce north wind. a washing done.

Friday 23. George White came after the cream. Herbert has stuck up stairs most of the day coughs a good deal but is better than he was yesterday. Austin also coughs but thinks he will feel better to-morrow.

Saturday 24. Austin has coughed a good deal to day + during last night has soaked his feet to night + has salt pork on his lungs. Herbert was much better this forenoon not quite so well, later.

Sunday 25. a very unpleasant day, snowy + cloudy. The colds in the family not much better but we hope no worse. I have coughed a good deal too. + to night have a slightly sore throat, as has N. a bad enough time for colds. W. also coughs but feels pretty well. no mail for a week. think there may be some at Mr Dunn's. but Wilfred has too much to do, to go after it in the bad weather.

Monday 26. Johnnie Dunn brought our mail this morning, papers + magazines, no letters. Austin + little Herbert both rather better of their colds my cold no worse. throat sore last night better to day, weather warmer, not warm enough to thaw.

Tuesday 27. Quite a mild day snow on the horses melting + running into the cistern. Two men here + bought 7 fat steers. $190. They are to be taken to Weston a week from to day. A letter from Alfred saying he was not coming back here to work but going to leave the country. sent letter to Willy + posted to London to Mr Burns yesterday which they took to the office I suppose. A wrote to W. again to day + Wilfred took it to the Weiden office

Wednesday 28. a washing done. George White came for the cream Wilfred has been to Mr Burns. after the mail but they had forgotten to get it at the office. Austin went to the barn, first time in several days. Herbert also went out for the first time in about a week

Thursday 29. The colds all seem better except Mrs. Johnnie D. brought the mail. Letter from Helen + letter to H.

from Sheridan - Letter Tuesday from Willy & from K. to N. news to night of the death of Chief Justice Waite - & of a cyclone in East Tennessee & northern Ga. Mrs Plummer moved from Cucloma back to her farm.

Friday 30 - Have been making scrap book yesterday & today. a little more snow fell last night. but it has left still. Austin is to go to town tomorrow.

Saturday 31 - Austin went to town to attend a meeting of the town board. a letter to Mrs Humphrey. Letter from Willy postal to him. Mr White came for the cream. a small white washing & ironing. a little more scrap book making & mending.

Sunday April 1st - A pleasant day & thawing but not enough to make any perceptible difference in the snow. Some of the Germans have passed here to church as it is Easter Sunday. The girl went over to C. Gustafsons & came back at dark.

Monday 2nd - A washing done. A. drove over to Swede Bourgeois this morning, & engaged Ida to work for us again this summer. She is to come next Monday. Have written to Helen & Gordon & posted to Willy & begun a letter to Mrs Leach. It has thawed again & been pleasant all day.

Tuesday 3 - Wilfred went to town to take the colt he sold the other day. went in company with J. Dunn & B. Sodabier who also went taking cattle they had sold. The snow has melted a good deal. Letters from K. & Gordon.

The Kalamore sold to a Swede named Johnson for about $150.

Wednesday 4 - Thunder & lightning & almost a cyclone. The wind had been in the south, but turned suddenly & blew from the north, furiously. Then in a few minutes came in a gale from the south again. There is a good deal of lightning this evening no rain yet. We saw a span of horses running away during the wind. They were going from

N. Dennis off south.

Thursday 5 - A good deal of thunder & lightning & rain last night & the snow has gone off very fast all day. A deaf & dumb man came in this morning asking for charity. Moved the bed & kept the milk cans in into the back kitchen.

Friday 6 - Another thawing day after freezing last night & the water is all over the slough to the north. The sewing man came about noon. He was here Wednesday & promised to come & work 10 months for $160. Is a German, name Rheinhart Tillman. Just before dark a skunk came along past the house & went slowly out across the road into the cornfield. Wilfred came from the barn loaded his gun, followed & shot him. Finished the second pair of red woolen socks for Wilfred.

Saturday 7 - Three loads of wood drawn. Snow still going fast. a road shoveled through the drift in front of the barn door. Wednesday, the day of the wind, a chimney was blown off Mr Dennis house & a window blown in, also the chimney on the school house fell.

Sunday 8, Morning - A very thawing day. The drifts are sinking silently away. The spots of bare ground slowly enlarging. The roads entirely impassable for teams, owing to the snow in drifted places being soft.

Monday 9 - Has rained slowly all day. The back cistern cleaned out - a washing done. Letters to K. & Willy.

Tuesday 10 - The girl Tilly went away this afternoon & Ida came to stay the summer. The snow continues to melt away. Our folks used the big wagon to go to Swede Bourgeois. had to shovel snow to get through past the Clement place through the fields. Too much snow in the road all along past Mr Dennis to try to get through it. We went up to help H. Trumbo kill a small beef

this afternoon after coming ~~coming~~ back with Ida

Wednesday 11 Austin & Wilfred went to town & with the big wagon instead of a sleigh & didn't find the ~~roads~~ so bad as they expected. They took home Dr. Youngs Durham. Illustrated papers from R.

Thursday 12 Pleasant weather. None heard of grain being sowed but none in sight. cut out two night shirts for A.

Friday 13 A warm day. The snow drifts setting fast, a very large one still covers the raspberry bushes. made a night shirt. Ida washed two or three windows. Mr Forest bought some young cattle of H. Dunn to take to Washington Ter. Two churnings

Saturday 14 Austin W. & Herbert went to town. W. & H. went to Mr Hancocks farm to get some clover seed. Herbert came home with a pair of new boots, his first leather boots. 31 lbs unpacked butter taken to market 17 cts. Letter from R. to R. portion from Willy & letter from Julia to Herbert.

Sunday 15 The man went over north to see his friend, came back early to help do the barn chores. Ida did not go home. The family read & rested.

Monday 16 Wheat sowing begun. W. sowed wheat & the man plowed in the cornstalks, this afternoon. A washing done cream man came. Herbert began his summer term of school. Kate Rachel went by on horseback to begin teaching in the district east of us.

Tuesday 17 More plowing & wheat sowing & harrowing. Thunder & lightning & rain during last night but the day has been clear cool & windy. Finished another night shirt & made a pair of mitten linings for next winter. The big drift in in the back yard is flattening getting thinner each day & dirtier. The Polly mare had a colt this morning.

Wednesday 18 Cold wind all day & just at night a flurry of snow. The wheat field north of the road next to H. Dunns finished.

Thursday 19 Austin went to town with H. Dunn who took over some young cattle he had sold Mr Forest. a cold raw day. Plowing & seeding going on. an express package to R. from R. cream man here. Illustrated papers came.

Friday 20 Nothing unusual. seeding & plowing on. Two & three lambs yesterday. 4 today. Seven little pigs, week old tomorrow. Young chickens three days ago or more.

Saturday 21 A fine day. W. finished sowing wheat & began sowing oats. man still plowing north side of the road. drives Belle & Topsy. W. drives Bess & Dick. Men came & bought two hogs, which are to be taken to the station on Monday.

Sunday 22 a rather cold day, two thirds remains of the big drift has gone down fast & cannot hold out many days longer. Ida went home, man also went away. Herbert went to Mr Dunns this morning to get the mail. Papers & letter from Willy. Roscoe Conklin died the 17.

Monday 23 Austin went to the station took the two fat hogs, sold the other dressed weighed 830 lbs, @ 4.75 per hundred. After coming back from the station, A. went to town with J. Dunn, who went on to Castle Rock A. driving the team home. Plowing & putting in oats. A washing done. cream man here also a call from the proprietor of the creamery.

