Lydia Vinton and Family Diaries

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THE FIVE-POINTED STAR.

It was under the personal direction of Washington and a committee from Congress, then in session in Philadelphia, that the first United States flag was modeled, in 1777. They visited a little upholstery shop kept by Mrs. Betsy Ross, in Arch street, and asked her if she could make a flag according to the design presented. She agreed to do so, but suggested that a five-pointed star would be more symmetrical than the six-pointed star as proposed, and to illustrate her idea she folded a sheet of paper, and with one cut, produced a pattern of the five-pointed star, which was at once approved, and the flag made and ready to hoist next day.

The subjoined diagrams will show how Mrs. Ross folded the piece of paper so as to make a five-pointed star with one cut of the scissors.

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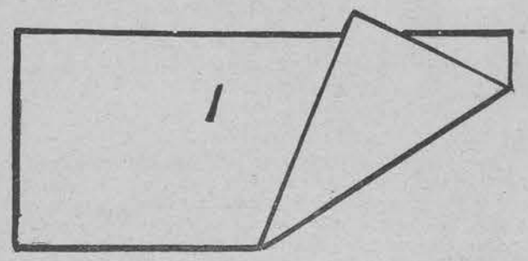

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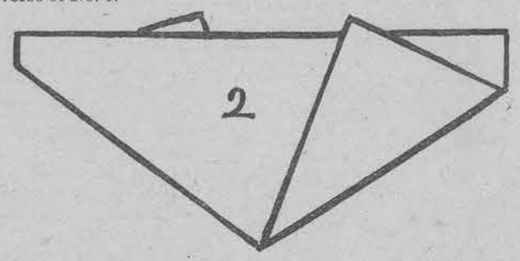

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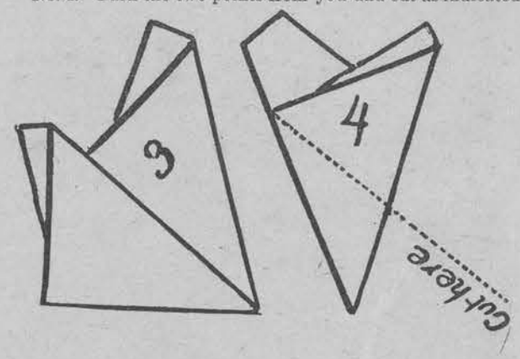

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Four men with heads as bare as eggs, but just a trifle bigger,
Stood gazing at a poster of Ayer's wonderful Hair Vigor.
Said Number One, "I don't believe that stuff can hair restore."
"Nor I," said Two. "Nor I," said Three. "Nor I," said Number Four.
"Well, just for fun," said Number One, "suppose we make the test."
"Suppose we do," said Number Two, and echoed all the rest.
So each a bottle went and bought, and tried it just for fun,
And in about three weeks came out the hair on Number One.
It took four weeks for Number Two, and five for Number Three,
And one week more for Number Four his head of hair to see.
On each bald pate the hair began to flourish as of yore.
"'Tis good!" said One. "'Tis good!" said Two. "'Tis good!" said Three and Four.
So when again they met, these men, they felt a trifle bigger
For having used a bottle of AYER'S wonderful HAIR VIGOR.

DEFINING A BLUSH.

A Cincinnati physician defines a blush as follows: "A blush is a temporary erythema and calorific effulgence of the physiognomy, ætiologized by the perceptiveness of the sensorium when in a predicament of unequilibrity from a sense of shame, anger, or other cause, eventuating in a paresis of the vasomotor nervous filaments of the facial capillaries, whereby, being divested of their elasticity, they are suffused with radiance, emanating from an intimidated præcordia." Now we know what it is. AYER'S SARSAPARILLA imparts clearness and brilliance to the complexion.

NO CHOICE.

A partisan inevitably weakens his position when he gives the other side a chance to retort. Such an opportunity was unwittingly afforded by an English clergymen who hoped that three noted statesmen in whom he believed, might "all hang together."

"Amen!" fervently responded a member of the opposite party.

"I mean," said the minister in haste, "that they may hang together in accord and concord."

"It doesn't matter what sort of a cord it is," was the immediate reply.

AYER'S Sarsaparilla makes the weak strong.

CHRONIC GRUMBLERS.

We have all met those chronic grumblers who are never pleased with the weather, be it foul or fair. I remember one such person—a type of the race—old Wilkinson, whose desk was next to mine in the office. In his "bright vocabulary," the weather was always "infernal." Fine or foul, hot or cold, wet or dry, calm or storm, summer or winter, it was "this infernal weather" that made him feel as he did.

One perfect June morning, when all nature was beaming with a broad smile, one of us remarked, "Well, I wonder what Wilkinson will have to say about the weather to-day. Surely this will please him."

Bets were freely made on both sides. By and by in he hobbled, with the customary scowl on his brow.

"Fine day, Mr. Wilkinson," was the greeting he received.

We awaited the response in profound silence. After a few grunts, it came, and was characteristic:

"*Humph! Infernal weather-breeder.*"

Old Wilkinson has been in his grave many years. His surviving friends, when they refer to him, wonder whether the climate suits him any better now than it did in the days of his flesh.

Have you tried AYER'S Sarsaparilla for Rheumatism? It has cured others and will cure you.

HEALTH.

It is health that makes your bed easy and your sleep refreshing; that renews your strength with the rising sun; that makes you plump and comely, enriching the complexion with Nature's choicest colors; that makes your exercise a sport, increases the natural endowments of your mind, and makes the soul delight in her earthly mansion. The best health-restorer and health-maintainer is AYER'S SARSAPARILLA.

PURE BLOOD.

Among the most stringent laws of Moses were those in reference to the preservation of health and especially as to the avoidance of blood-contamination, or impurity. The important function of the blood has been recognized in all ages; for, as is stated in the Mosaic laws, "the life thereof is the blood."

The discovery of AYER'S SARSAPARILLA—the Superior Medicine—has given to humanity the best blood-purifier ever compounded. Ayer's Sarsaparilla makes food nourishing, work pleasant, sleep refreshing, and life enjoyable. It does what no other blood-purifier in existence can do. It searches out all impurities in the system and expels them harmlessly by the natural channels. In purifying the blood, it removes every blemish from the skin, gives light to the eyes, elasticity to the step, and imparts to the aged and infirm renewed health, strength, and vitality.

AYER'S BEACON.

The number of lives saved annually by the use of AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL is past computation. It is the most widely-used of all cough medicines. For the sudden complaints to which children are always liable, such as croup, sore throat, lung fever, colds, and whooping cough, this preparation is unsurpassed. It gives immediate relief, followed by rapid cure.

Said Ella to Mary, "Oh, what shall I do
For pimples that cover my cheek?"
Said Mary to Ella, "AYER'S SARSAPARILLA
Will drive them away in a week."

Said Ella to Mary, "How do you know what
AYER'S SARSAPARILLA will do?"
Said Mary to Ella, "AYER'S SARSAPARILLA
Has cured me and so will cure you."

GENERAL DEBILITY.

William H. Brown, 33 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass., says: "A few months ago my partner died, and the whole burden and responsibility of a large grocery business fell upon me. The increased care and hard work so taxed my strength that I became all run down, had no appetite, was nervous, and suffered from indigestion and general debility. The medicines recommended me by my physicians did no more good than so much water. AYER'S SARSAPARILLA being favorably brought to my attention, I tried it, and, in a short time, began to feel better. I continued to take this medicine for nearly two months, at the end of which time I felt like a new man. My appetite, energy, and strength returned and my food digested perfectly. I am convinced that if I had not taken AYER'S SARSAPARILLA, instead of being strong and well, I should now have been under the doctor's care and unable to attend to business. I am a thorough believer in AYER'S SARSAPARILLA. It is indeed 'the Superior Medicine.'"

HE TOOK NO CHANCES.

Waiter Girl.—Ummummummummummummumerum.
Experienced Guest.—Ummummumerum.
Waiter Girl.—What did you say, sir?
Guest.—Same as you did. Bring 'em along.

AYER'S Sarsaparilla is everywhere known as the Superior Blood Medicine.

THE INTELLIGENCE OF COWS.

The other morning, a very sultry one, two cows came to our gate, evidently on the lookout for something, and after being at first somewhat puzzled by their pleading looks, I bethought myself that they might be in want of water. No sooner had this idea occurred to me than I had some water brought in a large vessel, which they took with the greatest eagerness. The pair then sauntered contentedly away to a field near at hand. In about half an hour or so we were surprised and not a little amused by seeing our two friends marching up to the gate, accompanied by three other cows. The water-tap was again called into requisition, and the new comers were in like manner helped liberally. Then, with gratified "boo-oos"—a unanimous vote of thanks—our visitors slowly marched off to their pasturage. It was quite clear to us that the two first callers, pleased with their friendly reception, had strolled down to their sister gossips and dairy companions and had informed them—how, I can not say, can you?—of their liberal entertainment, and then had taken the pardonable liberty of inviting them up to our cottage.

AYER'S Sarsaparilla quickens the appetite, aids digestion, gives tone and vigor to all the functions, strengthens the nerves, and fortifies the constitution against malarial and other epidemic influences.

CATARRH.

Frank Teason, Jr., engineer, 271 W. Fourth street, New York city, testifies: "For the past eight years I have been severely afflicted with catarrh, none of the many remedies I tried affording me any relief. My digestion was considerably impaired, and my sleep disturbed by phlegm dropping into my throat. My head, at times, became dizzy, and I was troubled with ringing noises in the ears and partial deafness. In September last I resolved to try AYER'S SARSAPARILLA, and began at once to test its qualities as a blood-purifier. I have taken only four bottles of this medicine and am glad to testify that the symptoms from which I suffered are removed."

SALT-RHEUM.

O. B. Preston, Traveler for Ames Plow Co., Boston, Mass., makes this statement, which will especially interest all who are afflicted with Salt-Rheum:

"AYER'S SARSAPARILLA proved itself of incalculable worth to me. For three years salt-rheum covered my left hand, and for over six months of that time I was compelled to wear a glove constantly. I had salt-rheum in its worst phases. At times my hand was one huge blister, full of watery substance, and at other times the skin would peel off, leaving the raw flesh exposed. The itching and burning sensations and the pains were terrible. All medicines failed me until I commenced taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I took ten bottles in all, using it long after all signs of my affliction had disappeared. It is now over five years and I have had no return of the trouble."

RED LIGHTS.

Symptoms are nature's "red lights" of danger, and should never be neglected. Flushed cheeks, throbbing temples, nausea, lassitude, loss of appetite, sallow complexion, pimples, and blotches, are warnings that should have prompt attention. The blood is poisoned or impoverished, and unless immediately cleansed and enriched by AYER'S SARSAPARILLA, the consequences may be serious indeed. Heed the red lights.

LIKE A SHELL

That suddenly explodes at your feet, blood diseases often attack us with little or no warning. It is the unexpected that happens. Persons who never dreamed of rheumatism, neuralgia, debility, liver, or kidney disease, are frequently taken by surprise—have their pickets driven in, as it were—and find themselves pounced upon by these ailments, when least prepared for a skirmish. Be always on guard, and when any signs of the enemy are visible, any weak spot in your defense, any symptom of impure blood manifested, whether in pimples, boils, carbuncles, eczema, or any other eruptive disease, order AYER'S SARSAPARILLA to the front without delay. It 's the crack shot for blood diseases—hits the mark every time, and, like the new ammunition, gets in its work silently and effectually.

"In the late war I was wounded in battle and made a prisoner. I was confined in an unsheltered stockade for ten months, during which time I contracted scurvy. My wound being healed only on the surface, gangrene set in, and finally, blood-poisoning. I suffered excruciating pain until I began to take AYER'S SARSAPARILLA, since which time my wound has healed, all pain has disappeared, and I have so far recovered my old-time health as to be able to go to work again."—JOHN M. BRITTON, Barrack No. 25, Nat. Military Home, Montgomery Co., Ohio.

A CARBUNCLE CURED.

Mrs. Carrie Adams, of Holly Springs, Texas, writes:

"Last May a large carbuncle broke out on my arm. The usual remedies had no effect and I was confined to my bed for eight weeks. A friend induced me to try AYER'S SARSAPARILLA. Less than three bottles healed the sore. In all my experience with medicine, I never saw more wonderful results. Another marked effect in the use of this medicine was the strengthening of my sight."

AYER'S Sarsaparilla strengthens every organ and function of the body.

"BIT OFF."

The curiosity of some people is irrepressible. They must find out all about you or die in the attempt. Nor is this failing peculiar to the ladies; I have seen men whose inquisitiveness was insatiable. I remember one such person, in traveling on a Western-bound train, several years ago. In the same seat with me was a one-armed man, with whom I had struck up a temporary acquaintance and found to be a bright intelligent companion.

Of course, I should have liked to learn how he lost his arm; but as he never referred to it, I had to repress my curiosity and content myself with remaining in ignorance. Not so, however, the man who occupied the seat in front of us, and who was eagerly absorbing our conversation, in hope, probably, of finding out something about that absent limb. At last, unable to contain himself any longer, he took advantage of a pause in our talk, and turning round with a significant nod toward the empty sleeve, said curtly, "In the war?"

"No," was the reply.

"Gun bust?" "No."

"Railroad accident?" "No."

"Cancer?" "No."

"How, then?"

"Well," said the one-armed man, "if you'll promise not to ask me another question, I'll inform you."

"All right."

"It was bit off."

There was then nothing for our inquisitive fellow-traveler and myself to do but to bite our lips and remain silent.

Catarrh is a blood disease. It is most successfully treated by the use of AYER'S Sarsaparilla.

AN ABSENT-MINDED LADY.

"I had a curious experience not long ago," says the superintendent of one of the departments of a New York dry-goods establishment. "A fashionably-dressed lady came in early, and in the course of her bargaining, put her parasol on the counter near a large feather duster which one of the clerks had been using. After making some purchases the lady caught up the duster instead of her parasol, and went out hurriedly. As soon as I discovered the mistake I sent a boy after her with the parasol, but he did not overtake her until she had made quite a journey. In fact, she flourished that duster along the street, flourished it about as she went into another store, and put it down on the counter, still under the impression that it was her parasol. When her purchases in the second store were made, she turned to pick up her parasol, and seeing the duster, asked for her parasol. The clerk explained that she had not brought any parasol in, but had come in carrying that duster. She was supremely indignant at such an intimation, and was delivering the young man a sharp lecture on the subject, when in came our boy with her parasol and an explanation. She was so overcome that she had to be sent home in a carriage."

Hamlet.—Ah yes! Ayer's Sarsaparilla! I know it, Horatio. 'Tis a most excellent medicine. A thousand times I 've meant to take it for my melancholy. It cures that inner and corrupted state which shows itself in pimples, boils, and sores. Therefore, get thee to my lady's chamber and tell her, let her paint an inch thick, she cannot have the favor which is given by using AYER'S SARSAPARILLA. Make her assured of that, and caution her she take no other medicine.

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W. VINTON,

Sun, 23 Ida & the man went away to spend the holidays with their friends. Weather warm & cloudy, & looking like rain. It is strange to have Christmas so green & no snow, but the ground brown & bare.

Mon. 24 It rained slowly through most of last night. Cloudy to day & a little sleet this afternoon. Wilfred & his father are putting new shelves in the bathroom & one in the dining room.

Tuesday 25 Christmas day. Sent letter to R. Mrs E. C. Daily, Helen, Alice Nigh & to her mother, Will & family, Mr Dunn & Tommy called. Also H. Dunn. Received packages of christmas cards from R. & from Emma & Julia, Letter & little package from Simon. Package to Julia.

Wed, 26 Enough snow has fallen to whiten the ground. The roads are very rough since the recent rain followed by freezing weather.

Thurs 27 Double windows put on the pantry window & bath window in my room. Rhinehardt here & received the last of his wages. not much more snow than was on the ground yesterday. but the roads are so rough it is said that it is very hard for horses to travel especially for those not shod.

Friday 28 No change in the weather. A. & W. worked about the barn. wrote to Simon

Sat, 29 Austin went to town, brought home a box of pretty Christmas presents from the Nigh came by express, also a package of stationery to R. from Col. Dunn. Another fine day! Letters to R. & Simon

Sund, 31 Rather a foggy & frosty day. & a day of rest here.

Monday 31 The last day of 1888. The new shelves in the bathroom & painted. H. Dunn called this forenoon.

Tuesday Jan. 1st A beautiful, mild day. Austin went to Waseca. Mr Dunn rode with him, brought letters from Will, R. & Alice High, other letter to the family, & package of illustrated papers from R. Willy's letter brought the sad news of the death of Mrs Lucy Prescott Cadwath in Denver Colorado.

Wed. 2 Another mild bright day. A. drove over to Swede Johnsons to get August to come & help kill a beef tomorrow, Ida also came back to night. Letter from Mrs E. C. Dailey.

Thurs. 3 Fine weather continues. A beef killed & one quarter sold to the cream gatherer for 5 cts a l. A washing done & dried.

Friday 4 The beef cut up & salted, Ironing & baking done. wrote to Will, & to Iowa.

Saturday 5 A cloudy day, but quiet no storm. Wilfred went to town, took Herbert with him, took sheep belonging to a Mr Grey, brought the big oil can filled again, & (& today) repaired guest chamber curtains.

Sunday 6 A little snow has fallen, as usual, only enough to whiten the ground, no wind, & it is not cold. Ida went to Swede Longuest.

Monday 7 Wilfred has gone to Waseca to go on an early morning to St. Paul as one of several delegates to the State agricultural society which meets at St. Paul tomorrow. J. Dunn went with him being also a delegate, as was Mr Leavitt. Mr Winton took Mr. & Mrs D. this afternoon. Letter to Mrs Heimphrey. postal to Mrs Dailey.

Tuesday 8 A very quiet mild day. Ida tried out the beef tallow. I am taken suddenly with a very lame back, find it very difficult to sit down or get up, am using the old remedy Hemlock oil for a liniment, having no Hemlock plasters, which I would prefer -

ed. 9 - more wind to day & rather colder. A reception to night in St Paul for Gov. Merriam. My back quite lame yet but no worse. Put up new lambrequin on the mantle in my room.

urs. 10 - Miss McKinly the school teacher & Mr & Mrs Peter Daniels, their little girl Minnie, & miss Kate Daniels spent the evening with us.

riday 11 - Austin went to Waseca this morning after Wilfred who was to come on the mail train from St Paul & Minneapolis. They went up to Mr Hawks before coming home, brought a box of crockery from the freight office which was sent from St Paul before Christmas. Letter from R. & Gerden, Ida went home to night to stay a week or two. August too has gone to Swede Johnsons for the night & perhaps longer. Postal to Willy.

at - 12 - This morning we found about two inches of snow had fallen, & it has lain where it fell & the weather continues mild, tho a little colder than it has been, August did not come back. my back (etc) is still lame tho better, am using a Burgundy pitch plas

Sunday 13 - A very pleasant day & is a still, moonlight evening August came back to night, & is to help W. draw hay into the barn tomorrow.

Monday 14 - Austin went to Owatonna to get the horses shod, went with a light sleigh first time he has used one on the road & there is not yet snow enough for good sleighing. W. & man have drawn eight loads of hay into the barn. Letter from R.

Tuesday 15 A raining thawing day. rained in the night W. carried Herbert to school first time it has been necessary, this term of school, shelves put up in guest chamber. Letter from Simm & Will.

Wed. 16 The rest of the stack of hay drawn into the barn, & wood sawing at the door. Wilfred expected to go to Waseca with a load of grain for a feed, but waited for better weather.

Thursday 17 Wilfred went to town to get a load of feed ground, also took fresh meat to have it chopped or prepared for sausage, He brought an express package from St Paul for R. also the mail, Letter from R. to K. sent letters to R. Gordon & Will, Century & Scribner came. Cold a little below 0. noticed sundogs this morn first time this winter I believe. W. sent a little box of eggs to R.

Friday 18 10° below 0 this morning, Lambrequins put up on the new shelves in the guest chamber Sausage meat put into bags & put out to freeze Aug. gone away again till he is wanted for on the piece of work, Ida has been gone a week. The district school closed.

Saturday 19. More shelves put up in the rooms up stairs not much change in the weather, snowing a little

Sunday 20 A quiet day, Herbert went to Mr Dunns after the mail. The usual papers, & letters to some of the family.

Mond. 21 Pleasant all day. 8° below 0 this morning

Tuesday 22 warmer & thawing during the day. W. went to Mr Dunns this evening to get the mail, Portal from Will Letter from R. to W.

Friday 25 I was not well yesterday & day before & neglected to write, The weather has been warm the last two days, is colder to night & snowing. Our folks have been breaking colts yesterday & to day. Ada walked up to H. Dunns & rode back with Mr & Mrs P. Daniels

Sat. 26 wrote to Simon. Herbert took the mail to Mr Dunns not much snow fell last night, none to notice

Sunday 27 Herbert went to Mr Dunns this morning after the mail, a package of papers & Letter from Gordon. It snowed fast at one time this morning but soon cleared off again, not much prospect of sleighing

Monday 28 Austin went over after Ida & August this morning came back with them about 10 o'clock, washing done. August has been to Mr Dunns this evening for to get the mail,

Tuesday 29 Austin went to Decatur no to get the horses shod, Wilfred went to Nasaca with a load of wheat, price 70 cts

Wed, 30 Ice drawing begun, Sr. & his father have drawn four loads. There have been two snow squalls to day very little snow fell. our folk are drawing the ice on wagons, the George wood & others over that way, use sleighs. a call from Mr. Dunn. in drawing ice. Peter Daniels horses got frightened & tried to run away but he succeeded in stopping them tho' not till they had scattered his load of ice, which our folks helped him to secure again.

Thurs' 31 Four more loads of ice drawn, Letter from R. & other mail

Friday February 1st Five loads of ice drawn, Benny Sodaberg volunteering to draw one, making 13, in all. very mild thawing weather to day, but probably freezing to night & consequently rough roads tomorrow, wrote to R. Two shutterings done, this afternoon.

Saturday 2 Five loads of ice to day, Benny Sodaberg again getting one load, Pleasant mild weather continues, a tub of butter filled to send to Wyoming. a letter to Will. August went to Mr Dunns to get the mail this evening, Portal from W.

Sunday 3. another mild pleasant day, Ida went home came back after dark. August has not yet returned, This has been a restful day.

Monday 4 Two loads of ice this forenoon, all the afternoon a hard wind, amounting to quite a blizzard If there had been snow to make them of, we should have had big drifts to night.

Tuesday 5 3 loads of ice this day, A. stopped with a load for Mr Daniels this forenoon & stayed there to dinner going after another load before coming home. The weather colder, 13° below, then this morning, another churning done.

Wed. 6 Two loads of ice, & two drawn for Mr Daniels a beautiful day 14° below 0 this morning. Mr Drum brought the mail to night. Two letters from R. & one from Gordon. Col. Drum & R. are to come on Friday

Thursday 7 The last two loads of ice drawn, August went with Co. this morning, after they came back, Austin went to town, to do various errands

Agnes & Lucy D. here this evening

Friday 8 Austin went to Wasseca to meet the Drums at the noon train, but instead of their coming received a telegram saying R. had lost her cold & come. Most of the day has been very mild & pleasant.

Saturday 9 Wilfred went to town, took Ada to Mrs Plumers. Letter from Col. Drum & Gordon. Postal from Will. Herbert also went to town. Sent Tub of butter to Wyoming, 31 lbs. Letter to Col D. & to Simon. Postal to Will. Scribners to Gordon

Ida made 6 dozen candles.

Sunday 10 W. & R. went to church. Ida went home after dinner

Monday 11 A washing done & dried. A. & W. worken at a stone boat. Hay drawn into the barn this forenoon. The roads are smoth & hard, good wheeling.

Tuesday 12 John Schollgegerdis & H. Drum began drawing ice. The roads are smooth & they use wagons another pleasant day. The stone boat about done. August went over to Swede Johns to borrow an adz.

Wednesday 13 Mercury 18° above 0 this night. A load of grain put up to take to town to be ground for feed, wood chopping & sawing at the door. Ida making candles.

Finished a pair of black wooden stockings.