Tues. 24 Mr Hoagt from Wasco here & W. finished seeding in the south fields, Wilfred went to Mr Dunns & borrowed a new kind of harrow to put in the oats on the cornstalk ground.

Wed 25 Austin went to Wasco after Mr Dunn drove Mr D.s team. Man still plowing south of the road & Wilfred sowing oats on the same piece.

Thurs' 26 — Am copying an old journal in these days many farmers have finished sowing their grain & will be very glad of the quiet rain that is falling to night. The ground is still dry from the last years drouth. notwithstanding the unusual quantity of snow, which remained on the ground much later than usual. a Bohemian moth to din

Friday 27 — It rained a good part of last night & a good deal to day. The slough north of us looks like a lake. The last of the last snow drift about the house, disappeared yesterday, tho' there was enough left of the once huge drift over the raspberry bushes to put in the milk can to cool in the morning. The straw banking from the west end of the house taken away & put around the evergreen trees, a new calf at the barn. There are now 9 lambs. none have died.

Saturday 28 — More & more rain last night & to day. made a suet pudding for dinner, & made two dried pumpkin pies.

Sunday 29 — A miserably stormy day. Rain through most of the day when it turned to snow, & at dark the ground was quite white. It is hoped the continued rain may kill the expected chinch bug. since the storm began, the wind has remained steadily in the northeast.

Monday 30 — The ground was white with snow this morning it has all gone & it seems now like being better weather. I have not been quite as well as usual, had an attack of palpitation this morning which lasted an hour & more. The cream man here. a washing done & dried

Tuesday May 1st — The two teams plowed, up south this afternoon. Mail from Mr Dunn, Two letters for N. two for Ada, & letter from Willy to Wilfred. Diphtheria in Nebraska.

Wed' 2 — a remarkably stormy forenoon, & the whole afternoon has been dismal & gloomy with more than a sprinkle of rain. The whole county looks as if about to be submerged. Herbert was conveyed to school by his father, with overcoat & umbrella. If a cold, wet, backward Spring were what was needed to kill the chinch bug we can congratulate ourselves on a fair prospect of their extinction.

Thurs' 3 — A good deal of rain during last night again. The country seemed all afloat this morning. The day has been lowering & it began raining again before dark a week this afternoon since the rains began. Herbert walked to school, rode home with the Dunns. Turned out the young cattle first time 2 days, but put them up to night. Wilfred & his father made two cupboards out of the big one in the back kitchen, one of them is to be put in the cellar.

Friday 4 — When we first looked out this morning, the ground was white with snow, but it soon melted away. The wind had changed to the northwest, (it has been in the northeast all through this week of rain) & we hoped we were now to have pleasant weather, the sun has been out once or twice, but not to stay.

Saturday 5 — Austins went to town, on various errands. brought the two Miss Vandorns back to their school. one teaching in this district, the other in Mrs Nelsons District. Herbert went to N. Dunns to one of the children's birth day party. The 3d was the real birth day, but the party was put off for a day when school would not keep. This day has been pleasant. the first since Wed, the 25.

Monday 7 — Not feeling well did not write yesterday. Rain again during last night & to day as well a much of yesterday. am having a hard cold yesterday & to day. First. a sore throat then sore bronchitis the throat, & a good deal of a cough & no palpitation. Have kept salt pork on supper part of my chest part of the time chopped pork & onions. Ida went home yesterday, walked back most of the way in the rain, made calls. visited his friends —

some plowing done upon the hilly land south,
a gloomy gloomy time & very discouraging crop
phospects, as well as health phospects. Every man have
Wed. 9 neglected to write again last night. Rain, rain
rain. monday night most of yesterday & again
through a good part of last night. It is not raining
to day, but is still cloudy, & we look to see the rain
begin to fall at any moment. a little water
in the cellar this morning under the potatoes &
after dinner some of the potatoes are to be taken
to the greenary & the water dipped out. Mr Dunn
& H. Dunn, both have a good deal of water in their
cellars & perhaps every body's cellar is flooded. The
whole country as far as we can see toward Crowe
Creek looks like one continuous body of water.
The men have been trimming out the dead trees
from the plum row or hedge. this forenoon.
Thurs 10 The sun was very bright early in the morning
but it soon became cloudy & began to rain
early in the forenoon & continued for several hours
& then cleared up again & we hope to have a fine
pleasant sunset. This makes two full weeks of wet
raining weather. Andy Dunn came & his little boy with him
& took home some small potatoes, mostly for planting. Wilfred
this afternoon raking up the dead leaves in the yard
& wheeling the manure to be burned, when dry enough
Ida has been washing windows, a little more
toward housecleaning. A gorgeous sunset tonight.
Friday 11 Wilfred went to Cwaltenna this morning,
notwithstanding the bright sunset last night, to
day has been cloudy & raining. When it doesn't
Record of the rain the man works raking & carting
death of Willy off dead leaves & brush. Wed. two wagon loads
Cooper, which of potatoes were taken out of the cellar & taken
occurred on to the barn. Topsy's colt came Wed. morn. 9.
the 1st of May. Saturday 12 Not a rainy day, but cold, very cold for the time
of year, & cloudy. The men have worked at raking
leaves & drawing off brush & have made a
hitching place for horses, south of the maple

grove. Mr Dunn brought the mail last night
a letter from Gordon one from K. to K. several
papers. The mud was frozen this morning. 2° below freezing.
Sunday 13 afternoon. So far the day has been rather pleasant
but cold. Freezing again last night & so cold
this morning, we were afraid the potatoes in
the granary were frozen (some of them were put there
as well as in the barn) Ida didn't go home till after
dinner. man went off this morning.
Monday 14 about sundown. This has been a wholly pleas-
ant day. The first one in nearly three
weeks. He has been plowing, & hauling
manure on to the ground which has still to
be plowed for corn. Andrew Holtgren came
to see about a job of grubbing. Have written to &c.
Gordon. a washing done. a bed made for onions.
Tuesday 15 Cloudy & sprinkling this forenoon but not so wet as
to stop the team from work. Wilfred went to town.
Rode the Polly mare. a letter from Willy & one from
Augusta Daily to K. A. put in a small bed of onions & beets.
Wednesday 16 A good day. Plowing & putting in barley. & A.
has raked the dead leaves off the clothes yard. Rode
out first time in many months. A cow which
has been ailing for some time, died.
We are waiting anxiously from day to day to hear
news of Dr. Vane in Florida, where he is staying
to take care of his sister Mrs Cooper, who was
very sick with typhoid fever when last heard from
Thursday 17 Rather a cloudy & now & late in the afternoon
there is a fine sprinkle of rain. Men folks
went to Mr Dunns for the corn planter & have spent
most of the afternoon getting it ready to use.
Hannah Faunton came over to see Ida, & to get
a hand corn planter. Two churnings done, 3½ lbs
of butter. put down for our own use.
Friday 18 Rained slowly through most of last night. Two teams
plowed. Mr Reuter's plow borrowed. Letter to Agusta
Daily, ready to send tomorrow. Window curtains re-

arranged in the parlor.

Saturday 19 Austin went to town & out to Mr Hawkes on road business. rode over with Mr Dunn. Letter from Billy. Wilfred & man plowed corn ground, & garden. Illustrated papers from K.

Sunday 20 A bright, windy drying day, but the clouds look like rain again to night. we can only hope that it will not come.

Monday 21 It was cloudy this morning but the men went cheerfully to work plowing & planting corn. but were driven in before 11 o'clock by rain & it has rained most of the time since & it is now getting dark. There has been thunder & lightning much of the time & a great deal of water has fallen. The whole county to the north of us is again covered or flooded.

Tuesday 22 Heard rain & thunder & lightning during last night & yet the plowing has gone on to day & this afternoon a little planting with the horse corn planter. It has been a drying day but the clouds have the usual hairy look to night. Ida went home after dinner & took a cake for the birth day of her father & mother both. both coming on the same day. The young cattle taken to C. Dunn's to be pastured.

Wednesday 23 Yes. the rain came in the night & continued most of the forenoon. The two teams are trying to plow this afternoon, but of course they made through mud all the weary round. It looks very discouraging about putting in crops of any kind. Water stands in spots everywhere

Thursday 24 Herbert's 9th birth day. a misty cloudy sprinkly day. a little more corn planted & little more plowing. H. Dunn brought the mail. a letter from Mrs Christie bringing the news of the death of [illegible] aunt Mrs Mateer in Africa, where she went as a missionary last fall. wrote to Mrs Weare.

Friday 25 No rain, & this afternoon the sun has

shone & it seems strange to see bright sunshine, we have had cloudy, rainy weather so long. a little more corn planted & we can only hope rain will hold off till the rest of the ground is dry enough to plant. wrote again to Augusta Daily in Mrs letter. also letter to Milly to go to Monroe.

Saturday 26 Wilfred & his father went to town. led a fat cow & calf up to Mr Hawkes on town business. cloudy & dismal this afternoon & rain again since before dark. Roads in a very bad state as a matter of course. Letter from Mrs Weare. News from Florida. Mrs Cooper getting better. Postal from Mrs

Sunday 27 Rained through most of last night & most of to day. Neither Ida or the man could go away tho' the latter has disappeared since dinner

Monday 28 One more day without rain. The men have taken wire from an old fence in the north field & are putting it around a little field east of the barn. convenient place for the young colts to exercise. wire, not barbed. end of Mr Dunn's horses died yesterday. Finished a calico sacque. H. Dunn has gone to Owatonna, walked to station to take an early morning train.

Tuesday 29 Another good day & it does'nt look much like rain to night. about two more acres of corn planted & some potatoes planted in the garden which had been sprouted in a box of sand. commenced knitting a rag rug. The Bellemare has a young colt.

Wed., 30 Rainy the forepart of the day. a little more corn planted. men still plowing. mail from Mr Dunn. Letter from Lizzie Nigh from Topeka Kan. Two lambs killed last night by wolves perhaps a sheep killed.

Thursday 31 Pleasant all day, but clouds to night that look like rain. W. has been planting corn this afternoon & will keep at work till dark. Letters to Lizzie Nigh & Mrs

Christie. + ported to William. H. Dunn had an auction to sell his cattle, not many came to buy. Two cows + two calves were sold I believe.

Friday June 1st — Pleasant all day again. Wilfred finished planting corn at noon + took the planter to Mr Dunn's. A. beg on putting something in the garden. We have a little bed near the house where there are a few onions, beets + a little lettuce growing. Ida goes home to night to be gone two days.

Saturday 2 — One more pleasant day. Herbert had a little party of his school mates in honor of his 9th birth day could not have it on his birthday the 24th - + so, as school did not keep had it to day. Harry, Andrew, Jennie, + Lizzie Dunn, Annie Reuter, Johnny + Belle Dunn were the children + they came about 2 o'clock + went home at six. Mr. Dunn went to town with Mr Reuter, but forgot to get our mail. We sent 31 or more lbs of fresh butter by them to town, only 13 ct a pound. We finished sowing oats

Sunday 3 — Wilfred intended going over to church this morning on horseback + get the mail but Johnny Dunn brought the mail, + he decided not to go. Letters + papers from other members of the family, + the weekly papers. The day has been pleasant, but we watch the clouds, + there is an appearance (of) coming rain, but we hope it will pass.

Monday 4 — Potatoes planted. a high wind all day but no rain yet. The cellar neatly cleaned out, made cover for chair + cushion.

Tuesday 5 — Wilfred + Ada went to Mrs Plemmons to attend the wedding of her daughter Georgia + Bert Case. They were married by Rev Latham Baptist minister of Hendersonville. My room cleaned + regulated. Thunder during last night + a little rain, many times during the day, rain has seemed

Wednesday 6 — Finished regulating my room. Austin went to town. took a small load of potatoes sold them for 75 ct a bushel brought home three new chairs, one a rocking chair. Letters from Pomona + Lizzie Nigh. [illegible]

Thursday 7 — Garden plowed the second time, some peas sowed, more beans within the last few days. a little more house cleaning

Friday 8 — made new covers for A's + Wilfred's dining room chairs. The paper on the wall in A's room has been coming off more or less since it was put on a year ago. would not stick to day. Ida helped A to put it on once more + fixed the floor of the front porch + he + Wilfred have taken up part of the walk in the front yard to make some repairs, but it needs to be entirely rebuilt or made over. We had quite a little rain yesterday afternoon. Thundered this afternoon + sprinkled [illegible] this afternoon

Saturday 9 — The floors of the two porches painted, also the outside cellar door. Varnished several chairs + other things about the house. Wilfred kalsomined the ceiling of the dining room. Cloudy this afternoon + raining a little.

Sunday 10 — W. + A. N. + Herbert went to church. heard Rev Cheney preach. He + Mrs Cheney being in W. on a visit of a few days before going east to spend the summer. The roads are still very rough.

Monday 11 — a little rain this afternoon. Austin went to Kenilworth. brought home boards for a floor in the back kitchen. Dr. Ware got home

from Florida Saturday. Mrs Cooper came to Chicago with him & went on to Chautauqua N. Y. Letter to Willy.

Sunday 12 A new floor laid in the back kitchen & the cook stove put there, one or two chairs painted. some work done in the cellar & most of the ironing done.

Wed. 13 The ceiling of the parlor & main room Kalsomined. cement put around the chimneys on the roof of the house, window shades made & put up in guest chamber carpet put down in dining room more work in the garden, man plowing corn. Thunder & rain during last night.

Thursday 14 A hot day nearly 90° above 0. W. & man worked on the road. Two leaches put up & soap made. a little washing done & back kitchen regulated

Friday 15 Another very warm day. W. & man worked on the road again. Part of a gravel bank fell on the man's leg & came near breaking it. It was treated with hot water at noon & to night & is getting over it. Ida's sisters came to see her this afternoon, & to night the children from school came in with Annie Reuter who had a violent headache, Miss Vanorden the teacher being with them (going to H. Dunns for the night) also Orpie in. made & put up window shades in pantry & put up several others.

Saturday 16 Still another hot day about 90° above & work on the road again. The pigs put in to the little field west of the house. Brush pile burned by the road. Letter to K. a man moving to Dakota stopped to get a sack of oats, made vinegar

Sunday 17 The hot weather continues. 90° a more mail from Mrs Dunns last night. Letter

from Helen from Eu Claire Wis. & postal from Willy

Monday 18 Pleasant & very hot all the forenoon. Austin got up very early & went to the station with three fat hogs, (started with four but one died after I was put in to the wagon) sold for 5 ct a lb. W. & man went after dinner to finish working on the road. but it began to rain & they came back without accomplishing much. The rain has kept up most of the afternoon. The washing done & most of the clothes dried. 92° about 1 this forenoon, Two loads of company from Owatonna caught it in the Dunns in the rain, & will doubtless stay over night no, they are just going by on their way home

Tuesday 19 Republican convention at Chicago. Austins 71 birth day. The grass mowed around the house & in the road. Rain since before noon. Sent letters to Helen, & Lizzie Nish & postal to Willy.