Thursday 14 Wilfred & Herbert went to town with a load of grain to be ground for feed. Letters from Col. D. & R. & from Helen. Three postals from Gaden in Ohio, with news of the death of Mrs Adamson, Hortense's youngest sister. A little snow has fallen. Wrote to Will in Wilfred's letter, sent a little package to Mary Clement

Friday 15 A somewhat stormy disagreeable day, raining a little now & at bedtime. A. & W. finished their stone boat. August worked at the wood pile & chores

Saturday 16 Wilfred drew a load of ice for H. Drum. Are ready to start to Waseca this afternoon but it seemed too windy & cold & somewhat stormy. W. went with a sleigh after the ice. A little snow & sleet had fallen. Wrote to Hortense.

Sunday 17 6° below 0 this morning & bright sundogs. August & Ida went away about 12 o'clock, came back at 9.

Monday 18 16° below 0 this morning. A. & R. went to town about noon. Letters to R. & Col. D. & to Hortense. Letters from R. & Pomona. postal from Will.

Tuesday 19 20° below 0 this morning. 10. to night. W. & man drew stone from the field this forenoon on the new stone boat. This afternoon drew 6 loads of hay into the barn.

Wednesday 20 Wilfred drew a load of ice to use for washing. One ice tem being dry & not much water in the other. 18° below 0 this morning. Letter to & from R.

Thursday 21 Wilfred & Herbert went to town with a load of feed to be ground. H. to take a music lesson. The afternoon has been quite blizzardy. Letter from Helen. Postal to Col. Drum. Have been busy the last few days repairing pantaloons, night shirts, underwear &c.

Friday 22 20° below 0 to night. The weather being so cold we brought the bed from the guest chamber & put it in the parlor as we expect Col. D. & R. tomorrow & the parlor stove will keep a fire all night. Ida finishes molding candles, 38 doz.

Sunday 23 Col. Dunn & R. came with Wilfred a little after 2. R. is not feeling at all well to day. Postal to Willy.

Sunday 24 A wet very cold day. R. has stayed in bed all day tho she is feeling better & will be up to-morrow. Mr. Dunn & wife came in this evening.

Monday 25 We have visited most of the day. R. has been feeling much better. Agnes & Lucy Dunn came in this afternoon. Good winter weather.

Tuesday 26 A. went to Waseca on town business. After dinner Wilfred took Col. D. & R. to Ly, to make the 4 o'clock train to St Paul. Ada went with them as far as the Daniels. This morning with the buggy. in the light sleigh.

Wed. 27 What little snow we had has melted away or nearly gone. W. & his father mended the sleigh broken in going to Waseca. Oats cleaned to take away to exchange for seed oats. Ida's sister Hannah came to see her. Washing done & dried. Wrote to Helen. Had the bed brought down the other day from the guest chamber, taken back & the rooms regulated.

Thursday 28 Mr & Mrs. Case came early this forenoon. only called & went on to Mrs Plumers came back at 3 o'clock. Mrs C. stayed for a further visit. Mr C. went home & Austin went with him to Owatonna, to stay a day or two with Dr. Ware, just at dark the superintendent of Steele Co. Mr Edward Adams came to stay all night. Letter from R. & Photos of Saul & Alice High.

Friday March 1st Had an attack of palpitation of the heart this morning. Mr Adams went away after breakfast.

Saturday 2 Wilfred & Herbert went to the station after dinner after Mr Brinton. Mail from Mr Dunn. Letter from Hortense. postal from Willy. Handkerchief from R. for Ida. Letter to R.

Sunday 3 No one went to church. a pleasant day. roads

must be quite muddy. Ida went home to be gone till tomorrow. Mrs Case & Wilfred have spent part of the day singing & playing.

Monday 4 Harrison inaugurated president, undoubtedly. Wilfred took Mrs Case & Ada to the station, to go to Owatonna on the train. A. to stay a few days with Mrs Cs. Ida came back this morning, her sister Hannah bringing her. washing done & dried. a German came to talk about hiring out to work.

Tuesday 5 Austin went to Waseca on town business, came Dr. Ware. Brought home scantling for clothes reel.

Wed. 6 George White here gathering cream, stayed to dinner. Wilfred went over to John Scholljegerdis. the Broughton & another man passed through the yard going to the neighbors to buy cattle.

Thursday 7 Wilfred took Herbert to town for his music lesson. Letter to Willy.

Friday 8 A little snow on the ground this morning & Wilfred drew stone on the stoneboat from the fields. The snow was gone by noon. Hay drawn into the barn this afternoon.

Saturday 9 Wilfred went to Mr Bowels with a load of oats to exchange for seed. He & his father went this evening to see the man on Mrs Plumers place about a hired man.

Sunday 10 Wilfred, R. & Herbert went to church. A beautiful day.

Monday 11 Another pleasant day. A. W. & Herbert went to John Scholljegerdis. to exchange another load of oats for seed. A new man hired. a German, August, by name, is to come next Monday to go to work. for about fifteen dollars a month.

Tuesday 12 Town meeting day. A. went to Waseca quite early came home sometime after dark. a pleasant quiet day. The parlor carpet taken up the room cleaned & regulated again.

Wed. 13 A cold cloudy snowy day. Wilfred went to the station & brought Ada home. churning & ironing done. Letters to R. & Alice High.

Thurs. 14 The snow that covered the ground this morning soon disappeared

Wilfred took Herbert to town for his music lesson
brought letters from R. Gordon, Anna J. B. & other
mail. George Collins is staying here to night.
Friday 15 We expected Mr & Mrs Hawker here to night but
they did not come. Postal to Will yesterday
Saturday 16 August Larson finished work & went away this
morning. Ida has gone home to night to go to
church tomorrow. Heard prairie chickens this
morning & robins have come
Sunday 17 St. Patricks day. a cloudy, damp somber day. The new man
came to night. Herbert went to Mr Dunn this morning to
get the mail. Letters from Col. Dunn, & Emma & several papers
Monday 18 The sun shone this afternoon & we were all glad to see it again
the last several days have been so somber & damp. The first
wheat sowing - wheat & oats sowed together. A waking done
The fire went out this afternoon in the coal stove
Tuesday 19 Seeding continued, frozen ground this morning
The first pleasant day for a week. Began braid
-ing a rug.
Wed. 20 A warm pleasant day. Austin & man
have been plowing in the corn stalk ground
for wheat. Ida has washed several windows
Thursday 21 Fine weather continues. Austin went to town
took Herbert for his lesson. Letter to Emma & to
R. & Hortense. Letter from R. telling us to expect
them Saturday. R. called at H. Drums.
Friday 22 Another warm pleasant day. Mr Fish, from
Waseca came here & bought a fat cow.
More windows washed. Hannah Donaghan
here this afternoon. Hanna worked on my
rug a little.
Saturday 23 A marvelously bright, pleasant day for
the time of year. Mr Vinton went to
town with the double buggy & brought
Col, Drum & R, from the station. W. also

went to town to take the cow sold
to Mr Fisher. He took her in a rack on
the big wagon, brought back R.'s two
trunks. Letter from Will, & from Simon.
Sunday 24 Still another pleasant day. Col. D. & Wilfred
walked up to H. D.'s. August (Swede) came
after his clothes, is working for a Mr Curran
Ida did not go home.
Monday 25 Austin took Col. Drum to Waseca this afternoon, to take
the train to go to Sioux city. man has been plowing
or breaking down corn stalks with a harrow, using
a span of colts.
Tuesday 26 Plowing continued. Dry weather & the ground is very
dry, which makes it easy to fit it for putting in crops.
The washing that was put off yesterday, done & dried
to day. High wind to night.
Wed. 27 Another good day. Am working at my
braided rug. R. is doing fancy work.
Thursday 28 Wilfred & man sowing & harrowing oats.
Austin went to town with Herbert. brought home
flour & meal. Letter from the Col, to R. Letter to Will
Friday 29 The ground was white with snow this morning,
but most of it soon disappeared. This forenoon W.
& man drew hay into the barn, this afternoon
went on with seeding.
Saturday 30 Seeding nearly done. some of the ground frozen enough
to prevent finishing. Mr Dunn finished I believe,
Mr Vinton went to town this afternoon. went to mill,
brought home a box of oranges from the express office
sent by Col. Drum.
Sunday 31 A quiet day. Aggie & Lucy Drum came in this evening.
Monday
April 1st It rained yet this there was a little sprinkle once or
twice. Townfolks drew two loads of lumber for
neighbor Reuter from the station. H. Drum

brought the mail this evening, & a package of seeds from Col. Dunn. Letter to Austin from Gadon & money order from Simon.

Tuesday 2nd A high wind this evening, but no rain yet. The cook stove moved out into the back kitchen. Finished the braided rug. The raspberries trimmed & tied up. The garden raked off & made ready for plowing.

Wed. 3 A hard wind all last night, but the day has been pleasant. Straw & chaff put among the raspberry & currant bushes. The dining room cistern cleaned out. A churning done.

Thursday 4 Austin, R. & Herbert went to town this afternoon. Letter to Will. W. spaded up a bed for lettuce. Geo. White here to dinner.

Friday 5 Austin & Herbert went to Geneva this morning, to come back tomorrow, if no rain yet. A stranger here to dinner, put his horse in the barn.

Saturday 6 Mr Winton & Herbert got home from Geneva about one o'clock. Wilfred went to town late this afternoon to meet Col. Dunn who is to come in on the 10 o'clock train.

Sunday 7 W. & Col. D. came last night about 12. A cloudy day & a little sprinkle of rain.

Monday 8 Col. D. & Wilfred went to Owatonna. Drove one of the greys & the bay mare Vic. on the corad buggy. We are having a small still rain, the first rain this Spring. Ida washed, but could not dry the clothes.

Tuesday 9 A good many garden seeds put in, Col Dunn helping most of the day. White clothes dried & colored washing done.

Wed. 10 The men have been cleaning & picking up around the yard about the barn. Col. D.

has been fixing his fishing tackle. Cloudy all day. A peddler came in.

Thursday 11 It rained this forenoon but cleared off & Austin, Col, Dunn & Herbert went to town after dinner. Charley Johnson came this morning with team & plow to do some breaking, but the rain stopped the work & he went home. Received a box of maple sugar from Gadon. A letter from Alice High from Minneapolis, where she is teaching school. Letter to R. from Simon in Omaha.

Friday 12 Rainy this forenoon, most of the afternoon pleasant.

Saturday 13 Mr Winton & Col, D. went early to Waseca expecting to go fishing this forenoon & meet Alice High at noon at the station, but received a letter & Telegram saying she was sick & could not come.

Sunday 14 A quiet day of rest. C. Johnson plowed again yesterday.

Monday 15 Herbert began going to school. The plowing or breaking of the new land continued. Washing done & all dried. A calf sold to a German for seven dollars.

Tuesday 16 Austin, Col, Dunn & R. went to town, intended to dine to Mr Hawke's but owing to the rain went to the Grant House instead. We have had another good gentle rain. The little piece of breaking finished before noon just as the rain began, & put in a new clothes reel, & put in the clothes yard. Leaves raked out of the front yard & burned. The Dunn girls came in this evening. We went to Mr Dunn's this evening to get the mail. Letter from Alice to Col. D. also Simons picture with two of his friends from Omaha. A churning done. We have this evening heard of the death of Mr Stoughton of Owatonna. He died yesterday afternoon & is to be buried next Friday.

Wed. 17

Thursday 18 Plowing finished on the hill, north of the road. Fence taken away from the pig yard west of the house, plum trees trimmed, the brush burned & the ground

followed.

Friday 19 Austin, Col. Drum & Wilfred went to Ava-tonna to attend Mr Stoughton's funeral, which was held at the Cong'l. church at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Mr Brown the pastor, preaching the sermon. A pleasant day throughout. The first young pigs found this morning, seven in number.

Saturday 20 Col D, Mr Vinton & Herbert went to town. Letters & telegram from Simon, who will be here next Monday has passed his examination. Letters from Willy & Gordon also Gordon & Hortense's pictures. 82° above 0.

Sunday 21 Ida & the man both went away. Rode up through the pasture this afternoon H. & I. with A, Col. D, & R. & Herbert walked.

Monday 22 A. took a half a dozen fat hogs to the station & weighed 1400 lbs. @ 4.25 per hundred. The wind has blown hard all day, washing done & dried, seed potatoes cut up ready for planting, Simon is to come tomorrow. Letter from Mrs Stevens.

Tuesday 23 Austin & Col. D, went to town to meet Simon & the all came home between five & six. H. Drums family are several of them ailing & they sent for Dr. Young, on his return he came in to see me, as I had had an attack of palpitation.

Wed. 24 About the usual work both indoors & out. Wilfred tried to blast a rock in the north field, but didn't succeed. Col. Drum has written a good many letters, they are to start east tomorrow. Simon to stay here awhile. A churning done, a high wind all last night & a little rain.

Thursday 25 Wilfred & Simon took the Col. & R. to town to take the ten o'clock (eastern) train for the east, a beautiful day. The Polly man has a new colt at the barn. Letter to Willy.

Friday 26 Soap made. Wilfred worked most of the afternoon blasting rock, at trying to. Dandelion greens for dinner, a good deal of wind this p.m.

Saturday 27 A cold, rather disagreeable day, Mr Vinton, Simon & Herbert went to town, H. Drum rode with them. Wrote to Mrs Daily, Mrs Stevens, & Alice Nigh. Letter from Willy.

Sunday 28 Wilfred, Simon & Herbert went to church. The weather is quite cold to night & we are afraid there will be frost enough to kill the apples & plums. Postal from Col. Drum, on the cars beyond Chicago.

Monday 29 Wilfred & man, drew the big stones lately blasted & put them back by the granary to be used for foundation, &c. no frost. Cold night, clouds & wind came up in the night. warmer to night. W. went over to John Scholfield's to see about a corn planter. Washing done. Young Grant came over from town after Simon, will will stay a few days visit at Mr Hawkes &c. Hannah busy fixing over cashmere skirt.

Tuesday 31 The one hundredth anniversary of Washington's inauguration as the President of the United States. Corn planting begun, north of the road.

Wednesday May 1st Austin went early this morning to Ava-tonna & several miles beyond, or north. Allen & Charles Hawkes, Young Grant & Simon came over from town this afternoon. They stayed but a short time, Simon went back with them to stay till Sat, probably. Wilfred has planted corn since early morning, using the horse planter, has a sore lame foot to night caused by using the planter in some way. A cold east wind all day.

a letter from Helen Vinton with her own & husbands photos. Also a picture of sister Mary. came wrote to the Drums at S. Framingham, Mass.

Thursday 2 Corn planting north of the road finished. & the planter taken to Mr Dunn's. Two rooms up stairs cleaned, Wm & Herberts, John Chambers came to the door this morning with mail from Mr Dunn's.

Friday 3 Ada's clothes closet & mine cleaned. Austin & Wilfred went to Mr Bakers & Reynolds this afternoon. After supper Wm & Herbert went to Waseca to an entertainment. Letter from Julia Vinton.

Saturday 4 Austin went to mill. took Wm for his lesson. Wm & man burnt brush on the new piece of breaking. Wilfred & Herbert got home last night at twelve.

Sunday 5 A very windy day. making it too uncomfortable to go to church. 80° about 1, we are anxious for rain.

Monday 6 Another very windy day. My room cleaned & regulated. The cook stoves set aside & the wood stove from the parlor set up in it's place. Another colt last night. The Bellemare this time.

Tuesday 7 A dreadful day for wind. cloudy the fore part of the day & we hoped it would rain but it cleared up & to night the wind has gone down & all signs of rain gone. Austin went to town about 11 o'clock, Simon came home with him. Letters from R. in Boston wrote to Helen, Julia Vinton & to R. at Ironton. The washing which was put off yesterday, done to day. Herbert & I put in sweet peas & other seeds under the east windows.

Wed. 8 Still another windy day but not so bad as yesterday. & this morning we had a a little shower of rain. Austin & Simon went to New Richland & brought home a few fruit trees. The ironing done

The big box of seed corn in the main room cleaned out & bed clothes put away. George Collins is staying here to night

Thursday 9 corn planted on the new piece of ground up in the woods. Ada's room, & the hall cleaned & the stair carpet taken up & put down again. George Collins went this afternoon to a Mr Bitmans to get work, a place several miles south. The apple trees brought home last night, set out this morning. The man has been harrowing the newly planted cornfield, the dust flying in a cloud a matter of the road he went back & forth. It lightens faintly this evening which makes us hope for rain, but it did the same last night. wrote to Mrs Leach in Neb.

Friday 10 Wilfred & Simon went to Owatonna & on beyond to a Mr Wilkins in the town of Medford, perhaps came back before dark. Austin went to Waseca after dinner brought home the grist taken the other day. Maj' Young, of Waseca, died yesterday suddenly, on the street, of apoplexy. The funeral to be the morrow afternoon.

The guest chamber cleaned. a little shower of rain during last night. Letter from Will.

Saturday 11 Austin & Herbert went to Waseca to attend the funeral of Maj' Young which was held at the house Letter to Willy.

Sunday 12 W. H. & August went to church.

Monday 13 Austin & Simon went to town brought home a load of shingles, barrel of lime, fence wire &c. Letter from R. in Washington.

Tuesday 14 Wilfred with Peter Daniels & Tommy Dunn drew each a load of the lumber from Ruberen which is to be used in building the new hog house. The three year old Maggie colt, sold for $125. Georg Collins here again. Did not stay with the man he went to work for. D. went to the station with the Drum girls.

neighbor Reuter raised a barn.

Wed. 15 Four more loads of lumber drawn. Mr Davids Tommy Dunn & H. Dunn with Wilfred, Potatoes taken out of the cellar, most of them, & put in a corn crib. George C. helping the man. Simon went to town with W. & took the train to Wasioja. / George White here to dinner.

Thurs. 16 Parlor & guest chamber window curtains washed ironed & put up, dining room carpet taken up & put down again. a small thunder shower early this morn. Austin, George Collins & Herbert went to Scholljegeddis' & to Joe Dunn's, this afternoon. Made fence in forenoon. Mr Bennet here to dinner. Letter to K. in Iowa (Tuesday eve)

Friday 17 Work on the road begun. Burt Case called this afternoon. He & his wife have just returned from New Hampshire. Mr Winton went to the station & brought Simon home from his Wasioja trip. Ne expected Emma & Julia with Simon but they could not come. Mr Leslie came after potatoes, bought several bushels. 20 cts a bushel. It is raining a little to night or misting rather.

Saturday 18 Road work again. A little more rain this afternoon not enough to stop the work on the road. A visit from Hannah & Annie Hawks.

Sunday 19 A little sprinkling of rain again to day. thunder this morning. Had lettuce first time for dinner. Ida went home as usual.

Monday 20 Austin went to Owatonna & Medford this morning & has not returned. Simon started on his return to Wyoming. Henry D. took him to town. Lucy D. went with them. Work on the road continued. Burt Case called again, also a Mr Malone an insurance agent.

Two men professing to be organ tuners & cleaners called at the same time. John Flicke came to the door to see about land grubbing, washing done & dried. Letter to Will. Letter from Charley Daily to W.

Tuesday 21 Austin came home from O. early this afternoon. Mr Broughton came to look at cattle, Mr Case & his son, Burt, called. Mor work on the road. Have been sewing rags for a rug during the last two days.

Wed. 22 Work on the road finished. Bed ticks washed, a little coloring done. Straw beds filled. Part of the bars put on the window.

Thurs. 23 A frost or freeze Tuesday night the 21. Killed down the corn & injured potatoes, that were up, we hope the fruit is not killed.

Friday 24 Herbert's 10 birth day. The young cattle weighed on Mr Dunn's scales. Fence mended in northfield. Ida went home to night to be gone till Sunday night. Hannah came for her with their horses. A peddler called the same eve. also came. Henry Lewer but went to Mr Dunn's to see A. & W. who were there to weigh the cattle.

Saturday 25 Mr Winton went to town with Herbert. Letter from Gordons postal from Emma. The frost of last Tuesday night has injured the crops very much.

Sunday 26 Some rain fell during last night & it has been raining a little again this evening. Mr Winton & Wilfred went to have gone to church this morning but rain enought had fallen to make the roads slippery & looked like more rain. Ida came to night.

Monday 27 Wilfred went to town & brought Mrs Dailey & Charley home. They came on the noon train from Minneapolis. Letter to K. in Springfield & to Emma. A little rain again this morning.

Tuesday 28 Mr Winton & Herbert took Charley Daily to town this afternoon to go east on the 10 o'clock train. Letter from K. & Simon to M.

Wed 29- Mrs Case came & took Ada with her to Mrs Plumer's- very cool weather, Frost last night again.

Thursday 30 Mrs Dailey went home this morning, or went to town with Wilfred, N. & Herbert- who as it was decoration day wished to go to town, Mrs C. & Ada drove to Mr Daniels & up to H. Drums Letter from Harry Hemphrey, & two letters for sister R, which we will send on to Stanton Cattlebuyer staying here to night who has bought a dozen of our young cattle for $150.

Friday 31. Mr Vinton & Herbert went to town, brought home flour & lumber. Letters from Mrs Christy - sister R. Will, & postal from Julia Vinton Mrs Case went home this afternoon- sent letters to R. from Mrs Thomas & from Simon

Saturday June 1st- Mr Vinton went to Owatonna again, brought home a rocking chair from Dr. Mairs, They are selling off their household goods- getting ready to move to N. York- Wilfred went to Waseca to get a load of lumber for Mr Dunn who is building a barn & this afternoon went after a load of sand. Letter to Harry Hemphrey-

Sunday 2 Dr, Mrs & Evelyn his daughter, came about noon went home between five & six.

Monday 3. Ida came back this morning- washing done- signs of rain but as usual all past away, crops suffering very much for want of rain, are already half ruined & some wholly by frosts Letter to Alice R. & Gordon, Letter from Helen

Tuesday 4 A mason came yesterday morning to lay the wall for the foundation of the hog house which is to be put up south of the barn, He finished work about middle of this afternoon Emma & Julia came about noon, Drove their own horse, Came to Owatonna yesterday

Tuesday, Austin went to town to get a load of lumber for the Dunn, &c

Wed 5 Another dry, smoky day- no sign of rain, The grass is turning yellow- the prospect is very discouraging, Austin went to Owatonna- brought home a supply of groceries & a few pieces of furniture from Dr. Mairs Letter from Col. & R. Rode up to H. Drums with Julia

Thursday 6 Ada & Julia visited the school this morning, Put a rude single bed in Herbert's room & another bed in the mens room, a sheep killed yesterday- a little shower of rain this afternoon- enough to wet the top of the ground only. The papers are filled in these days with accounts of the awful catastrophe in Penn, where thousands of people were overwhelmed in a flood caused by the giving way of the embankments of a lake Eight or ten thousand people it is thought have perished,

Friday 7 - Letter from Alice high- one from Will, to Emma- Emma & Julia were to have gone to Mr Hawkes to day- but E having a headache put it off till next week. Two shelves for plants, put a cleat the south window in the dining room, Hannah Grayson came in to see Ida. Emma knitted a rag rug for R & I have been making, finished.

Saturday 8 Austin's cold which he has had since Wednesday night, has seemed worse to day- We took N. to town for his term Letter to Col. Drum & Simon, a nice rain late this afternoon. & raining a little now at ten o'clock,

Sunday 9 Wilfred N. Julia & Herbert went to church, Ida did not go home to day,

Monday 10 Emma & Julia went to Mr Hawkes this afternoon to stay over night. We & man have been planting over some of the corn which has been killed out by frosts. Mr V. has not been feeling at all well to day but

is rather better to night- coughed & was restless through last night- Agnes D. here to tea.

Tuesday 11- We, & man still planting corn, &c, was to have gone to the De Graff farm near Janesville to attend a sale of horses- but thought best not to leave the corn planting A's cold seems better- I have not been feeling quite well this afternoon at least the latter part- had another attack of palpitation- Emma & Julia came back from Mr Hawkes late this afternoon,

Wed. 12 Emma & Julia went to Owatonna after dinner to stay all night- at A's & go on to Mr Westcott tomorrow. wrote to Mrs Dailey & to R. at Sheridan A. a windy day, but rainy still this evening- Two letters from R. Mr Case & Burt were at the barn this afternoon.

Thursday 13. Wilfred started this morning about 5 o'clock to go to Janesville, but hearing at Waseca that the horse & cattle sale was over came home again- Austin is better of his cold somewhat, but coughs a good deal, Letter from Mrs Christie. Did a little varnishing & painted inside of a washstand & enamel

Friday 14 The cellar cleaned out, potatoes taken to the barn- Ida cleaned the pantry yesterday, Part of the wall in Herbert's room papered The milk room in the ice house white washed. We planted pumpkin seeds this forenoon-

Saturday 15- Mr Vinton went to Waseca to make arrangements for the funeral of Mr Dunn's mother who died last Thursday night at her own near Wilton & is to be buried at Waseca today Col. Dunn is to come on the ten o'clock train to night & come home with Mr V. Herbert went

with his grandfather & rode back with the Dunns before dark- Letter to R. & postal to Mrs Dailey-

Sunday 16 a sprinkle of rain last night- A. & Col. Dunn came last night before twelve o'clock. Letter from Simon to A. Note from Nancy Humphrey- Wilfred took the Col. back to town to night to take a night train west- starting on an inspecting trip- to be gone a month. Herbert went with the Dunns to a Sunday school at the Plummer school house- Letter to Helen & undeliverable ambrotype

Monday 17- a warm day & lightening this evening but not looking like rain- The ground is like ashes- A barrel of water put on the garden to night.

Tuesday 18- A hot day after the nice little shower last night- The Dibble & daughter came this afternoon- he expecting to stay two or three days to work on the hog house- but it was decided not to have him do the work before next week- a later & they went home, Austin went to town to mill- Letters from Col Dunn & Will- The Col. stayed at W. till yesterday afternoon instead of going on on Sunday night- that train having been taken off-

Wed. 19- Another shower of rain last night and terrific thunder & lightning. The day has been bright & pleasant- Mr Vinton went to W. to meet Maj. & Mrs Dailey from Minneapolis- They came about four o'clock-

Thurs 20- More rain last night than night before & now there is good hope that the drouth is broken This afternoon Mr Burket from Owatonna came & brought Mrs Christie who is visiting A. also Mrs Abbot

her daughter Mrs Burkett & Mrs Sawyer, Mr B. is to come to take Mrs Christie back to A. Letter from Col Drum from Fort Pierre to Mr Anton

Friday 21 a cool day. a little fire in my room most of the day, Mr Burkett came again to day to take Mrs Christie back to Cuestorina. His son a boy of fourteen came with him & went back on horseback, leading a horse behind the buggy coming up.

Saturday 22 Mr Dibble & Herbert went to town after dinner. Letters from W. & one from Alice Wight to R. a pleasant day. First green currants picked

Sunday 23 a rather cool but pleasant day. Mr. A. the man & Herbert went to the Plumm school house to S.S. Austin took Mrs Daily to ride, after they came back, I. rode down as far as the school house.

Monday 24 Austin went to Mr Wilkens beyond Cuestorina. came home before dark, a little sprinkle of rain just at night. Mr Reynolds came to work on the hog house about 10 o'clock. Mr. Dibble came this afternoon to go to work tomorrow, a note to Alice W in Mr's letter. Dora making a white apron, pieced from Mrs Daily.

Tuesday 25 The men working at the new building. Wilfred went to Wasseca this afternoon to get lime & nails. Letter from R. we look for her Thursday or Friday. Black clouds thunder & lightning. but very little rain. Dr Ware came about five o'clock to stay over night.

Wed 26 The Dr went back to Cuestorina about ten, The work on the new building progresses. A. & W. helping most of the time

Thurs 27 Mr Tipton & Mr Daily went to Wasseca this afternoon to meet sisters Rosie & Julia who came in on the afternoon train from Vernon. &c

Friday 28 a very warm day. The two men & A. & W. have

been busy on the new building. & we in the house have been busy visiting.

Saturday 29 a hot day, Wilfred took a load to Worthington, back on a wagon. Price $22½ Mr Dibble went home with W. Later, Mr Anton took Mr & Mrs Daily to town, to take the afternoon train to Minneapolis. Wilfred brought Rosie & Julias trunks. Mr Reynolds went home at noon.

Sunday 30 Austin Julia & I went to take Ida home, or near there. This afternoon we had a beautiful little shower of rain. Ida came back at dark. The day has been very hot. No one went to church.

Monday July 1st A large washing done. another hot day. Miss Eva Dibble brought her father over to do a little more work on the new building very warm till after a little shower which came a little afternoon when there was a sudden change of weather. Mr Dibble not feeling very well, Wilfred took him home after supper. Ironing & baking done. A German came to help hoe corn.

Tuesday 2 a cool day. a little fire this morning & this afternoon. The German here again to day. The man & Ida have gone away to spend the 4th with their friends

Wed 3

Thursday 4 went with Austin, R. J. & Herbert riding. we thought of going to Wasseca but decided to go another day instead. Independence day. a pleasant cool day,

Friday 5 The German worked yesterday & to day in the corn. Wilfred & Ada went to Cuestorina, The wind has blown very hard all day. a good many apples have blown off. several quarts of currants picked.

Saturday 6 a very hot day 92°. no rain, no rain, but high winds yesterday & to day. Wilfred came home last night after 11 o'clock leaving Ada at Mr Cons. & went to Wasseca

to day with wheat, to mill took some green apples, windfalls sold a bushel left some to sell or to be sold & brought some of them home, brought home a wire mattress. Letter from Mrs Daily & Gadon mail for the rest of the family

Sunday 7 It has been a very hot day, above 90. Lightning comes out of a cloud in the north to night & we hope it means rain. Herbert went with the Drums to S.S.

Monday 8 A fine rain this afternoon began with thunder & lightning & a black sky but proved a beautiful rain. The elder moved & several quarts of currants picked

Tuesday 9 Spent the forenoon in canning currants & green apples. A telegram from Col. Drum, telling us to expect him tomorrow.

Wed. 10 Mr Winton went to Waseca to meet Col. Drum who came from the west on the noon train Dr. Ware came up this afternoon is staying with us to night. It has been a cool beautiful day. Letter to Gordon Postal to Willy.

Thursday 11 A wonderfully pleasant day. The Dr. went back to Owatonna this morning. He has probably made us his last visit before going to N. York to live as he expects to start next week. Wilfred has gone to Waseca to night to a reception for Mr Starr at Mr Comes's

Friday 12 Wilfred came home last night about 12 bringing Mr Starr with him who went back today when Mr Winton took Col. Drum over to go to St. Paul. Green peas for dinner first time.

Sat. 13 Wilfred went this afternoon to Mr Cass's after a doctor. Dr. Ware came to night quite unexpectedly from Waseca where he had been on business a little raining to night. A few quarts of currants picked & last night & to day three quarts of raspberries.

Sunday 14. The Dr. stayed till after dinner. The day

has been cool & pleasant. Herbert went to S.S. with the Drums. Wilfred & Ada came home before dark. They went to Smuck in Owatonna.

Monday 15 Had an attack of palpitation this forenoon lasting an hour or more. another can of currants put up, & one of raspberries. Mr John Preston & his niece Josephine Preston here to tea. A little mowing done. grass very light. a large washing done & dried.

Tuesday 16 Mr Winton N. K. Jr & Herbert went to the Park this morning came home before dark leaving N. to stay still tomorrow night.

Wed. 17 A powerful rain this morning beginning about daylight. Both cisterns were filled & the water had to be turned off. The ground has at last been thoroughly soaked. We were to have gone over to the Park to day but the roads must be very soft. The rain continued perhaps two hours.

Thurs' 18 The Drums went to the Park. sister N. did not come home with them as we expected. It has been a very hot day, in the nineties. The men have worked on the new building shingling, & were obliged to stop work for awhile owing to the heat.

Tues' 23 Last Friday N. & I. went to Waseca to stay a day or two to go to the Park stopping at the Grant House Mr W. took us to the grounds, where we found the Pavilion filled with Christian Endeavor societies mostly from Rochester. They all left the grounds to take the seven o'clock train home. In the evening a Mr Underhill gave miscellaneous readings, & the St. Paul Quartette music & singing. At the close, took the bus back to the G. House. next forenoon went shopping. then back to dinner then in the bus to the Park where there was nothing to see or hear till evening, when a Miss Oliver gave a lecture on Burns & recitations from his poems.

at the close of the lecture, back again to town in the bus, with Miss Oliver the only other passenger. We took supper at the Park Hostel both Friday & Saturday night. Then was a heavy rain during Saturday night. Sunday morning walked to church & then home with Wilfred & Herbert who drove to the G. House for our baggage. Saturday, W. & his father brought a new reaper Harvester home. yesterday it was set up & to day they are cutting grain with it south of the house. Two men here yesterday to dinner & supper who came to help put the new machine together. Green corn & new potatoes for dinner, to day, also lemon pie which Julia made this forenoon.

Wed. 24. Austin & Rupert to town this afternoon. More twine for the new binder. a sack of sugar, & a water carrier, were among the errands. A letter from Gordon. Letter to Willy & one from R. to E.

Thurs. 25. Cutting oats again to day. Quite a hard shower of rain about supper time. The machine agent with Mr Pugh, here this forenoon.

Friday 26. wheat & oats sowed together, cut this forenoon, this afternoon, wheat. warm growing weather. a small load of hay cut & put into the barn. Ida went home to night to be gone till Sunday night. Mr. Drum brought the mail.

Saturday 27. We finished cutting wheat. Mr Vinton, R. J. & Herbert went to town this afternoon. Letter from Willy & letters to other members of the family the magazines & papers.

Sunday 28, Mr & A. went to church. Our pastor Mr Smith goes away tomorrow to Michigan on a four weeks vacation. We had a little shower late this afternoon. Ida came back before dark.

Monday 29. a good day for harvesting. cool & part of the day cloudy. R. Drum brought home a new Harvester & binder.

Tuesday 30. Mr & Mrs Hawkes & little Julia came this forenoon. Stayed till about five o'clock. The grain cutting finished & the binder put away.

Wed 31. A wheat stack made, Eight loads. signs of rain to night. The Drum girls came in this afternoon.

Thursday Aug' 1st. The rest of the wheat stacked & an oat stack begun, a slight shower of rain about four, this morning.

Monday 5th. Last Friday the 2nd Austin sister R. Herbert & I went to Norwood (with the boy Happy Jenny & Vic.) after dinner, R. & I went to see a dressmaker, Miss Forbes, then did a little shopping, after which we called at Mr Prestons, then started home, when about half way home one of the horses Jenny, in fighting flies put her leg over the buggy tongue & then began to kick when both became unmanageable, ran & whirled about, breaking the tongue & other parts of the buggy. throwing out first Mr Vinton & Herbert, in another moment I followed striking the ground with great force. A few more leaps of the horses & sister Roxie was thrown with violence to the ground, & on getting up found her right arm was broken at the wrist. as soon as we were all out the horses freed themselves from the buggy & ran home, Mr Vinton & Herbert started on to the nearest neighbors for help found a man on horseback who went to Mr Daniels'. Mr Peter Daniels came at once to tell Wilfred where we were, The horses had just got home without having injured themselves & broken

the harness, & he, at once hitched them on to the light buggy & came to us at the top of their speed. Mean time Mrs D. & her brother had taken their horse & buggy & got to us a little before Wilfred did & Mr Dunn came soon after. We went right on to Wauseca after a doctor & we sisters, & I rode home with Mrs Daniels & her Robinson her brother. Mr Dunn following with Mr Brinton, H. & the luggage. The doctor Dr. Young came in an hour or two, administered ether & did up the broken wrist, Mr & Mrs Dunn being here to help. It was done & the Dr. gone & the house quiet at eleven o'clock or a little after. Saturday the doctor came again bringing Josephine Preston again. Yesterday bringing Mrs Young. To day came alone. We hope the broken arm is doing as well as we could expect. I have been a good deal troubled with the cords of my neck being lame & sore & my right arm was quite badly bruised. Herbert was a little lame in one foot that night & the next day & Mr Brinton lamer than usual, from his long walk. Saturday Wilfred & his father went to town taking the broken buggy for repairs. Wilfred & man are very busy stacking oats, very favorable weather for stacking. Letters to day to Mrs Dailey & to Gordon, postal to Will, letter to him Saturday. Telegrams & letters sent Col Drumm & other friends.

Tuesday 6 + The Dr. came before dinner, took off the bandages from the arm & dressed it anew, R. is quite comfortable. Mary Dunn came in this afternoon & Agnes Dunn later. More oats stacked

Wed. 7 + A dark cloudy & somewhat rainy morning We, & man brought one load of oats to the barn but owing to the rain drew the load into the barn instead of stacking it. Willy came just before supper time quite unexpected, rode with Peter Daniels from Owasca. The Dr. came late this afternoon, Josephine Preston came with him again.

Thurs 8 + It warm afternoon. The Dr. did not come till late, found the arm doing well apparently. Telegram & letter have come from Col. Drumm. Wilfred took Willy to the station about noon, to take the train home. We were very glad he could make us even a short visit. We had thunder this morning & a little rain.

Friday 9 + The last of the grain stacked, & a little mowing done. Mrs Bennet came with the Dr. to night. Mr Brinton took two fat hogs to the station. Cucumbers first of this week. Green peas for dinner second growth or some vines.

Saturday 10 + Mr Brinton & Herbert went to town after dinner came home about dark. Mr & Mrs Hawke came again this afternoon. Mrs Preston came over with the Dr. Letter to Mrs Dailey, postal to Will.

Sunday 11 + A very pleasant day. Wilfred, Ada & Herbert went to the Plummer S. house to a meeting & S. S. Dr. Young's son Carl, came with him this afternoon.

Monday 12 + Haying to day, usual load drawn into the barn. The Dr. brought the mail again. Letter from Gordon, sent postcards to Will & Gordon, R.'s arm is improving.

Tuesday 13 + Wm & men helped Peter Daniels thresh this forenoon, August helped Herman Johnson this afternoon. Josephine Preston came again with the Dr. Ada & Herbert went up to the woods & picked nearly two quarts of blackberries. Wilfred picked a few two or three days ago the first for years. Letters from Col D. & Simonds R.

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Wed. 14 — Mowing, & some hay put up & some drawn
+ Dr. Young brought his little granddaughter this afternoon.

Thursday 15. a gentle shower this morning. Haying this afternoon, Mrs Dunn called this afternoon, Mrs. Walter Child rode over with the Dr. to day, H. Dunn brought the mail, another letter from Simon to his mother

Friday 16 — A good day for the haying. Josephine came with the Dr. Mrs H. Dunn called. Letter from Chas Dailey. Letter to Mr Starr. Ida went to a wedding Austin carried her home after breakfast.

Saturday 17 another good day for haying. Mr Brinton & H. went to town brought home two gal. crocks for pickles, Postals to Mrs Dailey & Will, Postal from W. Dr. Young did not come to day. Mrs Lindquist a Swedewoman came in to say, it was not necessary for the doctor to visit her child again.

Sunday 18 The Dr. & Mrs Young came & brought their
+ little granddaughter, W. A. & Herbert went to S. S. & preaching at the Plumas S. house. Heavy thunder & lightning & rain after they came home.

Monday 19 no doctor to day. The day has been very hot & rain is threatened. This evening several loads of hay put into the barn. The creamery Co. at Waseca has failed. & we are undecided what to do with our cream. Johnnie Dunn brought the mail, a letter from Gordon working doctr & died, Mosquito bar put on two dining room windows to keep the flies off the outside of the windows very hot to night.

Tuesday 20 The Dr. came this afternoon, bringing Josephine &
+ Miss Nettie Miller. W. & man drew hay this forenoon, helped Mr Dunn thresh this afternoon, Began making a crock of cucumber pickles in alcohol & water. We put alcohol five parts water,

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(blackberries again, day a two ago, a churning done, W. & H. picked a quart or two

Wed. 21 — much cooler weather. mowing & drawing hay. A. & A. & Herbert went up to the woods & found a few more blackberries. Agnes D. called again.

Thurs. 22 another fine day for haying. Dr. Young came
+ & brought Mrs Child again.

Friday 23 Austin & Herbert went to town took several about 7 bushels of Duchess apples to market, $1.00 a bushel, sent a few to Mrs Daily & a little sweet corn. Letter to Hattie & postals to Mrs Daily & Willy, Postal from W.

Saturday 24 Fine hay weather continues, We said to night, 42 loads in all, had been put up. There are two stacks besides what is in the barn. First ripe tomatoes two days ago. Put up six cans of stewed apples, last night & this morning. we also put some to drying. The Dr. brought his sons wife & her two children this afternoon.

Sunday 25 W. A. & H. went to S. S. when they came back We took Julia out to ride. R. comes down every day now before dinner, walks about out doors but her arm doesn't get on as fast as we had hoped. the wound continues to discharge more or less & to night a poultice is thought best to put it again.

Monday 26 Haying continued, cloudy & some sprinkling for
+ part of the day but We dried her white clothes, more Duchess apples put to drying, Miss Jenny Bennett came with the Dr. Lucy D. called.

Tuesday 27 — Mowing finished north of the road. Mr Johnson & boys, from Waseca out shooting prairie chickens. Agnes D. called. Julia & I. rode over to Mrs Daniels this evening after supper, drove in to Mr Dunns on the way, carried them both a few Duchess apples, Saw Mrs Daniels chickens she has about 250, has sold 40. & more.

Wed, 28_ a windy day & very warm, as it was too windy to draw hay_ the man drew manure, we helped pick the apples_ Mr Winterrow plowed, Mr Hawker rode over with the Dr. Letter from Mrs. Dailey_ More apples dried, vinegar made over

Thursday 29_ The weather is very dry again & we are wanting rain_ The haying goes on, & we in the house dry a few apples every day, R. comes down stairs every day before dinner carries her arm in a sling & on a little pillow. most of the Duchess apples were gathered yesterday_ about four or five bushels_ in all, perhaps one hundred had twenty twenty bushels.

Friday 30_ very hot weather three days_ The Dr. did not come to day as expected_ Mary Dunn & Mary Clement called_ Mary Dunn came to the door again this morning with the mail. wrote to Mrs Stevens & to Gordon, Letters to night for R. & J._ More apples dried_

Sat, 31_ Austin & R. went to town_ Letter to Mrs Stevens & to Gordon, postal to Dr, another hot day. Dr came alone this afternoon_ a fire in Wavers this week_ two or three barns & Mr Birks ice house burned_ a siene full of small apples dried

Sunday Sept. 1st_ W. R. J. & H. went to church_ Willy & Emma & Julia came up from Owatonna C. has come to live in O. for the winter to send J. to school. Dr. R. did not come to day. Hot & dry.

Mond. 2_ Willy, E. & J. went back to O. early this morning, The Dr. brought his little granddaughter. Wilfred & sister Julia have gone to Waseca to night to attend a concert, cloudy & rainy this forenoon, very little rain fell however Wilfred & Herbert went to Owatonna to take

Ines. 3_ a load of hay_ The Stoughton place for Emma's horse, She has rented a room in the S. house for the winter & is to keep a horse. Lucy Dunn called this afternoon. Dried crab apples a steaming done

Wed, 4_ The haying finished, & the mowing except a little in the road. more apples put to dry. Ironing finished_ pies & loaf cake baked & coffee parched_ a boiled dinner_ Letter from Helen. Letter from Gordon two days ago. a little rain_

Dr. brought his son's wife & their two children & Maid in the carriage. Thurs_ 5th_ Austin, R. & Julia went to Owatonna took dinner with Emma & Julia V. Col. Dunn came with the Dr, this afternoon, Hannah Hawkes also rode over with them, R. has had rather an uncomfortable time with her arm, It has not been doing so well the last two or three days, threatening to suppurate & break out in a new place.

Friday 6_ Charles Vinton & wife came this forenoon_ Wilfred took Col D. to Waseca this afternoon to take the train to St. Paul_ R. has not been down stairs to day. Hannah Younglun came over this afternoon

Saturday 7_ Duchess apples prepared for drying this afternoon, Charles went home after dinner_ Cloudy & a little sprinkle of rain. The Dr, did not come_

Sunday 8_ No one went to church_ Mrs Bennet came with the Dr. The arm seems to be doing better than it has been for the last few days, Letter from Gustie Dailey. August, the man, went to see his sister, He went home brought back some lily roots, to send to Mr Pugh.

Monday 9_ Mr & Mrs Case here, Mrs C. to dinner. Mr C. went to Mrs Plummers. The washing done. Sister Julia starts home tomorrow.

Tuesday 10_ Julia went home to day. Wilfred took her to Waseca to take the 1.15 train this afternoon, Henry & Herbert went also went to town_ Dr Young brought

x his mother. Agnes D. called. Letter to Willy, more apples dried.

Wed. 11 A. & W. tried cutting up corn with the binder but failed. Austin went to Waseca this afternoon & brought a couple of corn cutters. Stove set up in K.'s room. Some thunder & a sprinkle of rain. Duchess apples cut up to dry. For the last week or more have been whitening & taking yellow stains out of sheets & other white goods by soaking them in sour milk. Letter from Lizzie High three or four days ago, from Fort Leavenworth.

Thursday 12 Wilfred & man cut up corn, A. plowed, a shinning done, a wet foggy morning, no rain a fine watermelon & a green fleshed muskmelon for dinner, not many apples left & they are becoming too mealy to be good to eat, more dried today.

Friday 13 More corn cutting & plowing. Mrs Earl Young came with the Dr. Postal from sister Julia from Chicago. About the last of the apples dried. Mrs H. Drum came to consult the Dr.

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Saturday 14 Mr Vinton & Herbert went to town after dinner. Postals from sister Julia from Columbus O. & from Petersburg near her home. Put up three cans tomatoes.

Sunday 15 No rain & every thing so dry, wells are dry all about the country & many people drawing water in barels for miles for their cattle. Mr Vinton & Wilfred have gone to Waseca to church this evening, may bring Col Drum back with them. Letter to Curtis Daily, postal to Emma. Fearing a frost, covered the plants & flowers.

Monday 16 Rec'd his father came last night a little after 11 o'clock bringing Col. Drum with them, who is to stay till Wednesday. Letter & postal sent to the office, brought back again. no frost last night vines & things covered again to night.

Tuesday 17 Finished cutting up corn. Getting ready to thresh

x The Dr. came along, Col. D. took up & repotted all the plants, a little frost last night. The first pumpkin stewed.

Wed. 18 Instead of going to Owatonna to the Steele Co. fair as they had intended, Wilfred with the man went to help H. Drum thresh, & Mr Vinton took Col. Drum to Waseca to take the train to St. Paul. Sent the letter to Curtis D. that Mr V. brought back from W. last Sunday night. Letter from Willy to night. Letter from sister Julia to K.

Thursday 19 Mr Vinton, Wilfred & Herbert went to Owatonna to the Steele Co. fair. came home sometime before dark. Gathered the crab apples what few there were left.

Friday 20 Threshing done. 204 bushels of wheat, 825 bushels of oats, mixed oats & wheat, 321 bushels., 14 horses & 18 men, eighteen to do the threshing.

Sat. 21 Short letter to Mr Drum & postals to Curtis Daily & Willy. W. & man helped Burney Sodaber thresh. Three of the threshers stayed here last night. K. did up her own and for the first time bathed & bound it up again. Borrowed oats taken to Mr Drum & to Mr Dan Cielsky

Sunday 22 No one went to church. The Dr. has not been here till to day, since last Tuesday. His son Earl, came with him. A little sprinkle of rain just after Herbert started to Sunday school riding Polly. Ida went home, August also went to see some of his friends. Mail from Mr Dunn's this morning. Letter from Mrs Stevens & half a dozen letters to other members of the family.

Monday 23 A washing done, but Ida could not dry her clothes for the first time in many months. It has rained but a little, tho' now at bed time it is gently but steadily raining. Guy Drum brought a dressed turkey to K.

Tuesday 24 The thirty second anniversary of the marriage

of Col. Dunn & sister Roxie. The Col. came from St Paul on the noon train & Mr Vinton brought him over, we were also expecting Augusta Dailey to come with him but owing to circumstances her visit was deferred. The rain last night was a light one, Mr Roland took a spell called.