Wed. 20 Have been busy most of the day mending various garments & knitting a rug.

Thursday 21 Two small loads of hogs taken to the station 2530 lb. $4.90 per hundred. Miss Vanorden the school teacher is staying with us to night. a washing of blankets & various things done.

Friday 22 A small load of hay cut & drawn into the barn. Ida whitewashed the milk house. Minnie came to get a fleece of wool. our sheep were not sheared. H. Dunn left her here a few pounds. a small hog killed just at night

Saturday 23 Wilfred Ada & Herbert went to town. Received a little box of wintergreens from Mrs Stevens. Have been quite busy, loaded out. the pig killed last night salted. W. brought home a new clothes basket & wringer.

Sunday 24 A cool day. Rode out, as far as the school house, east. Binny Godabers wife has been

at N. Lowns two or three days, sick or crazy. To day Dr. Young came to see her,

Monday 25 A. went to Wasca on town business & to mill, W. & man worked in the corn. Letter to Willy & one from Alice Nigh in Kansas City. A washing done,

Tuesday 26 a somewhat rainy day. Ironing done, coffee parched. Read cheese make. A letter to R. Austin went to station with a load of hops for B. Sodabier N. is getting ready to go to Minneapolis tomorrow.

Wednesday 27 Austin took sister N. to Wasca to take the afternoon train to Minneapolis. Rainy last night & this morning. Wilfred Kalsbrained the ceiling in my room & the fronting. Portal to Mrs Stevens. One from Willy, Century magazine April & May with views of some of Bostons public buildings. Benjamin Harrison of Indiana & Levi P. Morton of N. Y. have been nominated by the Republicans at Chicago for President & vice President. Century magazine came

Friday 29 Yesterday was bright & pleasant. Austin worked in the garden. Wilfred & man plowed corn, each with a single horse. Ida Hartley whitewashed the cellar. To day a German Bottler by name, has been shearing the sheep. Sheared sixteen, is to come again in the morning to do the remaining fine. Strawberries for tea first time, about two quarts picked. Finished making a shirt for A. Ida finished whitewashing the cellar. H. Dunn brought the mail. Letters from Willy & Gordon. Chinch bugs destroying crops in Dodge Co.

Saturday 30 The man came & finished shearing the sheep this morning. Austin went to town after dinner. Hazlett went with him. Letter from Alice Nigh, postal from N. at Minneapolis

Finished ironing rug for Ida. A quart or two of strawberries picked. A letter to Willy & postal to Mrs Leach. Letter to N. April & May Atlantics come

Sunday July 1st A pleasant but very hot day. Mary & Ida gone all day. Strawberries & cream for dinner. Found myself with a hard cold yesterday afternoon. Tried the hot pork & mustard treatment last night. Better to day, but have coughed a good deal.

Monday 2 The hot weather continues. Ida & A. went to town this afternoon. Letters to N. Willy & Gordon. Talmage is not to come to Wasca & the managers of the assembly at the Park, are disappointed & angry. About three quarts strawberries picked, washing done.

Tuesday 3 A cloudy day & a little rain. Visit after noon. Ida has gone home to stay over tomorrow. Austin went to town & to the Hawkes. Put up a can of strawberries.

Wednesday 4 W. A. & Hubert went over to the Park. Rev Dr Bristol of Chicago delivered oration. Austin & I have been alone all day.

Thursday 5 Austin went to town to bring N. who came in from Minneapolis on the noon train. They went to the Park to hear a lecture by Dr. Bristol came home before dark. Letter from Alice Nigh who is to come tomorrow.

Ida came home at suppertime.

Friday 6 Austin went to town this afternoon & met Alice at the train & came home sometime before night. Mrs Peter Daniels & the three Misses Daniels called at the door late this afternoon. Strawberries for tea.

Saturday 7 A. went to Wasca on road business brought Alice's trunk. Letter from Willy

Sunday 8. a quiet day
Monday 9. A washing done. The men have been busy mowing clover plowing corn, killing potatoe bugs &c. Musquatoes have troubled the men more than usual. have not been so bad for years. Alice took a walk up toward the wood with Herbert
Tuesday 10. Work in the corn & potatoes & hay put up. A peddler called this morning, we made a small purchase or two. Alice trimmed over a bonnet for me
Wed - 11. Austin went again to W., on road a town business. Letter from Helen & Grace Steven's graduating card. A very hot day, W. & man have drawn six loads of hay into the barn.
Thursday 12. Cooler this afternoon. Ida did an extra washing & ironing. Johnny Dunn brought the mail, papers, & letter for Alice from home.
Friday 13. W. & A. & Herbert went to Warren after dinner came home in the rain & it is now raining at bed time. Letter from Helen & Musgrave's, telling us to expect her next Tuesday
Saturday 14. A. went to the station for Willy, Emma & Julia. Letter from R.
Sunday 15. A. & W. went over to the Park & heard a sermon by Dean Wright. Cloudy the forepart of the day & cool, warmer this
Monday 16. Wilfred, Willy, Emma, Ada, Julia & Herbert went to Hemlock over to the Park. But rain came on & prevented their going. R. made ice cream for tea. Playing & singing this evening. Helen is to come to-morrow
Tuesday 17. Austin went to Warren for Helen - got home a little after two o'clock.
Wednesday 18. H. Drum went to town, brought letters for Alice - Willy, Emma & Julia went home

a. took them to Meriden, stated about noon. Helen fixed.
Thursday 19. 9 loads of hay drawn into the barn fine hay weather. Several quarts of raspberries & currants picked, five or six quarts canned. Ada, W., Helen, Alice & Ida, taking part in picking & picking over.
Friday 20. Pleasant weather. & the men busy haying. Mrs Preston & her two children Joseph & Lutie came just before dinner & stayed till after tea, starting home at six. Had raspberries & currants, & ice cream. Letters from Willy & Gordon
Saturday 21. Cloudy this morning & threatening rain. Austin & Helen went to Geneva to visit Charles Winton. she to stay a week or two. a very hot day. canned a few more raspberries. W. & man have drawn hay again most of the day. W. has gone to school meeting this evening
Sunday 22. Wilfred, Ada, W. & Herbert went to church a beautiful day. Alice & I. were home alone. Austin got home from Geneva an hour or two before dark. Letter from R. Col. Drum has been ordered to the department of Dakota, will live at St Paul.
Monday 23. a washing done. The men busy at their haying. Have been working at fruit most of the day, picking over currants - making jelly, canning raspberries & currants. Ada & W. picked raspberries tho' there are not many, all helped one way & another.
Tuesday 24. Haying - haying. very warm & looks like rain. Nearly all the currants picked - & nearly cans more put up. Austin & W. talked of going to Geneva as it looked like being a poor hay day but it did not continue rainy & W. & man drew hay this afternoon & made a

small stack. Picked over, washed & put to drying the currants picked yesterday. Put up one can of raspberries. Letter to R. sent to Mr Dunn's with other mail to be taken to the office when they go.

Thursday 26. Another good hay day. but we should be glad to have a shower a gallon of raspberries picked & a few more currants. mail from Mr Dunn. Photos from Simon. papers from R. & other mail.

Friday 27 Still good hay weather. very hot for a while to day. Have not been well for several days

Saturday 28. Austin, Wilfred & Herbert went to Owatonna. The day has been very, very hot. 90+ more 99 at Owatonna. Alice has busied herself most of the afternoon in shaking & energily thumps in the parlor.

Sunday 29. no one went to church. wrote to Mrs Leach.

Monday 30. Drawing & mowing hay. Barley mowing this afternoon. a working day, very hott weather. wrote to Mrs Stevens, a few raspberries picked, nearly the last.

Tuesday 31. much cooler weather. Austin went to town this afternoon to get something fixed about the mower. Letters fr Mrs Leach & Mrs Stevens. Stewed first green apples & put up two cans. Agnes & Lucy Drum came down to call on Alice. First cucumbers Sunday morning. Have been using new potatoes the last three days or more. Gave a tramp his breakfast, cooler, 65°.

Wednesday Aug 1st/ A little rain this afternoon, enough to stop the haying. wrote to Mrs Humphrey.

Thursday 2. another very hot day, a good deal of

hay put up in the field, ready to draw & the high wind to night & will be apt to blow it about a good deal. It thunders & lightens & the wind roars in the trees. no rain has fallen yet. a man came for Rhinehart to night 99° & see about some business of his father's 94° above/

Friday 3 Put up 9 cans of stewed green apples windfalls. a rain last night wet the hay in the field & it could not be stacked to day. man came back this forenoon.

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 Went to Waseca with Austin, R. Alice & Herbert called at Mr Prestons, drove up to the Park where we saw the two Mrs Claphams. came back to town went into Mr Solomis furniture store where I had an attack of fibrillation. after resting awhile, went back to Mr Preston where I laid down for two or three hours, when we came home. Alice & Josephine Preston went out shopping during the afternoon. During our absence Dr. Ware & Evelyn his daughter came from Owatonna to spend the day, but had gone away when we came home. Charles Vinton also came with Helen early in the afternoon. Charles went home this afternoon. a not heavy thunder shower during last night. Posted from Welly & letter from R. when Co. & C. came home from church to day. R. writes that we may expect them, Col. Drum & herself last of this week. Col. D. having been ordered to the Department of Dakota, which will take them to St Paul to live for the present. W. & men stacked hay yesterday.

Monday 6. Washed, ironed & dusted. Agnes Drum & Mary Dunn & Mary Cleveland came in this afternoon. Curtains made for the bookcase & whatnot, in the parlor.

Sunday 7 A. went to the station with three hogs which weighed 740 lbs 5,60. per hundred. The ironing done also a small churning Helen is making a crazy patchwork cover for the organ stool.

Wed, 8 Austin & Helen went to Wareca after dinner Letter from Mrs Humphrey & Willy, Victor Telegram from Col. Drum. They will be in Wareca tomorrow. It is almost cold enough to night for a frost.

Thursday 9 Austin went to Wareca after Col. D, & R. came this afternoon. Col. D, to stay till Sat, only. Gen. Sheridan died on the 5.

Sunday 13 Have neglected writing for several days Sat the 11th Col. D. went to St. Paul on the afternoon train from Wareca. H. D. took him & brought R.s, Austin took Helen to the station sunday, to go to Waniola to be gone a week. Sunday W. A. N. & Herbert went to church The king no service in the Congl. church then went to the Baptist church & heard Mr Allwan preach his last sermon, before going east to live. B. Sodaker is cutting and grain this year has finished the field north of the road & Rhinehart is stacking up the last of it. Friday & Sat, were cloudy gloomy days. A sheep killed Friday morning.

Tuesday 14 A very gloomy day very little rain. Mrs Lindley & her son Robert called at the door to see Rhinehart about taking Mrs L.'s farm. Began making cucumber pickles Green peas in three days, first, last saturday, Oct 12

Wed, 15 Austin went to town with a load of feed brought home a load of bran, & two barrels of salt. Postal to Will.

Thursday 16 A pleasant day. N. R. & Alice, took a long walk up to the woods. The Drum girls called this afternoon. Green pea again for dinner. Mrs Claghorn with two young boys came to the door to inquire about prairie chickens.

Sunday 19 Have been rather unwell for the last few days & have not written as usual. Yesterday, Austin Alice & Herbert went to the station to bring Helen back from her Waniola trip. In the afternoon Mrs S. Conner & her daughter Myra made us a pleasant call. In day Wilfred & Alice have gone to church. A. to stay over, at Mr Preston's a few days. It has been cloudy most of the forenoon & is now raining gently.

Monday 20 A Sunnicks done this morning & after that the white washing. After dinner W. A. & Herbert went to Clinton to visit the Cares & W. to come back to night perhaps. Man gone again all day.

Tuesday 21 Austin went to town after a load of feed taken there last Wed; It was not ready, owing to the breaking down of the mill, & he came home without it. Letter to Mrs Humphrey. W. came home last night a little after 11 o'clock. a beautiful moonlight night. W. & man have been stacking oats.

Wed, 22 Very fine weather for the stacking. Helen is making a calico dress for me, made a rug yesterday red & drab fringe & a piece of ingrain carpet. First of the week had a joint letter from Mary Stevens & her sister Julia Day.

Thursday 23 Mrs Garland & Mrs Abbot drove over from town came early in the afternoon stayed two or three hours.

Friday 24 Josephine Preston brought Alice home this afternoon. One of the well borers came to night & left

some of the machinery for their work They will probably begin work first of the week. Austin began plowing in the north field.

Saturday 25. A very hot day. Stacking finished Austin went to town after a load of feed & to bring Col. Dunn who came down from St. Paul by way of Owatonna. Letter from Nellie. A. brought home another sack of sugar of a hundred pounds, 8¢ per pound. wrote to Willy. Helen finished a calico ~~gown~~ for me

Sunday 26. A very pleasant day. Austin took Col. Dunn to Waseca to go to St Paul on the early morning train R. & H. went over with them, leaving the Col. at the Grant House.

Tuesday 28. Having continued till late last night did not write in my journal. Last night while we were at supper a party of young people from Waseca drove up. George Alden Allen & Charles Hawkes & Bennett Claghorn, Edith & Agnes Claghorn Jessie & Belle Suddeth Miss Myrd Comee & Hannah Hawkes. They started home about 11 o'clock. The well men came last night & began work this morning. have gone down 25 or 30 feet to day.

Wed. 29. Wilfred went to Owatonna & brought Ada & Herbert home expected to bring Helen's husband, Edwin Victor home, but he was not on the train. The well men have been to Owatonna & back. to get material to mend their broken derrick which fell this morning.

Thursday 30. Fine weather continues, rain is needed

The well men have had no mishap to day. have gone down 70 feet. Austin has been plowing two or three days. Rhinehart came to get his trunk. He left two days ago on account yesterday, to work for himself on a farm he has taken. A bushel or two of apples picked.

Friday 31. Wilfred & Herbert gathered the apples & this afternoon we took 6 bushels to town which he sold for $1,60 a bushel. R. went to town with us. Several letters from Col. D. to R, & other mail. The well, 100 ft deep

Saturday September 1st. Austin went to Waseca, to a Republican convention, brought home the big can of Kerosene oil. 10 cts a gallon. Wilfred went to the station after Edwin Victor, Helens husband.

Sunday 2. Austin took Ed & Helen to Geneva.