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Saturday 5 Nellie Stoughton & Julia Brinton came up to day, getting here just before noon & starting home at half past four. W. helped Mr Dunn thrash this forenoon & August all day. A. plowed

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kerosine oil. Had another attack of palpitation which lasted an hour & a half. The stove moved from my room into the parlor & the one from the dining room to mine to stay till weather is cold enough to use the coal stove. Letter to Willy. The last of the potatoes put in the cellar except a few in the garden

Friday 11 Wilfred, Ada & Gustie rode over to Peter Daniels & Mrs Nelson Daniels. Josephine Vinton & a friend of hers a young man from Denver called this afternoon.

Saturday 12 Mr Vinton & Wilfred went to Owatonna took a small load of straw for bedding for Emmas horse, brought home a new cookstove. Harry Humphrey came just at dark drove from Faribault after four o'clock.

Sunday 13. Wilfred, Harry & Herbert went to church, after dinner, Herbert went to S. S. Geo. Collins came in, about noon staid to dinner. An express box came from Julia Stevens Day, we suppose it is from her.

Monday 14 Another fine day. W. & man helped H. Drum on his house which he is having repaired. Harry H. started home after breakfast.

Tuesday 15 Mr Vinton went to Town being on the grand jury. Letter from Julia Stevens Day. & Letter for R. & Gustie. Women to night & has been looking like rain. Vegetables put in the cellar & Cabbages buried in the garden.

Wed. 16 The seventeenth anniversary of Willy's marriage Mr Vinton went to W. again. Dr. Young here this morning.

Thursday 17. Wilfred & man helped Peter Daniels thresh

Friday 18 Wilfred & Ada went to Owatonna this morning. W. came back after dark

leaving A. to stay a week. Letter from Willy, a stunning time.

Saturday 19 Wilfred & his father made over a wagon box, man husked corn, Peter Daniels brought a load of clover & left to be threshed with ours when the machine comes to do it.

Sunday 20 Wilfred, Nanny & Herbert went to church, Mr Smith exchanged with Mr Foot the Baptist minister, Dr. Young came about noon, alone.

Monday 21 German Boede has husked husk corn, washing done & dried. Letter yesterday to Julia Stevens Day.

Tuesday 22 Corn husking again. Mr & Mrs Smith came just before dinner went home about four.

Thursday 24 Owing to not being well last night neglected writing in my book, am having a hard cold & cough. The German continues to help in the husking. Wilfred took four hogs to the station, sold yesterday @ $3,25 a hundred

Friday 25 Looked a little for Col Drum. A cloudy, rather damp day but no real rain. My cold rather better.

Saturday 26 Wilfred & Herbert went to Waseca, expected to bring Col. D. but he is to come in on the 10 o'clock train to night & come over tomorrow. The clover huller came just at night & threshed out what little we had & a load Peter Daniels had here, only one bushel each, 75 ct a bushel for threshing. Herbert came home with a new suit of clothes. Note from Henry Humphrey, postal from Willy.

Sunday 27. Col. Drum came last night about midnight rode over with H. Drum, Wilfred, H. & Gustie rode over to German Sannamans, got some flaxseed for my cold.

Mond 28 My cold seems better this evening. Mr Vinton took the Col. to W. to take the afternoon train to St Paul.

Tuesday 29 Washing done. Dr, Young came & brought Mrs Preston,

Wed, 30 The corn husking nearly finished except what is cut up. Find a curtain to put up in the dining room.

Thurs 31 The last load of the standing corn, husked. W. took Gustie to town this afternoon to take the 4 o'clock train for Minneapolis. Letter to Henry H. & to Emma. Beans threshed.

Friday November 1st It was raining a little this morning & had rained in the night but little has fallen in all, Tonight it is snowing quite fast. The first snow we have had, but we are glad to have moisture of any kind.

Saturday 2 The ground white with snow this morning & a good part of it remains. Wilfred & Herbert were to have gone to Owatonna to day if the weather had been favorable, The men have worked about the hog house making & putting in doors & windows. & churning done yesterday.

Sunday 3 A quiet day. Mail this morning from Mrs Dunn's. Letters & papers for R. portal from Will. Part of the little snow that fell, still left.

Monday 4 The coal stove set up in my room, not much change in the weather. Mr Dunn brought the mail Letter from Emma, washing done & dried

Tuesday 5 Wilfred went to Wasca to mill & to do errands, found the roads very bad, both rough & slippery. Letter from Gustie D.

Wed. 6 Wilfred & Herbert went to Owatonna after dinner to come home tomorrow & bring Ada am making a grey woolen shirt for A.

Thurs, 7 Wilfred, Ada & Herbert came home just at dark Mr B. plowed this afternoon

Friday 8 Col. Drum came this afternoon, Willy Clement brought him over, we were not looking for him till tomorrow, Have taken another cold & am not feeling well this evening.

Saturday 9 Jim Britton took the Col. & R. to town to take the afternoon train to St Paul, the first time R. has been away since the accident, the 2d Aug

Sunday 10 Wilfred & Herbert went early to Owatonna to church & to see Willy, who came there from home yesterday, Ma. & H. came home rather late this evening. Clement home as usual.

Monday 11 a cloudy, rather cold day, & snowing to night Mr Britton has plowed & W. & man husked in the cut up corn. am feeling better this evening, than for several days, washing done & dried.

Tuesday 12 a light snow fell last night. The men have drawn the shocks of corn from the field & husked them in the barn, then was snow enough on them to make it wet, disagreable husking. Finished A.s, grey flannel shirt. The fire in the coal stove went out this morning about four o'clock, & Im B. had a tiresome piece of work getting it started again.

Wed. 13 More corn drawn to the barn & husked, weather quite mild most of the snow again thawed off but a little more is falling this evening. The colts (four) ran off early last evening & were gone till this morning, when they came back. without having been hunted for, tho' W. & man did go as far as the school house last night.

Thurs. 14 Two inches of snow this morning, mail this morning from Mr Dunn's, Postal from the Col.

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Friday 15 The men have been busy with the corn. H. Dunn brought the mail. Letters from Col. D. portal from W, & papers. from Gordon & from Col. D.

Saturday 16 The men finished drawing the cut up corn to the barn, & most of it is husked. another churning done. Package of tea from St Paul.

Sunday 17 Willy's 42nd birthday. A bright pleasant day. The ground is white with snow but there is very little of it. August went to his uncles rode the Polly mare, Ida also went home wrote to Willy.

Monday 18 Another pleasant day. Mr Vinton plowed awhile or until the plow broke & is to taken to town to be mended, or part of it. Wilfred & man cleaned out a ditch back in the fields somewhere. wrote to Emma & cut & made a pair of mittens. Washing done.

Tuesday 19 Mr Vinton went to town to mill. Letters to Willy & to Emma, & also notes to R. & Gurlis in W's letters. a pleasant day. The bars taken off all the windows & front of the windows washed. Finished a pair of socks for Wilfred mended mittens &c. A. brought home another sack of sugar.

Wed. 20 August plowed. Ironing & more windows washed. Have not been feeling very well but busy most of the day mending &c. mail to night by way of H. Dunn, no letters.

Thurs 21 Plowing again & docking about the hog house, making little docks. In the house a little ironing, a little baking, a few things washed, two or three chickens killed & dressed, coffee parched &c, Ada visited the school. Has been making a calico dress.

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Friday 22 Good weather continues, no snow, The men busy making a sheep shed. Ida cleaned the pantry. Have written to Gordon this evening.

Saturday 23 Another pleasant, men worked at the sheepshed Ida has been busy all day getting the work about the house done & went home to night to be gone a week. Mail from Mr Dunn's, Letters from Willy, Emma, Helen, & from Col. D. & others for the family, & a large number of papers, received from Gordon. Letter to R, & to Gordon.

Sunday 24 Wilfred, R. & Herbert went to church. Mr Merrill is holding a series of meetings in Waseca & preached to day. Mrs Bush who has played the organ in church for years, start tomorrow for California.

Mond. 25 Good weather continues. A. & W. worked on the sheep shed, man drawing out manure.

Tues 26 The sheep shed finished & the barn yard cleared of old trash. Letter from Col. D. & letter from Simon to R. Made another pair of cloth mittens.

Wed. 27 My sixty seventh birth day. Mr Vinton went to town. Quite a snowy day & at times looking quite blizzardy ~~at times~~. Letter with R. to St Paul.

Thurs, 28 Thanksgiving day. Mr Vinton & Wilfred went fine a six miles over south to see about a sheep Mr & Mrs Case called at the door, on their way to Mrs Plumers, Mr V. went towards night after towards Waseca & brought home a sheep. Oysters for dinner. Ida not being here to dress the turkey, we saved it for Christmas, wrote to Helen. We last took dinner with the Dunn boys.

Friday 29 Mr & Mrs Case & Ellen, called this afternoon on their way home from Mrs Plumers, Last night & before R. & Wilfred came in this evening to get help tomorrow to raise a wind mill at neighbor Reuter's.

Saturday 30. This morning, Wilfred & man went up to Mr Reuters to help raise the beam of a windmill this afternoon a beef killed & a quarter taken to Peter Daniels.

Sunday, December 1st. Wilfred & Herbert went to church, Mrs Burbidge not go to California, but is to go to Tennessee instead. Letters from Col. Dunn & Willy.

Mond. 2. We took a load of hogs to the station for B. Saddabier, this forenoon, Hee & his father have cut up the beef this afternoon & evening Ida came back this morning, & has washed but could not dry the clothes, weather misty or a little raining, which ended with a flurry of snow.

Tues. 3. Wilfred & man have worked getting wood on the land John Hanby grubbed last summer.

Wed. 4. A gloomy day & raining a little this morning & thawing. Mr. Dunn brought the mail this evening. Letter to A. from Col. D. & one from R. written with her left hand, The magazines, Scribners, Atlantic, Harpers & Century & papers, several.

Thurs 5th. We & his father went to Mr Dunn's, August in drawing out manure, broke the wagon an old one. Brine for the beef, made this evening & the fresh beef taken to the ice house to be kept. Tallow tried out.

Friday 6. Mr Vinton & Wm went to Somerset to a Mr Bailey's, a pleasant day. The Dunn boys here this evening.

Saturday 7. August Wilfred & Herbert went to town. Letter to Willy. Letters from W. & Gordon.

Jefferson Davis died yesterday the 6th, aged 81

Sun 8. Roads muddy, no one went to church, Ida went home, came back between 8 & 9 o'clock.

Monday 9. Bright & pleasant till towards night, washing done & dried. Churning this afternoon, Wm & his father worked at mending a wagon.

Great fire in Lynn Mass. on the 26 of last month, & another in Boston on Thanksgiving day, the 28. The loss in Lynn, $10,000,000. in B. $5,000,000 on the night of the 30. the Minneapolis Tribune building was burned, several lives were lost & $500,000 worth of property destroyed

Tuesday 10. Rained a little during last night & has been a gloomy day. Rufus Sutliff brought the mail. Letters from Gertie Dailey, & Josephine Preston to M.

Wed. 11. Wilfred 46th birthday. The school teacher Miss Thompson is staying here to night. The day has been pleasant. Yesterday, & last evening, nine chickens were killed in the hen house by a mink. We set a trap & caught him, sometime during the night.

Thursday 12. Letters to R. & Emma, Wm & his father worked around the barn, August still drawing out manure.

Friday 13. Colder a little, several degrees below freezing. The men busy about the barn, fixing up cattle shed, putting chaff about the well & pump to keep it from freezing. This afternoon wood drawn.

Saturday 14. Wilfred & Herbert went to Owatonna, brought home Herbert's pictures. Mail to night from Mr Dunn's Letter from Col. D. & a large number of papers from Simon & others.

Sunday 15. Ida went home as usual, has just returned, No one went to church. A very mild pleasant day. There being no snow it hardly seemed at all like a day in winter but the roads are rough.

Monday 16. Mr Vinton went to town, Wm went over to stay a few days at Mr Reuters, Muddy roads & a gloomy day, foggy & damp. Ida could not dry the washing. Wilfred & Ida put a quilt on the frames this afternoon &

Tuesday 17 - Rained slowly through a part of last night & has been foggy & gloomy all day. A little quilting done. Mr V. & Wilfred made a coal bin in the cellar. August plowed this afternoon, the ground a little frozen on the north side of a knoll, the rest very good plowing he said.

Wed 18 - Mr Vinton went to town to bring K. home but she decided not to come. Had another attack of palpitation this forenoon & have not felt as well since this afternoon, nothing done to the quilt. Letters to Mrs Stevens & K. Letter from Willy

Thursday 19 - Snow enough to whiten the ground has fallen this afternoon. The part of a load of coal brought home monday, put into the new coal bin in the cellar. August plowed this forenoon, Two leaches set up in the back kitchen. Helped Ida do a little more quilting. Ada also helping

Friday 20 - Soap made, a barrel & two half barrel putty filled. A bright, pleasant day, a churning done.

Sat, 21 - Wilfred went to town K. Sutliff rode with him brought K. home. Quite a snow storm this afternoon, now at bed time it is four inches or more deep. Sent Wilfred & Herbert photos to Mrs Stevens & Julia Day. Xmas cards to Mrs Parker, Mrs Leach, & to Julia Vinton. Letter from Col Drum

Sund 22 - The day has been pleasant & mild but not warm enough to melt the snow, & quite a number of sleighs have gone past back & forth. Herbert went with the Drums to the Pleimen school house to a meeting but the minister & people failed to come.

Monday 23 - V. has been twice to the station with wheat. 67 c's K. Drum brought from the express office a

for us
Christmas box from our friends, the Daileys,

Tuesday 24 - Mr V. took Ida home this morning to be gone till after New Years, August also went away after dinner, what snow we had nearly all went off during last night. W. drew his wheat yesterday on a sled, to day the roads were so muddy Mrs V. gave up going to town. Letter from Mrs & C. Dailey, Letter to Mr Vinton from Col Drum, W. took a small load of grain to John S. Gordie's to be ground for feed.

Wed. 25 - Christmas day. We have been quite by ourselves & have passed a quiet day. It has been pleasant most of the day tho now & rough roads. Very few Germans have gone by to church. Have written to Mrs Dailey.

Thurs 26 - Mr Vinton went to town. Letter to Minneapolis & La Cross, & to Col. Drum, Wilfred rode horseback to the station.

Friday 27 - A mild bright day. Wilfred & his father have found something to do at the barn most of the day. We do as little in the house as possible, meals must be made ready & the milk taken care of.

Saturday 28 - Cloudy day, rainy to night. K. Sutliff brought us mail & packages from Mr Dunn, Christmas box from Helen, & express package from St Paul. Letters from Col. Drum Willy & Gordie

a box of books Herbert sent for came to night.

Sunday 29 - A good deal of wind & rain during last night this morning colder & a little snow.

Mond. 30 - 20 fat hogs taken to the station, they were small weighed 4300 lbs, $3,20 a hundred Peter Daniels took one load W. & his father the other two. Have been working on the quilt. Letters to K. & Helen, postals &c. Thaw is a little bit of snow, our folks used sleds to day.

Tuesday 31 - Mr Vinton went to town. J. & Walter Dunn & Thos Nelson Daniels rode over with him. Poor sleighing.

Last day of 1889.

Wednesday, Jan. 1st 1890. Mrs Plumer, Mr & Mrs B. Case & Ellen Cast spent the evening here, weather clear & quite cold this evening. August came back last night, having been gone since last Tuesday (week)

Thursday 2 wood drawing. mail by H. Dunn. Letter from Col. Dunn. Mr V. brought home a load of coal (1040 lbs) Tuesday,

Friday 3 more wood drawn this afternoon, Straw drawn into the barn this forenoon, very cold last night. 11° below. much warmer to night. The Dunn girls & their uncle R. Sitty here this evening. Ida came back to night.

Saturday 4. Wilfred went over to see Mr John Daniels, who is ill, mail from Mr Dunn's The magazines Century, Cottens & Scribner, & roll of papers from Col. D. Letter to R. snowing a little to night. Mr V. has stayed in the house with a cold

Sunday 5. The weather seems more wintery, is colder & more windy. When W. went over to see Mr Daniels this morning, he was not much better. Letter from Mrs Dailey.

Monday 6 Mr Daniels is not expected to live. Joe Brain came last night at midnight to ask Wilfred to go over there, fearing he would not live till morning. W. went over & stayed till morning. has been over again to day. H. Dunn has stayed there all day, Mr Dunn & R. Sitty are to stay with them to night. Mr V. feels keeps him in the house, but is no worse with R.

Tuesday 7 Mr Daniels died last night about midnight. They came for Wilfred & he went over, coming back at four o'clock this morning, went to Town to day with Peter Daniels, a P. went with him The funeral is to be at the house tomorrow Letter to Emma, postal to Willy, a few lines in

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Mrs. letters to Gordon & R. Letter from Col. Dunn to R,

Wed 8 Mr Daniels was buried to day. After coming home last night from town, Peter Daniels was taken sick & the doctor sent for in the night. He was too sick to get up to day, but is better this evening. W. has just been over there

Thurs 9 W. & Ada went over this morn, to see how the Ds, were, & W. drove over south to get a girl for them, but didn't find one. The family two or three of which are ailing, are better, if no worse. August is drawing out manure there last few days when he get time from barn chores.

Friday 10 Mr Vinton & Wilfred went to Owatonna to get the horses shod, two teams. a cattle buyer here to day. Have spent the day repairing my plaid (dress) woolen a letter to Willy. several loads of hogs passed going to the station, some wagons-some sleighs, Our folk went to O. with a sleigh, the small one, & traded it off for large bob sleds-

Saturday 11 Mr V. & W. went to town with two teams, brought home a load of coal & one of feed, Letter from Col. D. & from Mrs Leach, an Album to R. from Gordon

Sunday 12 It has snowed a little all day & toward night & this evening, there has been a good deal of wind & I think we shall see some drifts in the morning. Ida did not go home. Young Zimmerman drove in to the yard to enquire about ice.

Monday 13 Mr Vinton went to town & brought home a load of bran, Letter to Col. D. & below I. snow drifted a little last night. Postal from Will.

Tuesday 14 The first load of ice drawn. W. went over to goose lake with John Scholljegerdis, made a new road & struck out to new road which is

a little shorter than the old road, Have been busy most of the day mending different articles, an over coat, mittens, underclothes &c

Thursday 16. Yesterday, the 15th, had another attack of palpitation which lasted about six hours. Four loads of ice drawn yesterday & same number to-day. 22° below 0 this morning, here, 25° at Mr Dunns

Friday 17 Four more loads of ice, a very pleasant day & not so cold as yesterday. Herbert rode over to Mr Dunns to night after school to get the mail. A letter from sister K. written with her right hand again. Another photo of Mr H. B. Doty. Peter Daniels drove to the door this afternoon.

Saturday 18. Still another four loads of ice making 17 loads. Mail by H. Drum, Photos of Mr & Mrs Stevens, packages of papers from Gordon to K.

Sunday 19. a pleasant winter day, & a day of rest. Mr Vinton took Ida home this morning August Larson brought her back this evening. The wind is blowing to night & there are signs of a storm, There have been blizzards & destructive winds in many parts of the country recently.

Monday 20 - Wilfred & man drew two loads of ice. The wind last night brought no storm or snow drifts. The creamery man came as usual. He comes twice every week from Owatonna a German, a Mr Lippert.

Tuesday 21, 22° below 0 this morning, 20, now at bed time. Mr Vinton & Wilfred went to town to the Farmers Institute. no mail, H. Drum called this afternoon, Letter to Mrs Stevens & to Willy

Wednes' 22 Wilfred & his father went over to the institute again, just before noon Willy came in

Had come up from Owatonna on the train to Meiden station & walked over stayed till four o'clock when August took him back to the station to go back to Oc & home tomorrow. It is snowing & blowing this evening a rough night 20° below 0 this morning - about 8 just at night.

Thursday 23. Wilfred went with Tommy Dunn this afternoon to Neosca to get the doctor for Mary Dunn who has a bad sore throat. Letter to Mrs Phia Stevens Day no big drifts, but snow sifted into roads enough to make bad traveling.

Friday 24 A very blizzardy day, no teams passing. Herbert was taken to, & brought from school, Mary D. is better, The doctor came over to see her to day, a churning done.

Saturday 25 - a mild & quiet day after the wind of yesterday. Sent letters by K. Sutliff to Col. D. & to Mrs Leach. Letter from Willy. snow did not drift much yesterday

Sunday 26 another mild pleasant day, Ida went home has just returned. The day spent in reading & resting

Monday 27. Four loads of ice drawn. a couple of fresh fish purchased of a man fishing through the ice on Goose lake, mail by H. Drum, Letter from Col. D. washing done, Evan mended here made cushion for rocking chair, H. D. took two cows to town, sold the two for $53, together with their calves.

Tuesday 28 The last two loads of ice drawn, making 25 loads in all.

Wed. 29 - The ice packed away, a pig killed, made a few additions to scrap books.

Thurs' 30 - Mr D. & Wilfred went to Owatonna, not Willy who had been there a day or two again, owing to Emma's illness, He is to take E. to her father's at Dodge Center, tomorrow if she is able to go.

Friday 31 much of the snow went off yesterday, but it turned colder last night & the sleighing is not all gone. worked at scrap book yesterday & to day.

Saturday February 1st Wilfred went to town brought home a load of feed. Letter from R. & postal from Willy. Made a comfort for a poor family. Letter from Col D. to R.

Sunday 2 It has thawed all day & the sleighing must be spoiled. August went away as well as Ida, both came back to night. Sun has shone fast of the day.

Monday 3 warm & thawing & a little raining this evening. Heard this evening that Mr Abbott of Warren has diphtheria. Our pastors Mr Smith little boy died a week ago of that dreadful disease, & we fear it may spread. Hone made some additions to & picture scrap book,

Tuesday 4 The wind is blowing a gale to night. Mrs Peter Daniels & little girl spent the afternoon here. Has thawed all day again, & the ground is nearly bare.

Wed. 5 Wilfred & man worked up in the woods this afternoon getting out wood. Lucy Drum called after school. Drum boys here this evening

Thurs. 6 Letter from R. written with her right hand. Letter & postal from Will. & letter from Julia Vinton to Wilfred, a little more scrap book work men here worked at the wood. H. D. called.

Friday 7 Wilfred & man still working at the wood. A flurry of snow in the air at different times & a high wind to night. Magazines came Century & Scribner

Saturday 8 a bright, rather cold day, several loads of hay drawn

into the barn. Letter to Willy. & Julia Vinton.

Sunday 9 a quiet day. Last Monday the 3d. Secretary Tracy's house in Washington was burned & his wife & daughter lost their lives, the daughter being suffocated & Mrs Tracy falling from an upper window to the ground

Monday 10 a washing done. A load of grain taken to John Scholfield's to be ground for feed. Sleighs are used, but there is really no sleighing, a little, ice here & there, does duty for sleighing. A letter to Gordon sent by Burt Case, wrote to Mrs Dailey.

Tuesday 11 Wilfred & man worked at the wood getting it out ready to draw to the house, B. Case called at the door again, on his way home from his father's. Have been busy sewing, mending & ironing done.

Wed 12 Mr Vinton & sister H. went to Mr Hawkes's Jay went with a sleigh, but there is really no sleighing, some wagons & some sleighs are used, Letter from Willy with news of the death of little Effie Gower, William Gowers daughter, Hannah Youngs here this afternoon, Ida helped me piece together an old dress for a bedquilt. sent letter to Mrs Dailey.

Thurs 13 Mr Vinton went to Mr Burkes & to Warren, warm, & the ice that did for sleighing, has melted very fast,

Friday 14 The men busy chopping & sawing wood in the back yard.

Sat, 15 Austin & Wo, went to town, Had an attack of palpitation which lasted from 11 o'clock till half past 3, W. has sick headache to night, a warm day,

Postal from W. Sun. 16 Moderate weather, Herbert has a bad cough,

Mond, 17 Mr Vinton went to town, brought home some Plymouth Rock chickens from Mr Dickens, Wilfred went over to help the Daniels draw ice, Letter from R. to H.

Tuesday 18 Quite a cold day, The men cleaned out & made

new roosts in the hen house, Lucy & Agnes Dunn with their uncle Rufus Sat 31 went yesterday up into the northern part of the state to a place called Two Rivers, to be gone two weeks, I believe- Four chickens killed & dressed

Wed. 19- A little snow fell this afternoon. W. & mon worked at the wood in the back yard. Herbert's cough kept him out of school, Ida has been busy repairing plaid woolen dress,

Thurs. 20- "Charley" Colaghorn is staying with us to night, is canvassing for a book. He brought our mail from Mr Dunn's.

Friday 21- Have drawn into the barn, cold, last night & to day.

Saturday 22- A mild day- wood chopping in the yard- W. & his father went up to H. Drums & German Reuters- The school kept to day.

Sunday 23- A quiet, restful day, Ida went home & has just returned, after eight o'clock. August seems to have quite a hand cold-

Monday 24- A washing done- cream man young Lippet here.

Tuesday 25. a stormy day- snow enough to make a little sleighing again, made a pair of cloth mittens, & finished an apron.

Wed. 26, another stormy day, Wilfred drew a load of ice, as he had time, & wished to leave that in the ice house undisturbed as long as possible, Herbert spent most of the day, mending

Thursday 27. August has been ailing all day, has influenza we think, complains of his head & of being chilly- has taken powders & quinine, Mail to night from Mr Dunn's Letter from R. & papers & letters to the rest of the family. a little more snow last night & snowy this morning-

Friday 28- A quiet day August is better has sat by the stove in dining room all day. W. & his father have done the chores, or work around the barn-

Saturday March 1st- Weather still, but cold. 19° below 0- this morning, Began piecing a crazy covering of sateen, for a sofa cushion.

Sunday 2nd a day of rest, Ida went home & came back to night to say she wished to go home again to stay over tomorrow to help entertain company.

Monday 3- Wilfred went to town took a load of wheat- Postal from Willy- & several papers

Tuesday 4- a pleasant, winter day, The Dunn girls returned from their trip up north, Finished the sateen cushion, Ida came back this morning, washed & dried the clothes

Wed. 5 Mr Vinton & Wilfred went to Owatonna found Dr. Gowen there attending to his duties as pension examiner of pension applicants Miss Thompson the school teacher & Johnnie Dunn came in this evening. Made another chair cushion,

Thursday 6- Had an attack of palpitation lasting an hour

Friday 7 Mr Vinton went to Waseca, brought Mrs Case home, The school closed with an exhibition on a small scale, W. & Q. R. & Ida, drove down, Miss Thompson is to teach the next term-

Saturday 8, Wilfred took Mrs Case to the station this afternoon, Herbert went home with her to stay two or three days, Letter to R.

Sunday 9- We have rained Herbert to day, It has snowed most of the afternoon with a strong wind from the south, Ida walked home, her father brought her back, We have all spent the day in reading-

Monday 10- Ma. went to town after a load of feed, Ada went with him to Mr Daniels & stayed till he came back to night; a churning done instead of the washing. warm & thawing all day. Wilfred went to town with a sleigh- but wheels would have been better Letter from Willy- & from K. to H. Postal from Herbert

Tuesday 11- Town meeting day, neither Mr Winton or Wilfred went to town meeting, a warm pleasant day. Ino the morning was cloudy. Washing done, Heave been making a black & white silk pin cushion yesterday & to day,

Wed. 12- Wilfred went to the station after Herbert They have been breaking the colt Roi

Thurs. 13- Mr Winton went to town, Letter from Kate by Mr Dunn, this morning. This afternoon we had a furious snow storm, but it lasted only a short time. Another can of kerosine oil

Friday 14- Mr Dunn came in for a few hours- wood drawn -cold winter weather-

Saturday 15- Ma. & H. went to Mr Doneys, The hogs have been sold for $3,65 a hundred, to be taken to the station Monday-

Sunday 16- Heave a hard cold- have coughed a good deal & had sore throat last night, am hoarse to night, & lungs somewhat sore,

Monday 17- Afternoon, Pa & August took the hogs to the station, weight 3. 30,45.

Wed. 19- Yesterday, Mr Winton took Wilfred to Warren to serve as juror during court week & it may hold over another week, Heave been in bed most of the time for the last three days, am somewhat better to day, August has gone to the station on horseback, to change a unanimated pair of boots, a man by name Washburn from

Centennial Mon day selling or canvassing for one of Stanley's book.

Friday 21- Not having been well for the last few days, have not written regularly- a churning was done yesterday, This forenoon the snow fell very fast for an hour or so, but it soon disappeared & the afternoon has been very mild, it is warm at bed time, freezing a little-

Saturday 22 Mr Winton went to town, brought home a load of feed, Wilfred was not ready to come home with him, came later with Mr Dunn., Letter to Willy, Century & Scribner magazines came- Heard of the death of Gen. Crook in Chicago

Sunday 23- Ida went home, came back at nine o'clock Dining room chimney burned out to night

Monday 24- Mr Winton took Wilfred to town again this morning to resume his duties as juryman, Ma P, came home about one o'clock We have had quite a nice rain this afternoon.

Tuesday 25- A rough day, snowy & blizzardy this forenoon, Agnes Dunn came & stayed to tea, Wilfred came home before dark, rode with German Simonon.

Wed 26- The last of the hay drawn into the barn. Herbert rode over to Mr Dunns to night to get the mail, but Johnnie who had been sent to town for it, had not returned We are making sheets & pillow cases, in these days, Jobbie a new bolt of muslin of 48 yds & 42 inches wide-

Thursday 27- Had an attack of palpitation lasting from seven o'clock in the morning till half past one.

Friday 28- Letter from K. telling us to expect her next Monday yesterday was a very stormy day, snow & wind. To day has been pleasant & much of the snow of yesterday disappeared, We rode over to see a Mr Johnson, a Swede living a mile or two away,

Saturday 29 Wilfred & Herbert went to town. Another note from R. News in the papers of a terrible cyclone in Kentucky & Illinois, great destruction of life & property in Louisville & other towns.

Sunday 30 A pleasant but not very warm day. Ida went home & has just returned.

Monday 31 Mr Brintzer went to town this morning to meet sister R. on the train from St Paul, H. Dunn & his daughters, Agnes & Lucy rode over with Mr B. the girls to stay over to a teachers examination. Postal to Willy

Tuesday April 1st Wilfred & his father & Herbert went over to Johns to get a milk box he, J. has been making & which we is to take to Owasca to have lined with zinc or tinned zinc,

Wed, 2 Wilfred took the new milk box to town had it lined & brought it home & also brought R's large trunk which was left at the depot the other day.

Thursday 3 This has been a somber day, raining much of the afternoon & continuing this evening. We painted the new milk box.

Friday 4 a bright pleasant day after the rain. Mrs Peter Daniels & little girl here this afternoon. Johnnie Dunn brought the mail, Ltr from Gordon, postal from Emma, Ltr from Col. D. to R.

Saturday 5 Col. Dunn came late this afternoon quite unexpectedly, drove Mr Clements home from Owasca. The new milk box used for the first time

Sunday 6 Col. D. & R. walked up to H. Dunn's this afternoon.

Monday 7 A thunder shower this afternoon, Col. D. went to Owasca after dinner to take the train

to St Paul. We finished sowing wheat, only about six acres.

Tuesday 8 Find myself with another cold am again taking a dose of quinine & putting salt pork on my lungs. The washing put off yesterday, done today.

Sunday 13 Have been quite unwell since last Tuesday & have neglected writing altogether. Have opened every morning but have lain down most of the time. Mr B. went to Wa yesterday & had Dr. Young come over to see me, gave me remedies for bronchial & other troubles. Belle Sudduth rode over with the Dr. Mrs Dunn came in. One of our Swede neighbors an elderly man, by name Johnson, was fatally injured one day last week while at work on his farm, by his team running away with a harrow. He died yesterday morning, is to be buried tomorrow. During the last few days W. & man have been plowing & harrowing & putting in grain, oats & wheat together I believe.

Friday 18 During all the week thus not in bed, have lain down most of the time & do not feel much better yet, cough more or less & am troubled with shortness of breath. Wilfred & man are plowing north of the road, Mr B. putting in lettuce seed & radish, garden not plowed yet. Ida went to the funeral last Monday, came back after midnight. Mr & Mrs Smith called last Tuesday, the gray mare have each a colt, one a week old, the other a little more than a day, the latter was ailing yesterday & Mr Dunn came over to see it. Rain is needed. Fine weather & ground in good condition for getting in crops. Hannah Youngkun here yesterday. A German Charles Schoultz came here Wed, & traded horses with our folks.

Monday 21 W. & man have been putting in oats across the road, finished plowing the piece, Sat. Mr V. went to town Sat, with Jas Dunn brought letter from Willy, & sent him a postal Ida went home yesterday & to a meeting last night came back in the night sometime, postal to Hebe Sat, cloudy & looking like rain, am feeling rather better to day.

Wed, 23 morning, a fine shower of rain last night about bedtime, W. & man finished sowing & harrowing the field across the road yesterday afternoon. Evening, It has been a beautiful day, The piece of ground sowed last fall to winter wheat & which failed to grow, was to day sowed to wheat & oats, am feeling a little better each day, have been up, most of the day,

Monday 28 I do not seem to get much better, some days a little better & then not so well, Last Thurs W. & man took a couple of yearlings they had sold, to town, Friday Dr. Cummings came over to see Ada, & also prescribed for me, Saturday a couple of pigs were ~~killed~~ killed, some peas & potatoes have been put in the garden & a few other things, but we need rain, There are one or two young lambs at the barn Yesterday W. N. & Herbert went to church, It must be about a week since Ada has been down stairs, Mr V. is down cellar this morning cutting up the pigs killed Sat, The day is pleasant, Idas washing. Evening, Mrs Plumer & Mrs Lindsay here this afternoon & Miss Thompson, the teacher, called after school—

Wed. 31 Yesterday the 29 Mrs Daniels & her little girl called. To day, Mr Winters went to town, Letter to Helen & postal to Willy, W, & man drawing manure on to the corn ground. Telegram from Col Dunn, he is to come Friday

Thursday May 1st afternoon, Have not felt as well to day as most of yesterday, Had an attack of palpitation yesterday afternoon, & have not been quite so well since, John Chambers from Owatonna here today did not come into the house,

Sunday 4 Last Friday Mr V. & R. went to town & brought Col. Dunn home, It was a very windy day— R. walked to the school house, it was Arbor day & they had some exercises suitable to the day. Yesterday, Saturday, we had a big turkey for dinner weighed 20 lbs after it was dressed, 25, before had been fed on corn & milk for weeks, we had a quiet rain this morning about daylight, which soon turned into a shower of snow which continued five or six hours, much of it melting as it fell tho' a good deal of it remains the lilac bushes evergreens &c. being quite loaded down with it, Mercury has ranged from 36, to as low as 28 during the day

Monday 5 This morning Mr Winters took Col. Dunn to Owatonna, to go to St Paul this afternoon, The day has been pleasant-cold this morning 29°, The snow has all disappeared, W. & man have worked at the corn ground, washing done. W. wrote to Willy,

Tuesday 6 a little snow or hail fell during the day, men plowing corn ground, Lucy Dunn brought in a pail full of dandelions for greens R. gathered enough for dinner several days ago, Mr Abernathy here to talk about a windmill.

Wed. 7 Sat out on the back porch in the sunshine & watched Wilfred go back & forth in his plowing

Thursday 8 Mr Vinton went to town with Johnny Dunn & their team to get the corn planter fixed, a warm day. Ada's room cleaned, she staying in the room during the day, Have walked about a little more to day, but need an appetite which seems very slow to come.

Friday 9 Charley Slaghan came home with Mr V. last night & stayed till after dinner to day, we had a fine rain this forenoon, after dinner Mr Vinton went to Owatonna to bring Julia Vinton to stay with us a day or two, perhaps till Monday morning. August is finishing plowing the corn ground this afternoon, Ida is getting dandelion greens ready for dinner tomorrow, Looked a little for Dr Cummings to day,

Sunday 11 Dr. Cummings came yesterday forenoon, W. began planting corn Saturday, yesterday with the corn planter. Mr V. & Julia came Friday night about dark, Mrs Dunn called yesterday

Monday 12 Mr Vinton went to Owatonna this morning to take Julia back to school. brought home several hundred about Lbs 300 of barbed wire. The horse bought of Charles Schoults, sold for $80. Thunder & lightning about 3 o'clock this morning, & a little rain. Corn planting again

Tuesday 13 Mr Vinton took three hogs to the stock weight 1200, $3.60 per hundred, corn planting

Friday 16 R. was expecting to go to St Paul to day but received a telegram from Col. D. yesterday not to go. Mr V. went to Waseca yesterday brought home a load of feed or bran, & a folding bed, The big field of corn finished Wed. 14 & two acres of sweet corn wire fence building to day, Parlor cleaned yesterday. High wind all day, Ada has

has not been down stairs in about four weeks, is dressed every day & walks about her room, but does not feel well enough to go up & down stairs.

Monday 19 Last Sat, Wilfred & Herbert went to town, Mr V. & man finishing the wire fence, a nice gentle rain in afternoon, Sunday, yesterday Mr V. took Ida home after dinner, when he came back, I rode down to the barn & back. Later Mr & Mrs B. Cease called. To day, Ida is washing, R. getting dinner. Looking like rain

Tuesday 20 W. & man worked at clearing off the small piece of corn ground next to Sol Babies land. a rather gentle rain is falling to night. corn & potatoes put in the garden. German Tinker from Waseca here to buy some beeves.

Wed, 21 A nice rain during last night & a great encouragement to farmers. weather still cool.

Thurs, 22 another fine rain this morning, The potatoes taken out of the cellar two wagon loads & more, There is no sale for them & they will be fed out to whatever will eat them. Agnes & Lucy Dunn are here helping Herbert plant his flower seeds,

Friday 23 My room cleaned & the wood stove set up. W. walked over to John ------ gerdis, a fine growing time.

Sat, 24 Herbert's eleventh birthday. Mr V. & R, went to town after dinner, another rain this morning, Wilfred planted the small field to corn, he has been getting ready, about two acres, Mrs George Wood called late this afternoon, & Agnes Dunn with her baby sister came in.

Monday 26, Yesterday, Willy & Emma drove up from Owatonna & stayed till this morning A little rain yesterday morning again I rode out again this afternoon, Mr Lee the assessor here this afternoon,

Tuesday 27 Rained most of the forenoon & a little this afternoon. The most of the wire window bars put on, R.'s room cleaned, a one horse hammer fixed up out of pieces,

Wed. 28 a very windy day, Ida swept R.'s room

Thursday 29 The Belle was sick in the afternoon. They gave her soda in water first, then peppermint & lastly laudanum & camphor, & she was soon better, churning, rode out again a little ways towards the woods, Ada also rode out 86° above 0.

Friday 30 Decoration day. R. has gone to St Paul, went to town this morning with Mr Brinton & Herbert, A very hard wind this morning about three o'clock. Wasseca creamery took here this morning first time for our cream. The first day without fire in my room, 76° now at five o'clock P.M. another hired man for a few days

Saturday 31 Mr Brinton, Wilfred & Herbert went to town took two fat cows, weighed 2550, #2¾ per hundred, about 70 dollars #70.19 - Letter to Will, The two men worked at clearing the new land, Paper from Godon

Sunday June 1st Herbert began going to S. S. at the Plumer School House. Rode the Polly mare, August & the new man gone most of the day.

Monday 2 Ida did not get back till after breakfast this morning. Another man W. Shoults, helping in the land clearing, Thunder & a little rain this afternoon yesterday.

Wed. 4 Ida washed windows & did some other work instead of ironing, cooking done now in back kitchen To-day we have had a powerful rain, & a good deal of thunder & lightning, Mr Brinton is busy in these days taking the census, is enumerator for this town, Woodville, went to Wasseca to day, was hindered most of the afternoon by the rain, The men worked yesterday & this forenoon at the clearing & an hour or two after dinner, Letter from R. yesterday, & to day a box of wine from Col. Drum,

Thurs 5 Quite a rainy day, & yet no hard showers, Mr B. went to day through the Buker & Dickens neighborhood a breaking team began work on the new land this afternoon, Expected Dr. Cummings to day but he did not come

Friday 6 Dr. Cummings came this afternoon, The breaking team worked again all day, The man Lewy, who has worked six days went away at noon wages, 75 cts a day, The Shoultsman worked but two or three days,

Saturday 7 Mr B. away again all day, came home through Wasseca. Postal from Emma, Letter from R. to R. a fine day, breakers at work again, W. worked in garden, plowed ground & put in melons & cucumbers, Began taking Hypophosphites, Letter from Will to Wilfred,

Sunday 8 Wilfred & Herbert went to church, came back by the Plumer S. House, where Herbert stayed to S.S. & his father came home, H. riding home with Mr Daniels & family, a perfect day as was last Sunday, Letter from Will written a week ago, Ida went home at noon, Children's day.

Monday 9 Things as usual, Mr B. still at work in the enumerating southwest part of the town, I rode out when he went away this morning & when he came back to night, cloudy & sprinkling several times to day but no real rain, Breakers have just gone home for the night, The washing done

Wed 11 Yesterday was a sombre day, not the best little rain & all, The breakers finished their work, 5 acres & a

little over, Heaumont felt as well for the last two or three days. Mr. went to town this morning & had Dr. C. come over, the Dr. came & went before noon by Mr Vinton started after dinner into the north part of the town, Ida is cleaning the guest chamber. The last week or two Ada has been able to come down stairs & walk about out of doors. Letter from R.

Thurs 12 A very pleasant day, Mr & Mrs Case came this forenoon, went on down to Mrs Plumers came back middle of the afternoon & Mr C. went home leaving Mrs C. to go home Saturday. Mr V. went over north again to day, Ida cleaned Ada's closet.

German Schoults here planting corn on the new breaking - August working in the corn.

Friday 13 Rain - thunder & lightning this morning, but cleared off before noon & Mr V. went away to his work, ~~to Cova~~, W. Schoults came again this afternoon to help plant corn on the new piece. Mary Dunn called.

Sat 14 A rainy day, Mr V. W. Mrs Case & Herbert, were intending to go to town this morning, but were prevented by the rain. W. took Mrs C. to the station this afternoon to take the 5 o'clock train to Owatonna, cabbages set out.

Monday 16 Felt too unwell yesterday to write, & have not been as well as usual to day, a German Butter here shearing sheep. The washing done & a letter to Gordon, to Willy, & postal to Emma, (R. not to

Wed 18 another rain this morning, after it was over, Wilfred & Herbert went to Owatonna to attend the closing exercises of Pillsbury academy - a churning done yesterday, & yesterday the 17, was the 14th anniversary of Wilfreds marriage.

Friday 20 Yesterday 19th Austin was 73 years old, It was a dark cloudy day, with now & then a little rain. It has not been pleasant to day, but no rain, W. & man both cultivating corn,

Saturday 21 Another louvering day, Circus at Owatonna, no one patronized it from here except August tho' there had been talk of taking Herbert to see the wild animals, (there being also a menagerie along) as well as the horses. Letters from R. Willy & Gordon.

Sunday 22 A beautiful day, Wilfred & Herbert have gone to the Plumer school house to S. S. & preaching Willy's store was burglarized last Tuesday night, the 17th while he was in Owatonna, forty or fifty dollars worth of property was taken, no clue to the thieves.

Tuesday 24 Yesterday afternoon, we had the most powerful rain we have had for years, accompanied by vivid lightning & heavy thunder, Hail fell at intervals not enough to injure the crops very much we hope. The water in the usually dry run, east of the barn, rushed along like a small river, across the road & over the bridge. To day is pleasant & bright & very warm, between 80 & 90°. Notwithstanding the great rain fall. W. & man, are cultivating corn on a hill piece, this afternoon, Mr Vinton did not come home last night, owing to the storm probably, The enumerating must be nearly done, Ida has taken up the hall matting upstairs, & stair carpet & put them down again. Washing done yesterday, dried to day.

Wed 25 Mrs Daniels came over this afternoon to practice singing with the children, a hot day 94°. Letter from Gordon

Thursday 26. another hot day. + all last night the heat kept up. Mr B. has been to Mr Daniels + Branes. R. went with Sum to Mr D.'s. Neane been up stairs to day looking over boxes + bags, + Ida swept + regulated the trunk room.

Friday 27. Between 98 + 100°. to day + is still very warm this evening. Mr Brinton has come home with the enumerating finished. Mr Truesdale called a few minutes this forenoon. Letters from Helen, + Gordon. My closet cleaned.

Saturday 28 Wilfred + Hebert went to town. a hot day, 100° in town. Mr + Mrs Frank Adams, from Clinton, here to dinner.

Sunday 29. W. + H. got ready to go to sunday school but a shower kept them at home + it is now at 5 o'clock raining again while the sun is shining. another letter last night from Gordon in Ohio where he + his wife have been called by her mother's illness. Ida went home this forenoon, the man also gone.

Monday 30 a shower this morning. Washing done + dried. Lucy Drum came in this afternoon took our mail to Maiden station. Letters to Helen + Gordon. A. + W. worked in garden part the afternoon, the grass in the yard mowed in forenoon.

Tuesday July 1st The last day of the school + the contest for the Donald't medal, which was awarded Hebert. Mrs Hawke + her two daughters Annie + Julia came. Mrs H. stayed with me while the rest of the family went to the school house, Mrs Case + Ellen C. also came, Mrs C. stays all night. E. went to Mr Plumers.

Wed. 2. Mr Brinton has had rheumatism in his shoulder, is better to night. W. + man worked on the road. Ellen C. came back this morning + they went home this forenoon.

Thursday 3. Ida went home before noon, to stay till Sunday night. Mr Brinton went to town, + brought H + K. home. W. worked on the road, August has gone away to night to spend the 4th.

Friday 4. A cool pleasant day. Hebert is spending part of the day with the Drum children, is to go up there this evening with his fire works + have his fun with them.

Saturday 5th another rain to day, Wilfred has gone to town this afternoon.

Sunday 6 a rainy hot afternoon. Wilfred Ida + Hebert went to preaching + S.S. I rode out as far as the old Blohm place, Ida came at dark.

Monday 7 90° + more above 0 - work on the road + August in the corn. a washing done + dried. several quarts strawberries picked, strawberry short cake yesterday for dinner.

Tuesday 8 much cooler weather, 64° now at sundown. Wilfred + Ida went this afternoon to see Ida's sister Tillie, about fixing a dress, a churning done.

Wed. 9 Mr B. went to town, sent skirt to Lewis Comma to have fixed. Letter from Gordon. R. made strawberry shortcake for tea. Two quarts picked to day.

Friday 11. Mr Brinton + Wilfred went to town. Quit raising this afternoon, a fruit tree peddler drove in, + two other men in a carriage later.

Wed. 16 Last Sat. the 12. H. R. + I. went with Mr Brinton to Warren to stay a few days, to attend the Assembly at Mapleswood Park

During our stay, (R. at Mr Hawkes' & Mr Prentiss, R. & S. at the Grant House) we heard Talmage, Thomas K. Beecher, Professor Freeman, & Frank Beard in one of his chalk talks. Mr V. after hearing Talmages lecture Sat. came home, Herbert was also with us, & came back with his grandpa, Wilfred & Ada too went over in the covered buggy Sat. afternoon & came home after the lecture, Mr V. went after us yesterday & we came home before night, Sunday evening the 13. while we were at the Park, there were threatning clouds, thunder & lightning & one or two showers, but at Red Wing & lake Pepin, there was a terrible storm. a boat load of people were blown over & nearly a hundred and fifty of them drowned. Farther north, houses were blown down & several persons killed.

Thursday 17. Haying began monday, & the barn doors were hung. Joline helping to do it. Agnes Drum came in to spend the afternoon. mowing finished & some mowing done. small washing done

Friday 18. Six loads of hay drawn in & a half days work of mowing. The wool sent off Wed; Green peas for dinner. Two quarts raspberries picked. Busy most of the day sewing.

Sat. 19. The haying going on. Letter from Willy & one from Gordon to R. also roll of paper from G.