Monday 3. Still dry, pleasant weather. The men broke their drill down in the well & one of them went to Owatonna to get something to get it out with if possible. We sent by him to have Dr. Ware come to morrow to see Ada who is far from well. Washing done Mrs Peter Daniell called with her little girl

Tuesday 4. The well men came back from O. tried to get the broken drill out of the well, failed & had to go to O. again this afternoon Dr. Ware came up to see Ada, came just before dinner went back about five. Edwin & Helen are to go to Minneapolis to morrow on their way home to Eau Claire, Wis.

Wednesday 5th. Austin took E. & H. to town this afternoon to take the train north, Alice is to start to Alice tomorrow. The well men came back from O. this afternoon & succeeded in getting their drill out of the well, & are now ready to go to work again.

Thursday 6 Dry weather continues. No bad luck in the well work to day. The man, a German Chesley, by name who is working by the day went to Nauvoo this forenoon to have the doctor take a speck out of his eye. rode the Polly horse. Austin took Alice to town to take the evening train for the east R. went with them. Mr Cone called.

Friday 7 A. has plowed in the north field. men + we busy getting out manure. Lucy Drum came to pick cucumbers. The well, 114 feet deep, 12 feet through rock, well, men gone to Owatonna.

Saturday 8 Men in same work as yesterday. Hired men gone away to night. Ada about as she has been for several days comes down stairs towards night for a while.

Sunday 9 Went to church with Wilfred R. + R. heard Mr Smith, our new minister from Chicago. Letter from Will. + postal from Alice in Chicago.

Monday 10 Cloudy + windy. The white clothes washed but not dried. The well drilling, plowing + manure haulers going on. Rhinehart drove in to the yard just at night.

Tuesday 11 Water has been reached at last at a depth of 126 feet + it seems now as if we were to have a permanent well of pure water. It comes up 100 feet in the tubing. The rest of the work putting in & pump &c. is yet to be done. Peaches nearly ripe enough for sweet.

Wed. 12 The pump put into the new well. Austin went to town to get a plow sharpened + to take the sorghum barrel to send into the country to a man who makes syrup & sell

Letter from Helen + Will, + from Alice to R. Postals to W.

Thursday 13 The well men picked up their machinery + went away this morning, leaving us with a good well all ready to use. Austin + W. went over beyond Mr Daniels + got two loads of gravel to put around the well. I went with them as far as Mr D.'s + staid till they came back. Some frost last night + night before, not enough to injure the corn here, we think.

Friday 14 Cloudy + rainy till towards night. Wilfred + sister R. were to have gone to Mr Hawkes' to a picnic, but the rain prevented their going.

Saturday 15 R. + R. went to town with Wilfred that were intending to drive out to Mr Hawkes if it had not rained. Herbert also went with them. Letters to Helen + Gordon. Letter from Will.

Sunday 16 A gloomy day - but little rain. Have been reading the life of Dr. Goodell.

Monday 17 A washing done but not dried. Made over a pair of pillows, made new ticks.

Tuesday 18 John Dorso, a German, who used to work for Mr Drum when he lived on his farm nearly thirty years ago, called to see R. W. hoed out the strawberry bed. Finished yesterday + to day. Not a pleasant day since last Thursday. Letter from Alice.

Wed. 19 A. went to Dr. Young's cattle sale + to town. took a little basket of apples to Mrs Preston. Letter to Will.

Thursday 20 Wilfred, R. + Herbert went to Owatonna. The Congl. Association is in session this week there. They came home a little after 7 o'clock.

Friday 21 Two men here to dinner, windmill men. Mr D. Stoughton also called at the barn, also Mr Goodsell. A new hired man came to night - Larson, by name a Swede

x	Ida has gone home to night, to go to town tomorrow. a cloudy day.
Saturday 22	A fine day. Have been busy a good part of the day about the horses, Wait Stoughton sent for the sheep he bought here yesterday.
Sunday 23	Wilfred & Herbert went to church R. would have gone with them, but was not feeling well. a very pleasant day. Chicken pie for dinner. Bert Case & his new wife called at the door this evening.
Monday 24,	31st anniversary of sister R's marriage.
Tuesday 25	Letter to Alice Nish & Julia Vinton. Wilfred went to Ware on horseback to attend a Prohibition convention. Postal from Gordon & Letter to R. Stoney finishes north of the road
Wed. 26	A very windy day. Mr & Mrs Hewerkost & Heanrak, came early in the forenoon, went home at half past 3. & took Herbert with them
Thursday 27.	Austin went to town about noon, brought home two boxes of dry goods &c. sent from St Paul. R's things to be left here. Herbert came home. Letter to Mary & Julia Stevens. Two men came to see about windmills.
Friday 28	We unpacked the boxes last night. & to day have been regulating & putting things away. Good weather quite a frost last night.
Saturday 29.	Drove plowing & potatoe digging, 34 bushels potatoes dug yesterday & 45 today. & all put in the cellar. mail to night from Mr Dunn's, Letter from Will. & Letter to R. from Iowa, a heavy frost or freeze last night. This is the 32nd anniversary of our arrival at our farm here in Minnesota.
Sunday 30.	Austin & I went to church, & had a cold windy ride going over, warm coming back.
Monday Oct. 1st	57 bushels of potatoes dug, Herbert began

	going to school again. The teacher a Miss Kate Kinly from Deerfield.
Tuesday 2	20 more bushels of potatoes & the last dug & put into the cellar. making 150 bushels in all. & all dug & in good condition. Threshing machine expected here this week. Ironing done
Wednesday 3	Austin & R. went to town. after dinner took packages to send by express. to Waneja & Sheridan. Letter to Julia Vinton
Thursday 4	W. & man & team, threshed for Andy Dunn. Blankets washed for R. & some other things. Cloudy & looking to night like a storm.
Friday 5	Again W. & man & team went threshing, this time for Peter Daniels. The machine to come here tomorrow.
Saturday 6	It has been a very nice day & we have had the threshers. & they came near getting the grain all threshed. but will have to come back monday morning for an hour or two. Mrs Dunn & Mr D's sister from Illinois called this afternoon.
Sunday 7	Went to church with W. & R. communion, & the church was quite full. As there was no service in the Methodist or Baptist church, owing to the absence of their minister, many of their people came to our church. called at Mrs Plummer's door, on our way home & at Mr Dunn's to leave the mail. Letters from Will & Gordon.
Monday 8	Julia Vinton's 14th birth day. another fine day. The threshers came & finished the wheat this morning & took their machine up to Birney Sadabike's, we had 637 bushels of oats & 114 bushels of wheat. & 40 of barley. all inferior grain, & very little of it.
Tuesday 9	Austin went to the county fair. brought the mail. Letter from Julia Vinton. Express package to R. for W. Mrs Case came before noon, after dinner she & Ada went

down to Mrs Plumers.

Wed, 10 A, & his father & Herbert went to the fair. took 3 little colts, two colts, two years old & two double teams, Ida sent a loaf of bread & a pan of roll & took the premium. It has been an unfavorable day for the fair. raing & cloudy. Letter from Alice

Thursday 11 3d day of the fair. H, & R, went with A, to town. went to the fair in the afternoon. a bright pleasant day. Mrs Coe & Ada went to Mrs Plumers to dinner, Mrs C. home this afternoon. Letter to Julia Vinton

Friday 12 A. went to the fair again. During the fair, the ladies of the Cong'l church have had a large tent on the fair grounds & have furnished meals for whoever called for them, we have each day sent a basket of food to the tent.