Sunday 20. Wilfred Ada & Herbert went to the Park this morning, have not yet returned. Ida went home. Green peas again for dinner.

Monday 21. Mr Vinton mowed most of the forenoon & then took us R. R. & myself to the Park where we heard a lecture by Bishop Vincent. we came

home before dark leaving R. to stay the week out probably. It rained a little, most of the way home & continues to rain gently this evening. W. & man have been drawing hay into the barn most of the day. Achening done.

Tues 22. A gloomy day. Mr V. went out to mow but found the grass too wet. A washing done but clothes not dried. We picked over currants. R. gathered yesterday morning.

Wed. 23. Mr. went to Warren took a calf to the butcher, & a grist to mill, came home early & has worked in the hayfield this afternoon, broke a wagon tongue. Mr V. is mowing, a pleasant day. Letter to Willy. Ida put up seven quart cans of currants.

Thurs. 24. not a good hay day, tho no rain fell till about six o'clock, when we had a smart shower, lasting only a few minutes, made & put on a new cover for a foot stool. Many Dunn with her little sister Belle, drove into the yard.

Friday, 25. A better day for the haying. Late, a shower just at (night

Sat, 26. A good day. Mr V. starting to town, about four o'clock. Opens to Emma & Gordon. The barn is full of hay & they are building the first stack this afternoon.

Sunday, 27. a nice day. Wilfred & Ada went to the Plumer schoolhouse to hear Mr Clemens. Herbert went on horseback. early in to Sunday school. August gone all day. Ida went home as usual, R. came home last night with Mr Vinton.

Mond, 28. a windy day. putting a stop to haying & harvesting although the moon is shining. it is lightening quite sharp & thundering this evening. Washing done. A good many apples blown off.

Tuesday 29 Good weather- no rain last night- followed the thunder & lightning. A haystack finished this forenoon. The reaper taken in to the field but broke at first, & Wilfred has gone to town since four o'clock to get a piece of casting.

Wed: 30 another windy day, & more apples blown off. Sent some of the apples to the neighbors yesterday & to day. Mr Cone & his daughter called at the door this morning on their way to see his son at the Plumers place on their way back called a little while. They too took home some of the apples, we are also drying the apples. The last of the currants picked & canned, making in all, only about a dozen quarts, 14 quarts after they were canned no jelly, hope to have a few fulums. They have run the reaper all day in spite of the wind, cutting wheat.

Thurs: 31- A good day for harvesting. The grain nearly finished in the fields south of the house. More apples dried- a churning done-

Friday Aug/ 1st Mrs Preston, her daughter, Josephine & Miss Martin a friend of theirs from Chicago, came over & spent the day. Simon came in the afternoon with H. Dunn, will stay till Sunday evening.

Saturday 2 A good day, Ha Dunn with his binder & his two boys, Harry & Andrew to help shock up the grain, helped our folks in in the field south of the house. Simon went out with a gun- killed a prairie chicken. Miss Thompson, (who is in the neighborhood to train the children to speak this week & the institute in Waseca) spent the afternoon with us.

Sunday 3. A good deal of rain, W. was to have taken R. & S. to Waseca this afternoon to be ready for the early morning train to St. Paul, but the rain prevented their going.

Monday 4- W. finished cutting the grain. Mr Brinton took R. & Simon to town for the 4 o'clock P.M. train. Miss Thompson came this forenoon with the children to rehearse for tomorrow. Mr B. brought- Miss T. from the S. House, here & took her to Mr Daniels. We have heard that the storm yesterday was very severe in Utica- destroying some fields of corn & injuring the lowcut grain. Washing done.

Tuesday 5 W. R. & Herbert went to town after dinner, or about two o' clock, Mr B. went later with Mr Dunn, all going to the Park to hear the children go through their little exercises to night. August has been shocking up grain that was cut Saturday & which got very wet in the rain Sunday. The last of the green windfall apples that we are to use, cut for drying. Ironing done. Letter to Godar.

Wed: 6- We has cut oats for H. Dunn with the binder & August to shock up. Made vinegar. Our folks got home last night about half past twelve.

Thurs: 7 The first stack, a wheat stack, put up. Looking to night very much like rain. Short letter from R. Am making a new tick for cotton mattress.

Friday 8- More stacking. No rain last night.

Saturday 9- Another good day & more stacking done. The cotton put in the tick & the mattress partly tied. Discouraging reports from all over the country of the damage done to crops by hail & wind, last Sunday.

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Sunday 10 a very pleasant day, W. A & Herbert went to meeting at Plumber school house, Mr V. wrote to Dr. Ware, took Ida home early enough for her to go to church,

Monday 11 Still stacking, & good weather. Letter to Willy. Letter yesterday from R. washing done Mr Wilker from Aweatonna, called, our old neighbor

Tuesday 12 a rainy cloudy day, no stacking done, one load of oats brought in & left on the wagon. Wilfred has gone to town this afternoon. A letter to R. Had an attack of palpitation about the time W. started to town, lasting two hours.

Wed; 13 Stacking continued. Ida washed windows.

Thurs; 14 A bright morning, the men are stacking oats north of the barn. Herbert has taken his mother to Mrs Plumer's, drove the Polly mare on the buggy

Friday 15 another good day. Josephine Preston & Edith Claflin came quite early this forenoon, J. P. is to home & does here in vacation. Mr Vinton went to town after dinner. Pay for wool received. 26 cts a pound, $30. a barrel of apples sold for one dollar.

Saturday 16 Rained enough last night to prevent stacking to day. men have been busy drawing out manure filling up an old well, trimming trees &c.

Sunday 17 a pleasant, cool day, W. A. August & Herbert went to meeting at the Plumer S. house Ida went home.

Monday 18 a rainy day, one load of grain was drawn this morning & then it began to rain, The washing done, but the clothes could not be dried. Letters from Col, Drum, R. & Willy last week.

Tuesday 19 a pleasant day, W. has been breaking

(north of the road)

out some pieces of ground, once plowed, but wet, in wet seasons, August gets to work out manure. W. has been over to Julius Soda-bres, this afternoon to take back a plow, Ada went home with him to Mr Daniels. Finished a skirt.

Wed. 20 A stack made this forenoon tho it sprinkled before it was finished & continued to rain slowly most of the afternoon. Josephine Preston came bringing Mrs Martin about one o'clock. Mrs M. stayed with us while J. went to the school house to attend to her class, Cotton hose blankets washed & mended, sewing finished.

Thurs 21 Had feather bed tick washed & another bed quilt made ready to quilt. weather cold & cloudy this forenoon, sunshine & wind this afternoon to dry out the grain which remains to be stacked.

Friday 22 Mr Vinton went to town & to Mr Hawkes. Letter from Dr. Ware. Letter to Willy. A good day for stacking. Letter from R.

Sat. 23 Another raining day. Mr Hawkes & Charley came over this afternoon & bought our sheep. Mr Cone drove in this morning on his way to Mrs Plumers after his daughter who has been there on a visit. They stopped at the door on their way back did not come in. John Parsons old German acquaintance called this morning & owing to the rain, stayed till after dinner. It is still raining this evening.

Sunday 24 Dark & gloomy most of the day. Herbert has gone to his Sunday school. Ida did not go home. Wrote to R. The apples tho' small are at their best for the year.

Monday 25. Wilfred + Herbert went to town to take the sheep meeting Mr Hawkes + Allen to help drive them, Herbert went to Mr Hawke's to stay till Wed. Mr Cate + B. Cane here early this morning, washing done + dried, Letter to R. + one each from Gordon + Willy. W. drew home a load of boards.

Tuesday 26. The last stack of grain finished, + haying begun again. Mr R. mowed this afternoon, A. + I made this forenoon around a little pasture for pigs. of the boards brought home yesterday Apples dried, Ironing done + cotton put in a quilt.

Wed. 27. Hay raked + put up + more mowing, a wire fence put round the stacks in the barnyard Herbert came home this afternoon with Mrs Preston. more apples dried, + most of them gathered. a little quilting done.

Thurs. 28. a pretty good hay day, only too windy a part of the day. Eight loads of hay drawn, more apples gathered.

Friday 29. More haying. Wilfred went to town at noon Ada went with him to William Lindsays. The quilt finished. a postal to Will, + a basket of apples sent by express. Five bushels of apples sent to town. W. was to attend a meeting of the Agricultural society.

Saturday 30. Letter from R. last night + postal from Will, a fine day for haying.

Sunday 31. Another pleasant day. H. went to his S.S. + Wilfred + Ada went to meeting at the S. house.

Monday Sept. 1st. a little rain this morning here, + more at Areseca, but the haying went on, + to night rain was threatened again, but the clouds have again cleared away, The last of the Duchess apples gathered, washing done + dried, more apples dried.

Tuesday 2. another day without rain on the hay, August spent a part of the day helping Mr Dunn thresh, + then helped W. get in two loads of hay, more apples dried + a bushel sold to a German who came here on bicycles, This year the apples have been sold for $1.00 a bushel. Ironing done.

Wed. 3. Mr Brinton went to town took a small load of last years wheat, price 88 cts. Simon + his mother came home with him, Postals to Will + Gordon. Letter to Dr Ware.

Friday 5. a new girl came to stay a month, while Ida goes home for a visit + rest. Mrs Latham called to sell a book or books. Simon + Herbert went out after chickens this forenoon, shot one. this afternoon went after filberts + wild grapes. found very few of either.

Saturday 6. Mr R. took Ida home early this morning a hard wind about one or two o'clock last night. + too windy to day to draw hay, + plowing was done instead, most of the crab apples blew off last night + were picked up to day. Simon went out with a gun again killed a rabbit only, there is very little to shoot, prairie chickens very scarce.

Sunday 7. a quiet day. Simon is out by the road talking to H. Dreen + family who has been down to the P. school house to meeting. Herbert + his father + mother also went. The new girl Ida Landquist went home after dinner.

Monday 8 A good day for the hay stacking. Mr Vinton went this afternoon over into the German neighborhood to see about buying some cows. Washing done by the new girl also bread baking.

Tuesday 9 The haying finished the last load drawn & stacked. Mr V, R, Simon & Herbert went to town after dinner. Letter to Julia Vinton Package of papers from Gordon, W. plowed this afternoon, The Dunn children rode into the yard.

Wed. 10 Miss Preston came after dinner & brought Miss Ward who stayed a part of the afternoon & then with Simon walked to the schoolhouse, to back with Miss P.

Thurs 11 Mr. Vinton & Wilfred have gone to Geneva. went this morning, to come back tomorrow, August-1 has plowed in the south field, Agnes Dunn here this afternoon, We are making a comfort for R.

Friday 12. Wilfred & his father got home sometime before night. Another comfort for R. nearly finished. very cold this afternoon & we very much fear a frost tonight & have covered up vines &c. Letter from Gadon with the news of uncle Ros Lane's death.

Saturday 13 A pleasant day, Mr Vinton, Wilfred, Simon & Herbert, went to Owatonna to Barnums circus. The first frost last night.

Sunday 14. Wilfred, R & Simon went to church, expected Col Dunn to come home with them, but he had not come in from St. Paul. Herbert went to his S. S. on horseback, 1

Monday 15. a churning done instead of washing, W. & man drawing out manure, The four cows Mr Vinton & W, bought last week when they went to Geneva, came today. cold & if it clears off, another frost probably.

Tuesday 16 another frost last night not so much as last Friday night. Nettie & Ada went to Owatonna & to Mr Cases. H. Dunn went to Waseca & brought a minister, a Mr Patterson to this house to baptise his youngest child. R, R, & Simon went to the house. R. is to go to St. Paul tomorrow. Washing done. a number of people have passed going to Owatonna to the Steele Co fair. Mr Dunn took several horses.

Wed. 17 Thunder & lightning early this morning & sprinkle of rain, Mrs Preston & son Johnnie came about eleven o'clock went home after tea, Mr V. took R. to town to take the four o'clock train to St. Paul, Wilfred got home a little after eight o'clock.

Thurs. 18 a rainy afternoon, August was to have helped neighbor Reuter thrash, this afternoon but for the rain. an unpleasant day for the fair in Owatonna

Friday 19 a pleasant afternoon. Wilfred & his father went to a Mr Bryant to see about buying a cow. Mr Case called with a Mr Winchip a piano & organ tuner. Put up or canned 8 quarts of crab apples. Made a comfort ready for the batting

Saturday 21 W. plowed & August threshed for Mr Reuter Republican Co. convention at Warren, Simon went to town with H. Dunn, Letter from R. a little washing done

Sunday 21 a pleasant day, Mr Vinton was quite ill the last half of last night with a pain in his side but has been about as usual today. The girl went home before dinner & came back before dark. H. went to S. S. Letter from R.

Monday 22 another fine day, W. & man helped thresh at the Reuters, Simon brought in a number of birds tonight, Washing done.

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Tuesday 23 Wilfred & Simon went to town after dinner took a package, (mattress &c) to send to St. Paul brought home a cow & calf bought for $25 Letter to R. & postal to Will, Letter from R.

Wed' 24 Good weather, Miss Preston brought Miss Grant with her. stid to tea. Mr V, & W. went to Dennamore to an Auction - 14 bushels of potatoes dug.

Thurs' 25. Mr V. & Simon went to the Co fair. Letter to R. Potatoe digging again. 9 hogs sold $3.80 ct a hundred Crabapples dried, Letter from Emma & Julia Tuesday

Friday 26. Mr Vinton, W. & Herbert went to the fair took the bay horses. Vic & Jenny, & Jennys colt, & H. rode the Polly mare, second premium on Polly & the little colt, Ida & her two sisters called this evening Dried, & canned some small apples.

Sat. 27 Mr Britton, Simon & Herbert went to town after dinner Herbert to take the train to Owatonna a barrel of apples from Col. Drum, 47 bushels of potatoes dug, Postal to Will

Sunday 28. A beautiful fall day. The Congl church at Warren has been moved & repaired, & to day rededicated. None of us went over Wilfred has a bad cold & did not feel like riding so far. August went to visit his relations. rode the mare Polly.

Monday 29. Thirty four years ago to day, we arrived here at our Minnesota home. The hogs sold the other day, taken to the station. More potatoes dug. Washing done. Charles Clapham here to night.

Tuesday 30. Wilfred went to Owatonna & to Elinto after Ada & Herbert. Potatoe digging finished, one hundred bushels & more, churning done. Squashes put in the cellar a few more table apples carried.

Wed,

October 1st Simon went to town with Mr Britton to take the afternoon train to St. Paul. Mrs Preston came again with Josephine. Fine weather continues, Threshing coming on soon.

Thursday 2. Mr Britton & Herbert went to Waniota this morning. cloudy, & sprinkling several times this forenoon.

Friday 3. One of the oldest white cows died to day. The girl, Ida Lundquist, went home to night. Gloomy & damp this afternoon. Put up two or three more cans of apples.

Sat. 4. Mr Vinton & Herbert got home from Waniota sometime before night. The Drum girls drove to town stopped at the door with the mail, Letter from Mrs Stevens. postal from Col. Drum. Record of the death of Gordon E. Cole, in England, formerly of Faribault.

Sunday 5. a cloudy day, & this afternoon, rainy, W. & H. went to church, Herbert to S. S. Mr Britton went after Ida & brought her back to stay another year, We are expecting the thrashing machine tomorrow afternoon.

Monday 6. The machine came after dinner, & threshed out four stacks, rather more than 500 bushels of oats.

Tuesday 7. Threshing finished at 7 o'clock to night, 84 bushels of wheat. 1396 bushels of oats (in all), & Succotash. Four of the men stay here to night.

Wed. 8. Julia Vinton 16th birth day. Threshing at H. Drum's. Mr V. & man helped them this forenoon, W. & man this afternoon. Washing done. no rain to prevent drying the clothes.

Friday 10 The clothes dried & Ida is ironing this evening, a new platform made at the south side of the house. Sent by H. Drum yesterday letter to Gadar, & Julia Vinton

He also brought home the sorghum syrup we
were to get or send for, 12 gallons, 35 cts per gallon.
Saturday 11. It has rained nearly all day. Mr Vinton
went to town & brought Col. Drum & R.
who came in from St. Paul on the Friday
evening train & stopped at the Grant House.
Letter from Gordon & package of papers.
Sunday 12 A sombre kind of a day. H. Drum came in to see
his brother. No one went to church. Herbert
went to the school house, but there was no S. School
Monday 13. It rained all through last night & has not been pleasant
to day. The men cleaned & oiled harnesses in
the back kitchen, Had roast beef, sweet potatoes,
onions & Irish potatoes for dinner. Portal to Will
R. is making pillow cases, napkins &c. getting
ready for housekeeping at Fort Yates, Dakota.
Tuesday 14. The Col. went to Minden station with H. Drum.
a large washing done & dried. District school began
yesterday. Letter to night from Helen at Eau Claire,
Portal to Will.
Wed. 15 a pleasant day. Mr Vinton & Col. Drum
trimmed some of the fruit trees. Mrs Preston
brought Mrs Laura Kitridge with her to day.
We have all been busy sewing, making & mending
Thurs. 16. Wilfred went to town. Col. Drum went with him.
They went up to Mr Hawkes to get a sheep to
kill. Letter from Will. They are to come Saturday
17.
Sat, 18. Not feeling well, did not write last night.
Col. D. went out with a gun yesterday, saw
plenty of ducks over where our lake used to
be (& where now there is a little water) but they
were too far off, and there was no boat fit
to go out in. It is cloudy to day. rained
in the night. We are expecting Will, Emma & Julia
this afternoon. Have had a sweet heart for a day or two. have

applied mustard salt pork &c.
Sunday 19. Will & family came yesterday afternoon. Mr
Vinton went to the station after them.
This morning Col. Drum, Mr Vinton, W. & W.
went to church. Late this afternoon Mr V. &
Will, took the Col. & sister R. to Waseca to
take the early morning train to St. Paul.
They are to go to Fort Yates on Wednesday where
they are to live for the present, my cold is
getting better I hope. H. went to S. S.
Monday 20 Wilfred took Will & family to Owatonna after
dinner, where they were to take the 5:30 train
train home. Julia was to stay a days or two in O.
Tuesday 21. Mr Vinton went to town to mill, brought home a
suit of clothes ~~of clothes~~ for Herbert, sent from St. Paul
Wed. 22. Mr Vinton is plowing again with the sulky
plow. August helped B. Sotebier thresh half
a day yesterday, & Mr Dunn to day, Mrs Davis
& Mrs Thompson here to tea, moonlight evening
Thursday 23 Mr B. plowed north of the road. man at Mr Dunn's
threshing. W. attending to the farm chores & fixing
the back kitchen to keep out wind & snow, seed
corn is stored there. Agnes Dunn here to tea, H. has
gone part way home with her. another moonlight
night. Mr B. down over to George Scholljegerdi's after
stopping work. a churning done.
Friday 24. Mr B. went to town this afternoon. Letter to Helen
Postal from Will. & one from Col. D. to Herbert,
August worked a pair for Mr Dunn. J. Dunn
went to Northfield, to go to Chicago.
Saturday 25. a somewhat rainy afternoon. some plowing, some
husking. In the house, the usual saturdays
work. a little cleaning. a little baking. a
looking over of things & mending.
Sunday 26. A bright day, Mr A. Ida & August went to the

Plumer schoolhouse to hear Mr Clemens the Methodist preacher. There are to be no more meetings there this year. Herbert went to S. S. That Row is closed for the season, tho Herbert's class will continue for a while to keep up their lessons with their teacher Mrs Daniels.

Monday 27 W. Wilfred & man worked on the road. The washing done, & dried

Tuesday 28 W. & man again on the road. Mrs Case, Mrs Winship, Mrs Thomas Kelly & Mrs Stoughton came about noon & went home at four o'clock. Postal from Col. Drum at Ft. Yates. Mrs Case remained, is to go to Mrs Plumers to-morrow

Wed. 29 Letter from R. from Ft Yates. Mrs Case visited the school this afternoon. Miss Thompson walked back with her. W. & H. have gone this evening to take Mrs C. to Mrs Plumers. W. & man worked on the road in the forenoon, helped Julius Sodabier raise a beam this afternoon. Mrs Suttliff & youngest son arrived to day from Dakota, to spend the winter at H. Drums.

Thursday 30 Mrs Daniels came for Ada to go & spend the day at her house where the W. C. T. U. were to organize a society. W. & man husking corn. Johnnie Drum & the Drum boys are here this evening. Peddler here to day.

Friday 31 The coal stove set up again, the large heater put in the parlor & the little stove put in Nis room. Three loads of corn husked. Yesterday put cotton into a comfort ready to tie.

Saturday Nov. 1st Mr Vinton went to town, brought home

a load of coal. Letters from R. Gordon & Will. Mrs Preston & Josephine came before dinner. The lessons in elocution were finished by a little entertainment at the schoolhouse. Letters to Col. D. & R. & to Will.

Sunday 2 Herbert went to Mrs Daniels with some of the other children to recite his lessons a gloomy day.

Monday 3 Washing day. sunshine this afternoon. no cornhusking. the men have worked about the barn. fixed fence. shelled corn &c. Finished another bed comfort. wrote to Mrs Dailey.

Tuesday 4 Election day. Mr Vinton, W. & August went to town to the election. went with two teams. took a load of grain to be ground for feed. brought home another load of coal. Herbert & his mother drove up to H. Drums. Sent Mrs D's letter. Two chickens killed & dressed.

Wed. 5th Cornhusking & plowing. In the house, window washing & some of the bars taken off. sash curtains washed, ironed & put up again. a very pleasant day.

Thursday 6 a cloudy day. The reading club met here to night. a club was formed to meet at different houses once a week. Geo. Collins is staying here to night. cornhusking & plowing.

Friday 7 Cornhusking. no plowing

Saturday 8 Cornhusking this forenoon. After dinner Mr V. went to Wareca & brought home a load of feed. It began to snow a little, before he went away & proved a stormy afternoon. Letter from R. to H. a box for a sort of catchall, made & curtained, & put behind the coal stove. Letter to R. & Col. D.

Sunday 9 The ground has been white to day with a few inches of snow, & it has not melted away as we hoped it would. H. went to his S. S. class at Mrs Daniels.

Monday 10- The snow still stays, no cornhusking. but work around the barn instead cleaning out carriage &c. a pig killed this afternoon. Fixed a coat for A. cutting off & put on pockets. washing done

Tuesday 11- another stack of palpitation this morning lasting two hours. The snow has melted a little. cornhusking this afternoon. a churning done & baking.

Wed. 12 most of the day pleasant, at least the afternoon & good for the husking. Ironing done.

Thurs 13 a new man, one Antone Colton, came this forenoon to help husk corn- Mr Vinton went to town & out to Mr Hawkes farm, done Polly Letter from R. Letter to Will, snow melted a good deal-

Friday 14- a mild pleasant day, & we wonder that the little snow does not all go off & most of it has gone to day, The reading circle meets to night at William Lindsays Wilfred Ada, R. & Herbert have gone, tho it must be dark driving, The man Colton has husked again to day.

Saturday 15 another good day for the corn work, The Colton man has gone away to night promising to come back Monday. our folks came back about half past eleven last night.

Sunday 16 a gloomy day & too muddy to go to church, He went to the class- Ada went home August also went away.

Monday 17 Wills forty third birth day- & rainy forenoon, no husking. Mr took bars off the upper windows. went to Mr Dunns & brought home a quarter of a small beef & eighty pounds Letter from Will.

Tuesday 18- a bright pleasant day where we fully expected snow a friend it, August Larson came to husk corn & they have got on nicely. Miss Thompson called to night,

Wed. 19- a beautiful november day & the huskers have worked with a will.

Thursday 20, Still another good day, went up to H. Dunns this afternoon, They have a week old boy.

Friday 21- The fine weather continues a little colder with wind in the north- Rode down to Mr Dunns this afternoon.
The reading circle will meet at Mr Daniels to night, Some of the family will go over.

Saturday 22- a good day & the corn nearly finished, mail to night from Mr Dunns, Letters from R. Mrs Christy, & Julia Vinton postal from Will. Letter to R. the weekly prepers-

Sunday 23, Of all the pleasant days we have had this has been the fairest, & the evening is bright with moon light, Wilfred had husked corn all the week & was too tired to go to church Herbert went as usual & to recite his S.S. lesson.