Saturday, 13 Wilfred & Orlan threshed for Henry, W. & Herbert went horseback over to Mr Dunns to get the mail, but Mr D. had not returned from town. Mr Davis, living near Wabasa, & who has been sick with Typhoid fever. died Thursday night last the 11th. Finished a bed comfort tuesday, & began another to day. Letter 2 days ago from Mrs Humphrey & Martha. Stephen here to dinner. Our folks brought home a new rocking chair last night, which R, bought in W. Thursday.

Sunday 14 About noon a little later. Willy. Emma & Julia drove up, came from home wednesday, had been to Northfield, Faribault &c, came to Mr Hawke's yesterday, staid over night went to church this morning & then here. It has been raining softly since before dark, has been cloudy all day.

Monday 15 Not a very pleasant day. Will, Ada A, & Julia went over to see the nice flowering will. a mile or more from here. went out reding with will to Will Washing not done to day. Chicken pie for dinner

Tuesday 16 Will started home this morning, leaving Emma who was not well, to go home later on the cars. He had driven about a mile when one of his horses stumbled & fell on the carriage tongue & broke it. He came back, & Wilfred went with him & brought the carriage back. fixed the tongue & over more started home. tho' not till about one o'clock Austin went to Monroe on town business, brought home a load, or part of load of feed. Also a new dictionary which came by express from St Paul.

The first load of apples brought home. p2, & a barrel.

Wed, 17 A hes plowed man threshed at the Davis Emma has felt rather better than yesterday has been down stairs all day. Made a chair cushion

Thursday 18 A cloudy disagreeable day. Another comfort tied & finished. Emma feeling better & thinks she will go home tomorrow. Wind blowing to night from the northwest & roaring through the trees. has rained this afternoon a part of the afternoon. A, plowed this forenoon not much this afternoon.

Friday 19 Wilfred & sister K. took Emma & Julia to the station to go home, First flakes of snow in the air. Letter to Gordon. Ida's sister Hannah came to see her.

Saturday 20 A young beef killed. Company from Mrs Plumers expected but they did not come.

Sunday 21 A cloudy day. no one went to church. Ida went home a while & Austin went away, but came back to help do the barn chores.

Monday 22 Clover drawn & stacked. A. plowed in forenoon. A year ago to day Simon starts from here to go to Omaha.

Tuesday 23 Austin rided to Wasseca on corn bearing brought home another basket of grapes the third one we have had. Letter to Will. a package from him to Wilfred, a large pho' of Stanton people to R. corn husking began.

Wed' 24 Mr Smith. Congl minister & Mrs Preston came a little before noon staid till middle afternoon

Thursday 25 Austin, Wilfred & men, have gone to town to hear a prohibition speech, cornhusking yesterday & to day

Friday 26 Our folks came home about 12 o'clock last night, brought an express package for R. a dictionary holder for our new unabridged dictionary. George Collins, who has just returned from a visit to England came in this afternoon & brought another Englishman. They stayed till after supper have gone, to sleep at Andy Dunns.

Sturday 27 Rained during last night. a light rain however, plowing this forenoon husking this afternoon.

Sunday 28 W. & Ada went to church. Rather pleasant of the day. wrote to Will, in Wilfreds letter.

Monday 29 Another mean has helped husk & corn a beautiful day. washing done.

Tuesday 30 Austin went to Waseca on town business, A pleasant day but very windy warm this afternoon & evening 72° above to Put up sash curtains in my room.

Wed' 31 Rhinehart came this morning to help in the husking, has his team with him. Four men now & the corn may be all out in two days more. A little washing done again. Ironed

bedding &c. straw beds filled. Began making another comfort

Thursday November 1st Thunder & lightning this morning. but very little rain. made another comfort this time out of old calico.

Friday 2 Austin went to Waseca & brought Dell Dunn home to stay till Sunday night when he will go back to Waseca to start on another inspection trip. which will probable take three weeks. The corn husking finished. This has been a fine day. I had an attack of palpitation this morning lasting half an hour perhaps.

Saturday 3 Austin, Col. Dunn, R. Herbert & myself went over to see the flowing well,

Sunday 4 A very pleasant day. Wilfred took Col. D. back to Waseca to take the train west at one or two o'clock to night. W. has just come home.

Monday 5 A little raining, to day but clear this evening churning done & the white part of the washing clothes not dried.

Tuesday 6 Election day. Austin went to town early this morning drive one of the town board. Wilfred, Ada & Thurman went later The women have pretty generally voted this year in this county I believe, for county superintendent of schools. Ada & August came home early this afternoon W. stayed to come home with his father sometime to night. colored clothes washed & bread baking done. cold & frosty this morning but a pleasant day.

Wednesday 7 W. & his father got home last night about 12 o'clock. W. & R. are to go to Waverly to morrow, if the weather is favorable.

Thursday 8 R. & Wilfred started to Waverly this morning a very good day. no snow yet. made

(cover also,
another comfort a white one. a chair cushion
Friday 9 Harrison is elected it is said, so we are
one to have another republican presidem
of Minnesota
also another republican governor, Marion
Mr & Mrs Bert Case, & Ellen Case, called.
Heard this week of the death of Daniel
Whitmore sister Mary's husband, who
lived in Hearlan, Kansas.
Saturday 10 A. went to Waseca to get a load of plank
for the road. Herbert went with him. W. &
R. came from Waseoja about dark.
Sunday 11 W. & A. & R. & Herbert went to church. clear
but rather cold, making buffalo robes & soap
stones quite necessary.
Monday 12 Pleasant the whole day. Wilfred, his father
& Herbert, have gone to Waseca, The
republicans are to have speeches
commanding torch light procession &,
in honor of Harrisons election, we have
heard the cannon several times this
evening. wrote to Helen & Alice high,
Tuesday 13 A very windy day The leaves raked from
the yard into the ditch by the road.
Ironing done & several windows washed
Fall plowing all done except the cornfields
& that begun to day., August works in this
days getting out wood ready to draw
when snow comes. W. has worked about
the place raking leaves & gathering the
parsnips & vegetable oysters & putting
them in the cellar &c &c
Wednesday 14 Austin & Wilfred went to Owatonna
quite early this morning & have not
yet returned, The day has been very plea
sant, with quite a cold wind from the
north, Mrs. Plumer, & Mrs William Lindra
here to tea,
Thursday 15 A little snow on the ground this morning
when we got up & the weather has been

cold & frost twice on some of the windows for
the first time, Looked for company from
Waseca, & should if it had not been so cold. A.
has plowed but the ground has been frozen a
little on top. most of the wire screens taken off
the windows
Friday 16 No snow to speak of. but the weather has been
clear & cold. Stove put up in R.s. room the
guest chamber. has little oil stove not giving
out heat enough for this weather.
Saturday 17 Willy's 41, birth day. A cold but clear day,
Austin & Wilfred went to W. to mill. brought
home two more barrels of apples. Greenings &
Northern Spy – Letter from Gordon
Sunday 18 W. A, & Herbert went to church, warmer weather
– Oysters for dinner Letter from sister Alice,
Monday 19 Austin, Wilfred & Bennie Sodabier took
the clover, three loads, to George Woods
to a clover huller a little over 5 bushels of
seed. The day has been bright & very favor
able for farmers to finish their fall work
Rebought a pair of woolen blankets.
Tuesday 21 A. went to mill also brought home a load
of lumber for a cattle shed, another fine day,
most of the ironing done & a few more windows
washed. Telegram from Col. Dunn from Ft
– Mead. He expects to get here Friday next.
Wednesday 21 Wilfred & man getting up wood. Fine wea
ther continues. Wilfred & Herbert went to
Mr Dunns this evening to get a turkey
for our Thanksgiving, which we are to
have before the regular day as we expect
Col Dunn here this week & not next.
Thursday 22 Still good weather. The turkey dressed this
morning, weighed 12 lbs. More wood drawing,
Loaf cake made yesterday, Sponge cake to
day. Ida's two sisters came in to see her,
Churning done, a little crock filled with butter
to send to Simon in Wyoming.