Monday 24 Washing done & dried. The cornhusking finished. August Larson helped five days & the man Colton, two days & a half, at 75 cts a day. The men are hoping to plow tomorrow.

Tuesday 25- Mr Vinton & man have plowed in the corn stalks. Pleasant day but cold enough to freeze a little all day. Letter from R. to R. There is quite an excitement in these days among the Indians in the north west, and many fear an outbreak.

Wed. 26- We have heard to night by a letter from Kansas of the death of our sister Mary. She died suddenly Thursday the 20th of this month, at the age of seventy two

Thurs. 27. A beautiful day for Thanksgiving, & it is also my sixty eighth birth day.

Friday 28. The wonderfully fine weather continues
The two teams as for the last few days, have
been plowing in the cornstalks. The ground
is frozen some in the mornings but soon
thaws. R. called at K. Drums. Charlo Clapham
is staying with us to night

Saturday 29. another day of plowing, & Wilfred & Herbert
went to town after dinner. Letters to R. (ages
Iona, Willy, & Gordon, wrote two or three days
to R. & to Julia Brinton, Yes. it was Wed. 26.
W. brought home a swarm of bees, bought of Mr Lee

Sunday 30. Wilfred, Ada, Ida & Herbert went to church
a cloudy day but no storm yet.

Monday
December 1st. Wilfred & his father have worked about the barn
& out drawing manure onto the part of the
north field not yet plowed. The ground frozen
too hard to plow,

Tuesday 2 a little fine snow enough to pretty white
the ground. same work as yesterday outside.

Wed. 3. A good deal of wind some snow & blustering
about the middle of the day. but some sun
shine this afternoon. Men work same as
for the last two or three days, with the
exception of banking up the west end of
the house. Tiny Drum here this afternoon

Thurs 4. A snowy day. men worked around the barn
emptied load of hay taken from the stack
into the barn, & churning done, finished
a pair of pillow cases,

Friday 5. still a little snowy. The reading circle meets to
night at Mrs Plummers, Wilfred Ada & Herbert
Home gone & even in a sleigh. The Drum
girls & Harry went with them. Mr Drum
brought the mail. Two letters from R. Postal from
Will.

Saturday 6. Postal to Will. package of sage to R. Letter from
Gordon. Mr W. & Wilfred went to town with wheels
hardly snow enough for sleighing. I have
spent most of the day mending an old coat.
Mrs Jane Daniels called this afternoon.

Sunday 7 No one went to church Ida went home.
H. went to Mrs Ds. to say his lesson.
12° below 0, this morning & the trees covered
with a white frost. A quiet restful day.

Monday 8. Ten degrees warmer this morning. but the trees
again covered with white frost like snow.
Washing in the house first time (instead of
back Kitchen) since Spring. Finished mending
the old coat begun Sat.

Tuesday 9 Yesterday, W. took a load of feed to John
Scholl's (Legedis' to be ground. The weather
milder to day. W. & Brian drew wood this
forenoon, Made a pair of cloth mittens
Ironing done. W. & A. visited the school this (Tues.)
afternoon, This evening W. has gone to Mrs Plummers

Wed; 10 W. drove over after the load of feed, but found
only four sacks ground. several loads of
wood drawn. Letters from R. & Helen.
several lights of glass put into broken windows
at the barn. A kettle of old fashioned soup,
made for supper. Dish cupboard & cleaned.
a part of the day spent in repairing a pair of
trowsers.

Thursday 11. Wilfreds forty seventh birth day. Magazines for Oct.
came from Mr Dunns, Atlantic, Century & Scribner

Friday 12 Mr W. & W. went to town, brought home
a carriage belonging to Col. Drum sent
from Saint Paul. Miss Thompson the
teacher, rode over & back with them.
The reading circle met here last night. Thirty
seven here in all — Subject Temperance —

Sunday 14- A pleasant day, Ida went home as usual
Monday 15 Wilfred started this morning to Wariaja
The weather is mild- has looked like rain, there
has been a few sprinkles but the washing dried
after partially freezing, Part of a cheese bought
of a Mr Hedus who stopped here, Letter to R.
Tuesday 16- another pleasant day a little wood drawn
& chopped- In the house, ironing done,
two chickens dressed &c- Am working
on another old & doing other mending,
Mrs P. drove over to the Dickens, yesterday
Wed. 17 There is a report that the Indian Sitting Bull
has been killed- no particulars, Letters from
Col. Dennis, R. & Wilfred to different
members of the family, August is away
attending the wedding of a cousin
Thursday 18 Fine weather continues- Wilfred is having
good weather for his Wariaja visit,
August got back from the wedding this
morning- about six o'clock-
Friday 19 Wilfred returned from Wariaja to night,
Julia Dinton came with him to Cavatuna
to go back to night on the evening train. There is
a good deal of excitement in these days
about the Indians of the northwest.
Sitting Ball has been killed & other leaders
Reading circle meets to night at Mrs Dunns
Fair weather &c-
Sat. 20- Mr P. & Wilfred went to town, Letter to Heden
sent a little package to R. Letter from R.
a wonderfully warm pleasant day for the
season, Mrs Lindsay was ill last night at
Mr Dunns- was able to ride home, has had
the doctor to day-
Sunday 21- Ed, H. H. August & Ida, went to church. The
roads are good weather pleasant & no snow.

prairie fire down in the slough, a bright
moonlight evening. August, Ida & Herbert,
have been out for a walk
Monday 22. another day of this wonderful weather
Thought of riding down to see Mrs Plummer
but decided to wait till tomorrow, several
loads of hay put into the barn from the
stack. This afternoon, man drew manure
onto the field across the road, washing
done- finished back kitchen, wrote to R.
Tuesday 23- Had an attack of palpitation this morning
lasting three hours, was not able to go to Mrs P.'s
as we had planned, It has been a cold windy
day. Herbert went to town this morning
to stay till tomorrow night. Rode over with
Henry Dunn & his sisters. Outside sash put on
north window in my room. Ironing done.
Wed. 24 Wilfred has gone to town to bring Herbert home,
The Dunn & Drum children have also gone over to
the Xmas trees- Ida & August have gone away
to night to spend the holidays with their friends
It's quite a cold night & we have brought plants,
fish & the bird in where the coal stove keeps
the room warm all night- Letter from R. (Will write
Thurs. 25- Christmas day has come and gone once
more, How we fast the years come and go.
as we near the end. We have passed a quiet
day. H. Drum came in for two or three hours.
Friday 26- a very windy day, & the wind still keeps up
no snow yet. Henry Dunn here this evening
Sat. 27 Mr P. went to town about noon- Mr Case & his
daughter called at the door on their way to
Mrs Plummers. Mr C. called on his way
home, having left his daughter at Mrs
Plummers-
Sunday 28- a quiet day- Herbert went to Mr Dunns after the

mail this morning. a christmas package from Ft. Yates. + letter from R to M. no storm yet to spoil the good roads, which are as smooth as in the summer.

Mond' 29. Continued good weather. This afternoon Mr W. M. + C. went down to Mrs Plumers in the new carriage. Mrs P. + her son in law were not at home. had gone to town, found Mrs Case + her husbands sister Ellen C. at home, staid a couple of hours, Mrs P came as we were starting home.

Tuesday 30 The loveliest day that we ever had in December. warm, bright + still. M. swept the yard bareheaded + barehanded. This afternoon Mr W. M. + I went out again. this time to Mr Daniels. On our return found Mr Hawkes + his two daughters, K. + A. here. they had been to Owatonna. could only stay a short time. They brought the sad news of Mr Gatterson's sudden death from pneumonia.

The forty ninth anniversary of our marriage

Wednesday 31. A dismal foggy + somewhat rainy day, a great contrast to yesterday. Mr + Mrs Hawkes came this afternoon to stay over night. Mr + Mrs B. Case, + Ellen Case, came in to spend the evening. have just started home. It is quite dark + raining slowly. is about time for the moon to rise.

Thursday January 1st. a blustering blizzardy day. The rain of last night was accompanied with high wind + this morning the ground was white with snow, + the wind was sending it straight from north to south. The storm quite despite what + Mr + Mrs Hawkes

started home about two o'clock. The stove in the dining room owing to the wind, smoked too much to keep a fire there after breakfast, till this evening.

Friday 2 a quiet day after the blizzard. W + Herbert went over to John's after the load of ground feed, August came back this afternoon, wrote to Will + to Gordon.

Saturday 3. Mr Winton + Herbert went to town. Letter to R. Willy + to Gordon. Letter from Will. + letter to R.

Sunday 4. a pleasant day. looks a little like winter as there is a little snow on the ground since the 1st. August + Ida have gone this evening down to Charley Gartaverson's. They live in the old Clement house where Andy Dunn lived.

Monday 5. Mr W. + W. went to Owatonna this morning. took both teams to get them shod. met Willy + Juliet at the depot, + took them to the boarding hall. The school is to commence tomorrow, Will was to go home to night. Trees covered with heavy white frost this morning + forenoon, foggy again tonight.

Tuesday 6. Trees covered with frost again this morning. Wood drawing. Mr W. went to station to learn the price of hogs, $3.11 per hundred. Peter Daniels came in this afternoon. Letters from R. + from Helen.

Wed. 7 a load of grain sweet corn + oats taken to the station. sixty lbs for sixty eight cts. Mr Winton went to town after dinner. Letter to Mrs Stevens.

Thursday 8. W. took another load of grain to the station on wheels, this morning. drew wood this afternoon. + yesterday on a sled. colored two or three small things black the other day. colored them over again to day with Diamond dye.

Friday 9. Wood drawing again. Wilfred + Herbert have gone to Mr Lindsays to the reading circle.

Saturday 11 Wilfred took another load of grain to the station this forenoon, went with his father this afternoon to town, Herbert went with them. Letter from R. to N.

Sunday 11 a gloomy day- trees have remained covered with frost all day. A Swede living two miles away woman, a Mrs Foline, died this morning leaving a babe & a few days old. Ida went home as usual.

Monday 12 a small beef killed- washing done-

Tuesday 13 Two pigs killed- weighed 254, & 246, a very pleasant day

Wed. 14 Had another attack of palpitation lasting from about nine o'clock till after two.
The beef & pork cut up in the cellar-

Thurs. 15 Ida went away at ten o'clock to attend the Swede funeral- a cold northeast wind.

Friday 16 Wilfred took six hogs, or pigs to the station, weighed 1410 lbs. $3.11 per hundred $ 43,71- W. N, & Herbert, have gone to Mr Daniels this evening to the reading circle.
Brine made for the beef & pork. Tallow tried out Wed.

Saturday 17 Mr C. & W. went to town, took some of the sausage meat to the meat market & chopped it. Out of the lard tried out. Letters from R. Gordon & Will. the Nov. Magazine & papers-

Sunday 18 W. N. H. Ida & August; went to church, warm day,

Monday 19 The lard tried out, sausage canned & put into bags- & souse cleaned- Washing put off to get the fresh meat & out of the way.
another letter from Gordon telling of his mothers illness- mild weather continues, roads thawing out- Wilfred went to Wareca after a load of feed- bran & shorts-

Tuesday 20 A warm pleasant day, sprinkled before noon, but bright all afternoon, W. went twice to the station with grain, man drawing manure souse cooked & head cheese made. Letters to R, & to Gordon, papers to Emma-

Wed; 21 Washing done. Snow in the air several times & a storm threatened. but no storm has come W. & man have worked at the woodpile part of the day.

Thursday 22 a little sprinkle of snow this evening- men sawed wood- Ironing done. Bags or sack mended & others mended (Lizzie)

Friday 23 Mr B. & W. went to town brought home another load of feed. Letter from Dr. Ware this morning & from R. & from Mr Dunn
a little snow fell last night- not enough for sleighing- tho the Dunns went with a sleigh to night- to Mrs Flenner's to the reading circle, Wilfred & Herbert rode with them. Letter to Mrs Daily.

Saturday 24 This forenoon W. & man drew hay into the barn this afternoon W. went to town & brought home another load of feed from Will Portal. Letter to Julia

Sunday 25 no one went to church. Ida went home- Rode out in the carriage, went up towards Binny's N, Ada & I with W. & Herbert for dinner.

Monday 26 (Ice) went riding again this afternoon, up in the pasture & down past Mr Dunn's. W. drew two loads of ice. had intended to wait for snow enough for sleighing. but thinks now he will keep on with a wagon. Letter to Will, & letter to Dr. Ware from Mr B.

Tuesday 27 W. drew two more loads of ice. Another time of palpitation beginning at seven, & lasting till ten. Letter from Gordon & letters from R. & from Gertie Daily to N. August cut his hand-

Wed. 28 One load of ice, just after W. started after it this morning, it began to snow & has continued most of the day. There are six or seven inches at least & we hope it will not be blown about, a man selling spectacles called this forenoon, & had some breakfast.

Thursday 29 More snow this forenoon & the wind blew, it did during last night also, & the drifts make bad

traveling, one or two teams have passed this afternoon, Herbert did not go to school. Case blankets mended.

Friday 30. Reading circle here to night. The wind blows & the snow is drifted somewhat, but Mr Case came with his team, also Mr, Daniels Drum & the Dunns. Two loads of ice this forenoon. W. went to the station this afternoon.

Saturday 31. We heard last night of the death of Sec, Windom. Two more loads of ice, August went with one team. Herbert went with them, Mr Brinton went yesterday with W.

Sunday February 1st A pleasant day. but no travel on the road. Herbert went to Mr Dunns this morning on his snowshoes, to get the mail, they brought from town yesterday. Letter from Gordon.

Monday 2nd Snowed most of the forenoon, sun has shone part of the afternoon, enough to show the ground hog his shadow. W. took a load of feed to the mill at Scholljegerdis, Herbert went to school on snowshoes, rode home with H. Drum. Man came for the cream, which is to be only 15 Cts now, instead of 18—

Tuesday 3. An all days blizzard at least it began about school time, & still continues. Wilfred & man went after Herbert with the horses, Annie Reuter rode with them & walked home from here with her father, who came to take her home. About 25° below 0 this morning.

Wed. 4 Not a team or person on the road to day only Andrew Drum went by to school on the drift, & Herbert went on his snow shoes. Some of the Dunns went to town & W. will go over in the morning to see if there

is any mail for us. 28° below 0 this morning, many degrees warmer before night. Letter to R. & Gordon.

Thurs. 5 much warmer thawing. Wilfred & his father went to town after dinner. Took a box to send to Chicago. Letter from R. & Willy. + postal from Jr Vs. Postals to Helen & her daughter Julia. The flouring mill at Nessca burned last Sunday, the 1st. Four or five loads of lumber drawn by this afternoon. Letter from Iowa to R.

Friday 6 a thawing day. Three loads of ice. Reading circle to night at Mr Dunns W. A. R. & Herbert home.

Saturday 7 Three more loads of ice. a good day. a good many ice teams have been through the yard. H. Drum went to town, we doubtless have mail at Wm Dunns. will send over in the morning.

Sunday 8 warm & pleasant the forepart of the day. snowy & windy since about noon causing people who were out to hurry home. Two men & others in a sleigh called here this morning before light to inquire their way had lost their road, & didn't know where they were. Wilfred told them their right course, & they went on. Mr Dunn & H. Drum, both in town yesterday & neither, got our mail.

Monday 9 Mail to night from Mr Dunns, W. went over to get it. Letter from Gordon saying his mother died last Wednesday the 4th. Letter from R. & from Will to W.

Tuesday 10 Wilfred went to Awatonna after Emma who he expected to find there, but she had gone home. Ten loads of ice drawn past by our German neighbors Benny S. & John Scholljegerdis, Had one of my attacks this afternoon lasting only about half an hour.

Wed. 11 The last two loads of ice drawn, making 17, in all. Miss Thompson here to night. W. drove over after her

again to day had another attack of pelpitation, but lasting only a few minutes.

Thurs 12 A warm thawing day at least this afternoon W, & his father have been breaking colts.

Friday 13 Wilfred went to town took several articles of tin ware to have mended. Letters from Gordon, & Julia Powell. Wilfred, Ada, N. & Herbert have gone to the reading circle at Mrs Daniels this evening. Letter from Emma to M. It is supposed that Gen. Sherman is dying.

Saturday 14 More colt breaking. The sorrel colts Kit & Fan driven together as a sleigh. Trees covered with frost yesterday morning. Thawing this afternoon & evening. Ida has saved a barrel or two of water from the melting snow on the roof.

Sunday 15 Thawed all last night and to day but is freezing this evening. Ida did not go home last Sunday or to day, owing to bad walking but has gone this evening to Swede Gustavsons.

Monday 16 Hay drawn in to the barn some what snowy & freezing weather, but not very cold. Letter to Gade (2)

Tuesday 17 another blizzardy afternoon & snowy in the forenoon. The colts hitched up & driven down & over to Mr Dunn's. Gen. Sherman died last Saturday the 14th Admiral Porter died the 13.

Wed. 18 Wilfred took Herbert to town to see a performance of horses & dogs. Letter from R, & one from Will to Wilfred. a postal from Julia Vinton. Admiral Porter died Friday the 13. Letters to R. & Willy. a plasant quiet day.

Thurs. 19 Another snowy windy day. The seed corn taken from over the back kitchen, shelled with the corn sheller, & put in the granary. Wilfred helped a couple of men, Simons, who had trouble with a load of hay in the road east of the house. Herbert rode home from school with neighbor Reuter, who went after his daughter

Friday 20 Mr Vinton & Wilfred went to Owatonna & brought Julia Vinton home to stay till Monday. The reading circle was to have met at Mrs Lindsays this evening but the road is so filled with snow no one from this way went.

Saturday 21 a windy day too much so to chop wood in the yard. Colts driven about a little. Popped corn & candy this evening & Julia & Herbert played checkers.

Sunday 22 a snowy & blustering afternoon. Mr Vinton took Ida home & her father brought her back. Mail from Mr Dunn's. Letter from Gordon & Helen & a perkage of old letters from G. Harper & Century magazines.

Monday 23 Wilfred took Julia back to her school this morning. came home before dark. The day has been pleasant & mild. washing done.

Tuesday 24 Thawed all last night & rained a little during the night, & this morning, turned cold again about noon, & this evening the wind roars in the tree tops, most of the afternoon there was snow enough for quite a blizzard. Wilfred went to the school house & brought Miss Thompson to spend the night. the school children also rode this far with him. Back cistern cleaned out.

Wed, 25 a cold freezing day. Ida is making candles in these days. Two men peddling "Irish linen table cloths" called yesterday.

Thursday 26 a cold day not stormy. bright sundogs this morning. Wilfred breaking colts again, drove the Rob colt with Dick. Gen. Sibley died on Wed the 18.

Friday 27 Wilfred to town to get Dr. Young for Mr Reuter, who has what the doctor calls acute rheumatism. Postal to Will, Letter from R. to M.

no one went from here to the reading circle which was to meet to night at Mrs Plumers- Atlantic, Cosmopolitan & Scribner magazines came.

Saturday 28- 20° below 0, this morning, & has not thawed to day. but has been pleasant and still, Hay drawn into the barn, Ida finished molding candles. 23 dozen. mended rugs a part of the day

Sunday March 1st It has not thawed. but has been & quiet & most of the day pleasant. wrote to Gordon Ida & August have gone over to Swede Gustavesons

Monday 2 washing day. Steel colts driven about, mail from Mr Dunn's. Letters from R. & from Will Letter from Martha Humphrey to Herbert, Sent Gordons letter. Neighbor Reuter does not get well of his rheumatism, a little more snow this forenoon.

Tuesday 3- more snow fell during last night, We sent for Miss Thompson again to night. The reading circle is to meet here Friday night

Wed: 4- a mild pleasant day. Two or three men here to talk about buying hogs. Two men to dinner, one a Mr Charles Wheeler. colts driven about. a churning done. Miss Thompson went home with the Drum children to stay over night

Thursday 5- Mrs Case came this forenoon, Mr C. went down to Mrs Plumers & called on his way home. Mr Woodman was with him. Mrs C. is to stay a few days, Charles Clapham is also here to night

Friday 6- Reading circle here to night.

Saturday 7- Mr Briton & August went to town, 8 doz eggs sent to market 14 cts. Postal from Will.

Sunday 8- A whole day of blustering a blizzardy weather Wilfred & Mrs Case were to have gone to church no traveling on the road to day

Monday 9- An auction at Julius Sotebiers. Wilfred & his father went over there this afternoon but brought nothing, Mrs Case has gone to Mrs Plumers, rode with Mr Taft- Washing done. Herbert has a bad ed cough hard, did not go to school to day.

Tuesday 10- Mr Dinton & We. went to town meeting. Mild thawing day. Sent Harpers magazine to Mrs Kinchart Jessie to Emma. A roll of papers from Gordon Letter from Gordon & Ed

Wed: 11- Mr Case came from home early this forenoon to take Mrs C. home who came from Mrs Plumers later, with Bert Case, all went home sometime after dinner. Wilfred also went to Clinton a little later, having a horse trade in his mind. was to stay over night with the Cases. Had a time of palpitation about noon, lasting an hour, a pleasant day.

Thurs 12 Herbut has had a cold for several days, did not go to school Monday or Tuesday. Did go yesterday, was not so well to day, has been in bed, or lain down (in my room) nearly all day, has taken cough medicine, Cubes, & also aconite seems some better, but still coughs hard. We came home middle of the afternoon, made no change in horses, Ida's sister Tilly came to see her this afternoon.

Friday 13 We looked for our pastor & his wife Mr & Mrs Smith, but they did not come, owing perhaps to the cold. this the day has been bright. The last day of the district school, & Herbert could not go. He seems about as he did yesterday, no worse we hope. The reading circle at Mr Dunn's this evening 11- is to be the closing one, at least for the present

Saturday 14- We brought Miss Thompson from Mr Dunns this morning, to say good by. she stayed an hour & two or till her brother come to take her home.

Allen, Charles. Hannah & Annie Hawks came this forenoon & made us a pleasant visit of a few hours. Herbert has been a good deal better through the day & tho his cough continues we hope he will be still better to morrow. Ada has not been as well as usual yesterday & to day. Still regular winter weather.

Sunday 15 Wilfred went to church & to see Dr. Cummings. Ada about the same, Herbert getting along nicely. Mr Vinton has one of his colds & has stayed in the house all day. I also have sore throat & had in the night. it has been better since, both cough more or less.

Monday 16 neither Mr V. or I have felt as well to day have coughed a good deal. Mrs Vickers & Mrs Lindsay (called)

Tuesday 17. Mr Vinton has not felt well enough to sit up to day, is rather better to night. This afternoon I had a two hours bad time with my heart. Mr & Mrs Peter Daniels called. Ada is about the same, Herbert rode out with his father.

Wed. 18 Mrs Dunn & Belle called. Postat from Mary Steven

Thurs. 19. We keep along about the same, Mr Vinton got up & dressed this morning as he has each day. but doesn't feel well enough to sit up much. It is a bright still day. I walked out on the back porch in the sunshine an hour ago. The snow on the ground makes it seem like winter still. Herbert has a good appetite again & seems as well as usual. His mother as well, perhaps rather better than she has been. Things in my room moved about or changed. Lounge brought in. Wilfred & man are drawing hay into the barn to day.

Friday 20. Mr Vinton seems better. sat up longer this morning & has more appetite. Wilfred has gone to town. Letter from R. within the week. One from her to day

to R. Letters to R. Helen, & Gordon. Postal to Will from Wilfred.

Saturday 21 An inch or two of snow fell last night but it has been thawing to day & the snow is getting to look pretty thin. A double shunning done & we are packing the butter to send to Chicago. are shunning the cream instead of selling it. will try it for a while.

Sunday 22. A thawing, not very pleasant day. We ailing ones do not improve much. Mr Vinton continues to cough hard & nothing he takes seems to do any good. sits up but little but has no pain. does what the doctor has advised & we think each day, he really will be better. goes out to the table to his meals & yet coughs too much, to be much better.

Monday 28. a gloomy day. Mr V. walked out on the park.