Friday 23 - Austin went to Owatonna. Wilfred to Waseca to meet Col. Dunn, & got home before 4 o'clock. Mrs Alden & Mrs Preston came before noon, went a-way soon after Mr D. & he came. A. got home a little after dark brought home a new coal stove.

Saturday 24 - Mr Clement came & spent the day. We had dinner at 2 o'clock. H. Dunn also took dinner with us. Set up the new stove in my room.

Sunday 25 - We, A, N, & H. went to church expecting to hear Mr Patch preach, He did not come & they went to the Methodist church & heard Mr Beebe. Mr D. & K. called at H. Dunns.

Monday 26 - Another beautiful day. Wilfred took the Col. & R. to Waseca to take the afternoon train to St Paul. Austin went to A. in the forenoon to take R.s trunks & to attend to some town business, & to get another load of coal, & letter from Will.

Tuesday 27 - My 66 birth day. a most beautiful day for the time of year. Austin has been cutting the coarse dried grass on the slue north of the house. others also are mowing the grass & drawing it home to use for covering sheds, stacks &c. a large washing done

Wed. 28 - Austin went to town with a load of wheat price 85 cts, brought home third & last load of coal 5390 lbs in all cost $25, 60. Letter from R. in St Paul. a change in the weather. Cloudy all day, forty & foggy. We & man drew the hay cut yesterday by 6 loads. Letters to Will & Gordon

Thursday 29 - Thanksgiving. Having had our turkey & our Thanksgiving last Saturday, we passed the day doing our usual work. weather much as yesterday. cloudy & sombre

Friday 30 - The men all busy making a shed to

water the stock under through the winter, no storm yet tho we feared snow to day. Am reading Robert Elsmere, & knitting a pair of mittens for Herbert.

Saturday Dec. 1st - Men finished the shed, August drew wood this afternoon. we have looked for snow but none has come yet. Hannah Youngken in again to see us. Bread made & loaf cake

Sunday 2 - Cloudy all day. No one went to church. Ida went home to stay a week. Man also went away for the day.

Monday 3 - To our surprise a bright pleasant day, the first since last Tuesday. Went with A. to call on Mrs Plumer & Rub William Lindsay, went just after dinner & came home about sun down.

Tuesday 4 - A day even warmer & more pleasant than yesterday. Two leaches set up ready to make soap tomorrow. Andy Dunn brought the mail. Letter from Alice Nigh & one from Los Angeles to R. to be sent on to St Paul.

Wed. 5 - Wilfred went this morning to Elysian to get a load of plank. Letter to R. & postal to Mrs. Stevens. Mr Hawkes called this forenoon. Soap made & put in the cellar. Ida & her sister Hannah drove over this morning on an errand. another day of good weather. a letter from R. to H. Agnes Dunn called on her way home from school.

Thursday 6 - Wilfred got home before dark with his load, brought an express package for his father from St. Paul, which proved to be a fur overcoat from Col. Dunn. Have been busy fixing over a pair of pillows. & helping about the housework. No change in the weather.

Friday 7 - Austin went to Owatonna, started about 11 o'clock got home about 7. Good roads & good weather.

Saturday 8 - The wonderfully nice weather continues, Herbert with Herbert to help went up to the woods this

forenoon & burned brush, they would have continued the work this afternoon but were afraid the fire would get away from them & run when it was not wanted. Herbert & the man went over to Mr Dunns this evening to get the mail. Herode the Polly mare & came back with the mail, was asked for a sat. nights visit with the Swede hired men there, Letter to A. from Col. Dunn

Sunday 9 — A. & I went to church Pleasant & good roads quite dusty in some places, where the wind had not swept it off. A hard disagreable wind, especially coming home, We heard a good sermon from Ephesians 4.32

Ada came back after being gone a week — X

Monday 10 — Austin & Wilfred went to town after an early dinner, took the fur coat received the other day & sent it back to St. Paul, to be exchanged for a smaller one, Mrs Mc Nanna came about noon to see about sheep. Washing done & clothes dried, cold enough to freeze them partly.

Tuesday 11 — Wilfreds 45th birthday. A pleasant day. colder to night. Two pigs or small hogs killed this afternoon. A churning done. A. went to the station this forenoon. A postal to Mrs Stevens. Yesterday finished a pair of red double mittens for Herbert. owing to having a cold & cough, Herbert stayed home from school.

Wed. 12 — Wilf & Ada went to Owatonna this evening. There was snow in the air soon after they went away but only enough has fallen to partially whiten the ground. The pork cut up in the cellar & ready for salting to-morrow

Thursday 13 — Johnnie Dunn fell from a wagon & was severely injured, Austin went to Waseca for Dr Foking, & went again in the afternoon to carry a Mrs Case from Mr Dunns to take the train. Wilfred came home this evening. leaving

Ada at her sisters, She had her teeth taken out yesterday, & will stay a few days before coming home, There is a very little snow, scarcely enough to whiten the ground, & the weather moderate. The land tiled out & some partly cleaned.

Friday 14. Johnnie Dunn is still in a critical condition Wilfred has been over there several times to day, is there now. at bed time, A. has salted the pork, & the head cheese has been made. W & man burnt brush again this afternoon. The little bit of snow has nearly disappeared.

Saturday 15 — W & man burnt brush this forenoon. This afternoon Wilfred & Herbert went to town, brought Tommy Dunn home for his vacation, The little boy Johnnie, has seemed rather better, but the Dr does not consider him out of danger. Letter to sister Mary & postal to Hortense. Another fur coat came in place of the one sent last Monday to be exchanged. It is raining to night for the first time in weeks perhaps not since the latter part of October.

Sunday 16 — It rained slowly through the most of last night but this morning the ground was white with snow & has remained so. the weather just cold enough to keep it from melting. A. is getting ready to go to Waseca in the morning.

Monday 17 — A. started this morning quite early to Waseca went with the double buggy. the ground white with snow Wilfred & man have drawn wood on a sledy. Washing done, clothes hung on lines across the back porch, froze as soon as put out. wrote to R. will send it to Mr Dunn in morning. George Collins is staying here to night. a bright moonlight.

Tuesday 18 — a fine day. W & man drew wood again.

Wed. 19 — Another fine day & more wood drawing, 18 loads drawn in the last three days, Austin got home from Waseca just before dark, brought a Poland China pig

Thurs. 20 — Wilfred went to Clinton after Ada. They got home just at dark. Good weather continues, the moon is very bright to night. quite a wind, suggestive of a storm. Allen Hancocks dove in to the yard, did not come in. H. Dunn called.

Friday 21 — Two small stacks of hay drawn into the barn. The day has been pleasant & still. Have been busy for the last two or three days, knitting & repairing socks & stockings.

Saturday 22 — Austin went to Waseca. Christmas package from Mrs Bailey of La Cross. one from Bessie Bumpus to M. & a book to Herbert from Wilfred Lane of So. Evanston Ill.