Tuesday 24. Mr V. coughed a great deal last part of the night & this morning, & has not felt quite as well to day. No sunshine, but the snow goes off slowly. Wilfred & man are cutting the wood in the yard. Ada does not feel well enough to come down stairs yet. wrote to Willy.

Wed. 25. Wilfred went to town to have the doctor come to see his father but the doctor thought he could send something for the cough, which is the main trouble, that would do as well as a visit from him. & Mr V. does seem better to night I have been troubled more or less with a cough, that is better. but it comes & goes. Letters from R. & Helen, & from Col. Dunn at St. Hyacinthe, to Mr V.

Thurs 26. We passed a comfortable night. but Mr V. has coughed all the morning & we are becoming rather faithless as to cough medicines. H. Dunn has called. Two shearings have been done this morning. It is now eleven o'clock.

Friday 27. The sun is shining this afternoon & the snow thawing tho' not fast. Mr Vinton does not improve much. does not cough as much as he did yesterday, sleeps more, coughed less during last night than usual. a letter from Will to Wilfred.

Saturday 28. Wilfred & Herbert went to town. Letter to Helen postal to Will. Letter from Mrs Stevens. R. & Sadan Mr V. coughed a good deal this forenoon but has been better this afternoon & evening. Has thawed a good deal. Atlantic & Scribner came

Sunday 29. A quiet day. Mr V. still better to day. The weather is sombre & threatens rain it would seem. Bad roads, but a few teams have passed.

Monday 30. A gloomy day. High wind during last night & some rain to day, snow now & then, which melts as fast as it falls. washing done in the back kitchen as it has been once or twice before this month.

Tuesday 31. Another gloomy day & another sprinkle of snow last night which helps to take off the old snow which is now only in patches everywhere Wilfred went over to Mr Leslies this morning to see him churn & find out something about his way of making butter. W. sent a tub of butter to Chicago last Saturday. will look for returns this week Letters from Col. Drum & Iowa to N. Mr V. is slowly getting better. Ada about the same

Wednesday April 1st. Still cloudy weather. Mrs Suttliff & Agnes Drum here to tea, Mr Leslie to dinner & Herbert Wilfred something how to churn & pack butter, another tub of butter ready to send away. George White called to see if we have cream to sell — First young pigs

Thursday 2 Wilfred went to town. brought home a second hand churn bought of Mr Leavitt for $2, took a tub of butter to send to Chicago. Letter to R. postal to Will Golden & a little sunshine to day. W. went to Mr Reuters & borrowed a corn sheller ours being broken. Drove the sorrel colt. The new second hand churn cleaned & made ready to use tomorrow.

Mr Bellamon a young Dr.

Friday 3

Saturday 4. All day long the sun has shone, the first pleasant day in three weeks & more, W. took a load of grain to P. S. ---------- to be ground for feed. a churning done. Mr Vinton rode to the barn first time he has been there in three weeks. I went upstairs first time in a good many weeks. Heard the robins this morning.

Sunday 5. Not as pleasant as yesterday but warmer, & the patches of snow have melted a good deal, & it really seems as if Spring was coming. Ida walked home & has just come back.

Monday 6. Washing done & clothes dried, tho cloudy most of the forenoon sun has shined all last part of the day. Soap making begun. Two leaches put up & soap partly made W. took more grain to the feed mill. brought home part of what he took the other day. Mr V. has not coughed so much for two or three days, has not felt so well to day owing to a bowel trouble. walked out on the porch yesterday & this afternoon.

Tuesday 7. Mr Vinton having passed a bad night we decided to send for the doctor this morning which we did by H. Drum, Hee. Dr. Young, came late this afternoon, Mr V. feeling better but probably will have to be very careful, & be satisfied to stay in the house a few more days at least. Has not been dressed or had on his clothes, during the day. a circumstance (Lee) which has never occurred in his life before.

Mr Dunn called. Some men came to the barn to look at horses. Soap making finished. A barrel. H. Drums brother Tom, came to make him a visit

Wed; 8 A clear, windy morning. John Scholfield's came this morning & dehorned our cattle. Ground frost hard last night. Have heard of a few farmers having begun sowing wheat. Another chewing to be done to day. Evening. We are having a thunder shower now, at half nearly nine o'clock W. & man are at the barn. a cows horns out off to day are bleeding & giving some trouble. The Polly mare has a colt this evening. Jon Drumm called this afternoon

Thurs' 9 A rainy day. Wilfred went to town, saw the Dr. & brought medicine for his father, who is not any better or so well, is suffering more pain to night & remedies do not seem to take effect. Letter to Willy, postal to Helen & note in Rs. Letter to Col D. magazines sent away. A dead young colt this morning, the mother, the grey mare Bess. Mr H. Drum called this man

Friday 10 Austin passed an uncomfortable night, has pain in his side. This morning early we sent for the doctor, who came about eleven o'clock or perhaps before. is to come again tomorrow. The doctor went up to Mr Reuters where they have measles. Wilfred sent postal to Willy. Johnnie Dunn went after the doctor.

Sunday 12 The Dr. came unexpectedly this afternoon found Mr Winton seemingly rather better. He was here yesterday & did not intend to come until tomorrow, but for reasons, came to day, instead. Letter from Willy & postal from Helen yesterday. Pleasant day Yesterday was pleasant after a foggy morning.

Monday 13. Forenoon. Mr Winton does not seem quite so well as he did yesterday afternoon, but perhaps there is not very much change. He passed a not uncomfortable night, tho somewhat restless towards morning. The day is gloomy & slightly rainy. W. has gone to the feed mill to get the last of a load of feed. Yesterday, Mr & Mrs George Wood, & Mr & Mrs Peter Daniels called to see Mr Winton.

Tuesday 14 Mr Hawkes was here to see Mr Winton, who has been quite as well to day as yesterday. Postal to Willy. We are looking for the Dr. It is six o'clock. has been a gloomy day. Wilfred & man each with a team have been dragging the last years cornstalk ground.

Wed. 15 Forenoon. The doctor didn't come last night. has just been here. found Mr Winton as well as he expected but doesn't think he will be better at once. Postal yesterday to Willy. & to Helen, to day. H. Drum has taken Mrs Sutliff to town to go to Little Falls. A bright day.

Thursday 16. Nearly warm a windy day. W. & man both at work with the teams. plowing & dragging cornstalks. We are quite comfortable in the house. A letter from Willy to Wilfred. & from K. to N. Ida cleaning Anna's room. Ada better but does not come down stairs yet. The grey mares are used as one team. two colts & Bess the other. Too wet yet where they want to sow wheat. We are afraid this strong wind, will bring rain.

afternoon Wilfred went to town after dinner. mainly to get medicine the doctor was to have sent yesterday, but which H. Drum failed to bring. a smart little shower about noon.

Friday 17. A small thunder shower last night but pleasant to day. W. & man getting in wheat. Mrs McKinley & Mrs Hutterie called this forenoon. H. D. has gone to Wasco this afternoon. took postal to Willy & letter from N. to Augusta D. —

Saturday 18. Cloudy & sunny by turns. Letter last night from K. A stunning done. men getting in wheat when time they can get from the numerous chores & other work. Mr Vinton sat up twice yesterday

Sunday 19. A very pleasant day. Wilfred went to church & to see the doctor. Has not got returned. Mr Dunn called. Letter to Gordon.

Monday 20. Another shower this morning making working the ground more sticky & muddy. We sent a tub of butter to town by B. Letellier, who is to take it to the depot. To be sent to Chicago. Washing done & clothes brought in tho hardly dry enough. continues cloudy. Took the lambrequins down from the windows in my room. Mr Vinton is quite comfortable but doesn't care to sit up much

Tuesday 21 nearly night. Rainy most of the day. putting a stop to seeding. The wheat finished yesterday only 12 acres from the patch. Cook stove moved back & the wood stove put in its place & little stove set up in parlor where K. & I sleep at present. Mr Vinton shaved himself while sitting up this afternoon, first time in two or three weeks.

Wed. 22 A whole good day. The men have been putting in sucdotash on the nath east field & found it less muddy than they expected. Dandelion for dinner first time. Geo. White took the cream & will get it again. Sat. to save. Stunning done in this hurrying time. Sent mail by Mr Al. Portal to W. Letter from K. to K. & to Julia B.

Thurs. 23. Still another fine day. The field begun yesterday, finished & some plowing, & extra harrowing done. Mrs Daniels & Minnie here this afternoon. Mr Vinton tho not feeling quite as well this forenoon as yesterday, seems to be gaining slowly.

Ida & Herbert uncovered the strawberries, Herbert has been shooting gophers yesterday & to day.

Friday 24 - Pleasant all day. Wilfred went to Wareca got home before one o'clock. Potato to W. & Keeler. Letter from K. Washed window upstairs. We harrowing this afternoon August getting in, a sowing oats. Letter. Letter from Willy. Julia has the measles at the boarding hall in Ac, & her mother is with her. Two women here to look at horses.

Saturday 25. Fine weather continues. Men worked in the south field till eleven o'clock took the banking away from west end of the house before dinner & I went to Mr Dunn's & borrowed his walkey to drive Vic, alone, to town.

Sunday 26 - A pleasant day, but windy. Mr A has seemed quite better to day. Ida went home. The rest of us have passed a very quiet day. We expect Will & Emma tomorrow afternoon. W. sold the mare Vic yesterday to Mr Fischer of Wareca for $150. is to take her over to him Tuesday.

Monday 27. another windy bright day. Peter Daniels & his boy & two teams in the plowing all day. August sowed eleven acres of oats. Wilfred went to the station this afternoon & brought Will & Emma. Mr V continues to improve.

Tuesday 28. Wilfred & Willy went to Wareca after dinner drove the sorrel colts & led Vic. expecting to leave her. Tom Drum rode with them. Herbert is plowing with the grey mares, while August is doing the barn chores for night. Ida washed & has had a good day, pleasant, & no wind. Emma is up stairs in Ada's room.

Wed. 29 - Another windy day. Plowing & seeding in the south field. This afternoon W. & W. went to the station. Letter to Gordon. Heard of the

burning last Monday, of the house & barn of Mr Turnacliff, near Witton.

Thursday 31 Wilfred took Will & Emma to the station to go on the about noon train to Ds where they were to stop with Julia, & take the 5 o'clock to Dodge Center. The seeding finished. a letter from R.

Friday May 1st. Dry weather continues, the windy days have not brought the rain we are needing. The garden plowed & Wilfred & Herbert are planting potatoes & some other things. Later. Mr & Mrs Case called, & Lucy Drum.

Saturday 2 Still dry. Fire running through the grass on Mr Dunns land west of our north field. W. plowed this forenoon with Jenny & the sorrel colts. August drawing manure on to the corn ground which he is continuing to do this afternoon, after having helped W. fix a portion fence. Ida is preparing the ground & putting sweetpeas & nasturtiums under the east windows of my room. 36° above 0, this morning. 84°, last Tuesday or Wednesday Von Moltke the great German or Prussian General died April 26. I walked down to see the swine. There are more than forty little pigs in & around "Swineford Hall", the largest about a month old, & all black.

Sunday 3 Herbert has begun to go to Sunday school again at the Plumer school House, rode with the Drums. August has gone to his uncles. Ida went home, cloudy & looking like rain, cold too. wrote to R. & sent the letter by H. Drum to Malden. also a postal to Sarder. Lucy Drum has gone to

Sun school on Crane Creek. H. Drum called.

Monday 4. Another bright day, & cold. Wilfred is plowing with the three colts, August drawing manure Mr Dunn has come in. Ida is washing 11 o'clock

Tuesday 5th Bright & cold. about 52° now at half past three. W. is plowing in the north field with the three colts, Herbert is going over the newly plowed ground with the seeder & the gray horses, filling it for corn. August is spreading manure on the part unplowed. Went yesterday up stairs to see Ada who remains about the same. not getting strong enough to come down stairs, being dressed & sitting up part of the time, but only walking about in her own room a little. I seldom go up the stairs. Postal from Helen.

Wed. 6 A fair, still day. W. plowed this forenoon. went to town after dinner. Letter to Willy. postal to Gustie. Dailey from N. John Chambers from Co., & his daughter called on their way to Mr Dunn's. Mr Winton has been troubled with rheumatism in his wrist yesterday & to day.

Thursday 7. X Another dry day. no appearance of rain. Slowing with two teams & spreading manure still goes on in the north field. a man & boy from Mr Dunn's helped to day. Ida whitewashed the milk house. The Dr. came again this afternoon. his son Carl came with him. The doctor says Mr Winton has a touch of inflamatory rheumatism. H. Drum has just been down after a load of hay. Have been out in the back kitchen this afternoon cutting up some old clothes. to get them out of the way. Quite warm again.

Friday 8 A windy warm disagreeable day. we long for rain but there are no signs of it. wrote three

there has been for a week. Wilfred has worked all the afternoon at the old corn planter trying to get it ready & make it work but so far has not succeeded. Mr Dunn came in this afternoon.

Saturday 9. Has sprinkled now & then through the day, & we are hoping for real rain. W. is using the corn planter & it works very well he says. Mr V. is comfortable, his rheumatism seems to have left him & troubles him very little. Wilfred is to go to the station this evening after Willy who is coming on a freight train.

Sunday 10. Another day without the wished for rain. Wilfred & Willy got home last night at half past eleven. Wilfred went to town to day to see the Dr. took August with him. Herbert rode with the Drums to S. school. A letter to Helen.

Monday 11. Wilfred took Will to the station to take the seven & a half morning train. came back to corn planting. Kate Daniels called. Washing done & dried.

Tuesday 12. Dry bright weather continues. mow at mouth. the field across the road finished & a piece of sweet corn planted & W. is done with the planter for the present. & until a small field or two by the woods is ready to plant. M. put out several of the house plants yesterday. Three weeks to day since we have had rain. colts to be turned out to pasture. Later W. went to town after dinner to get a plow sharpened. August took the corn planter to Mr. Dunn's & has this afternoon been breaking down cornstalks on one of the woods pieces. It has been looking like rain, but we are becoming faithless as to signs of rain.

Letters from Willy & Gordon.

Wed. 13. No change in weather. W. & man plowing by the woods. Ida Longhurst has come in. afternoon. We went to the station for Mrs Case, Mrs Nelson Daniels & Mrs L. Daniels have called. Letter from K. this morning.

Thursday 14. Letter from Gorden to Mr V. Harpers magazine & Century for march. Have been fastening together some old Scribners magazines. Mr Vinton has had on his clothes yesterday & to day. W. & man plowing. a little sprinkle of rain this morning but the clouds soon cleared away & the ground was not dampened.

Friday 15. W. & man continued plowing & getting their rooty corn ground. Mr Leslie calls.

Saturday 16. Wilfred went to church. Jim Lewis of Waseca died last night.

Sunday 17. Letters from Helen & Willy. Letter to W. yesterday. Herbert rode to S.S. with the Drums.

Monday 18. Mr & Mrs B. Case called this forenoon. Mr & Mrs Lindsay called this afternoon. W. took Mrs Case to the station to take the 5 o'clock train home. Letters to R. Gordon. & Mary Stevens, no rain.

Tuesday 19. A little cloudy & a few sprinkles of rain. W. is dragging the newly planted corn field across the road. August is doing the same thing to the lately plowed ground by the woods. Herbert has been burning leaves & brush in the road. with the wind in the south. Later. Mr. Dunn called. Mr Vinton has been troubled for a day or two with rheumatism in his left knee.

Wednesday 20. At last the rain has come, if only a little. it is very welcome. There was a shower in the night & a small one to day about noon. Four weeks yesterday since our last rain. George White here to dinner, & taking cream.

Thursday 21- No more rain as we had hoped but the day has remained cloudy, with wind from the north or northwest. Wilfred & Herbert went to town this forenoon took wheat to exchange for flour & a few bushels of potatoes to market. Postals to Helen & Willy. The rheumatism has left Mrs B's leg & is now in his hands & wrists especially in his left hand which he cannot use at all, for the first time in a week he has failed to put on his clothes. man is in the cellar to day picking over & sprouting potatoes & getting the seed ready to plant. Hannah Coughlin came in to see Ida

Friday 22- Dr Young came this forenoon, brought his little grand daughter, staid to dinner, prescribed for Mr Vinton's rheumatism. Magazines sent yesterday to Springfield & to Sheridan. Ida took five hogs to the station, Weight 1550 lbs Price $3.25

Saturday 23 Corn planting up by the woods finished. Mrs Dunn called. Agnes D. drove in to the yard.

Sunday 24 A little sprinkle of rain this morning. Letters yesterday from H. & Willy. Ida has gone home, August went with her. Later Herbert went to S.S. again with the Drums. cloudy & looking like rain.
Herbert's twelfth birth day.

Monday 25 A gloomy, cold day. W. man & Herbert are planting potatoes. Mr Vinton does not get better of rheumatism, can not use his right hand or arm & to day his right leg a knee, is affected. 6 o'clock Mr & Mrs Wood, & Agnes Dunn called this afternoon, Potato planting finished.

Tuesday 26 Wilfred went to town. Postals to Mrs Daily Helen & Willy. August is burning brush & clearing the back yards, a very pleasant day. Postal from Helen, Letter from Golden, April

Atlantic & Scribner.

Wed' 27. Mr & Mrs Hawkes came before noon went home at three. Letter from H.

Thursday 28 Mr & Mrs Preston called this afternoon, Mr Lewer the assessor here this forenoon, a Mr Roth also, from Waseca called to sell a double baking pan, Wilfred & man went to town this morning took a few bushels of potatoes to market. 40 cts a bushel. They have been twice that. Dry weather & cut worms are making the prospect for crops, discouraging.
Postal from Helen. She was called to Chicago by the illness of her daughter, Ida's sister H. came in this afternoon.

Friday 29. A warm day & looking like rain W. & man have made over the road fence, west of the house. H. Drumcellas Mr B. seems much better of the rheumatism & has been very comfortable through the day.

Saturday 30. Wilfred took Herbert to town it being decoration day. Mr & Mrs Frank Adams took dinner with us. went away at four.

Sunday 31. a nice rain last night for which we cannot be too thankful. Ida went home last night to go to church to day. Herbert went to S.S. with the Drums. a quiet peaceful day.

Monday June 1st another shower of rain. another blessing. The washing done & part of the clothes dried. Ida not well, is in bed this afternoon with a lame back. The cook stove moved into the back kitchen. August began plowing in the corn across the road.

Tuesday 2 Ida is sick & this morning Wilfred went

after her sister Hannah to take care of her - another rain last night + a light rain to day -

Wednesday 3 - A very foggy morning. W. went to town to get the doctor for Ida + brought back a load of road plank. Ida is perhaps a little better but will probably not be well enough to

Letter to K. work for some time. A letter from Mrs Agusta Dailey + one from K. to us. cold + cloudy + we fear a frost. Dr. J. came a little after noon

Thursday 4 - A cloudy day. no frost last night + perhaps it is not quite so cold this afternoon but seems cold enough for frost if it clears off The ailing ones are comfotable. Ida, perhaps a little better. Tom Drum went back "up north"

Friday 5 - Another cloudy day. Ida's mother came in to see her this morning. After dinner Wilfred took Ida + Hannah home, Ida being able to ride. W. will try to find a girl to take Ida's place for a month. Charley Claghorn called -

Saturday 6 - Another cloudy day so far 9 o'clock a. m. W. has gone to town. He could not find a girl yesterday. Letter to Helen in Chicago. Mr Vinton's rheumatism is troubling him more this morning Later, The rheumatism is better again. The weather has brightened. Mrs Daniels called. Letter from Will.

Sunday 7 - Wilfred went to church + to see the doctor, Herbert went horseback to S.S.

Monday 8 - Wilfred went over + brought Kate Daniels home to help us a few days. Mr Vinton has not been feeling quite as well today + has no appetite. W. worked part of the day on the road

Tuesday 9 - A washing done. Mr V. better, rested well last night. W. worked this forenoon on the road.

Wednesday 10 - Sent by Mr Dunn to have the doctor come again. He came this afternoon + changed the medicine. thinks mr Vinton had better not sit up much till his heart is less likely to be affected by the rheumatic trouble. We had a little rain this forenoon. cleaning done. Letter to Will. Letters from K. + Helen -

Thursday 11 - For the first time in a good many weeks, had an attack of palpitation late in the afternoon yesterday lasting about an hour. Five p. m. Wilfred has been over east in the German neighborhood but failed to find a girl. Mr Watkins + Mr Warren Smith called this afternoon.

Friday 12 - W. has gone to town. Kate went home with him to come back next week if we get no other help. Postal to Helen. Mr V. very comfotable this morning

Saturday 13 - Very warm to day 86°. Herbert has gone with the Drums to Mrs Plemmons + Mr Cloe's, to a picnic took cream + eggs to help make ice cream.

Sunday 14 - Herbert came home about noon about ten last night. We are having a little thunder shower, a little rain here + a good deal, further north, apparently Letter from W. last night. H. went to S.S. horseback.

Monday 15 - Mr Clement + his daughter Mary called, + Mr Baker came in for a few minutes. Rain all about us, but very little here. Letter to K.

Tuesday 16 - Wilfred went after Kate again yesterday + the washing has been done today. Mr Wait + Slaughter called this forenoon + stayed to dinner. Ida comes down every day + has for several days, is much better.

Wed. 17 - Wilfred went to the station to meet Will, who has come to stay one night only. We had a nice rain late yesterday afternoon + another to day. Strawberries for tea from our vines. Letter to Gordon.

Thursday 18. Wilfred went to town Will went with him & took the noon train to Owatonna where he was to stop for Julia whose school closed yesterday. Herbert went to town also & they took the peacock which died last night thinking to get it skinned & stuffed. but decided not to have it done brought home some tomato plants which W. is setting out. a portal from Helen from Chicago with the news of her daughter Julia's death. She died of fever on the evening of the fifteenth.
a letter from K, & Col, D,

Friday 19. Mr Vinton's seventy fourth birth day & he has continued seeming a little better each day for a week & more, W, took Kate home again this afternoon.

Saturday 20. A letter to Helen. Have been busy mending, The weather cloudy most of the time these days. August went last night to George Schollignardi's to see his cousin who had accidently shot himself. Found him in a much better condition than he expected to. Scribner & Atlantic came & Ladies Home Journal

Sunday 21. H. went to S. S. with Johnny Dann, People have been going by to the German camp meeting near Wilton.

Monday 22. A bright morning, Wilfred has gone to a Mr Harris' on Crane Creek.

Tuesday 23. Wilfred went to town to get something fixed for the mower Kate Daniels rode over with him. She is to come here this afternoon. The Wiaseca creamery burned to day. Letters to K. & Willy. W, has been mowing the yard

Wed. 24. This has been a very rainy day. Thunder & lightning & rain during last night & had showers this forenoon & afternoon. W. went over to get some cabbage plants of a German near Mr Daniels, this forenoon & brought Kate who did not come last night owing to threatened rain. 140 cabbage plants set out. H. Drum called.

Thursday 25. Cloudy with now & then a little sunshine, much to our surprise, Wilfred is finding a few quarts of strawberries on the vines. The rains came too late to do them much good.

Friday 26. Had a strawberry shortcake for supper. W. took Kate home to go to Owatonna tomorrow. Letter to Will.

Saturday 27. Forenoon W, has just planted sweet corn on the ground where the young apple trees are, & where melons were planted but did not grow. Mr Vinton troubled somewhat with rheumatism again He went out to the table yesterday & day before & ate with the family. Letters from K. Will. & Gaelon.

Sunday 28. A hard rain about noon & thundering & threatening, so far this afternoon, now at three o'clock. Herbert did not go to S. S. Mr Vinton is having a good deal of trouble with his right knee. cannot move it without pain.

Monday 29. a cloudy day & threatening rain W. has gone to town, sent letters to K. & to Mrs Stevens. Had an attack of palpitation, lasting from a little after three till after nine, Evening. Wilfred came about six. Another letter from K. August began mowing clover

Tuesday 30. A gloomy, cold day. W. is mowing clover this afternoon. Mr V. very comfortable. his knee not quite so hard to move. Later, Mr Case called on his way home from taking his daughter to her brothers, Mrs Daniels also called with her little girl & little niece.

Friday July 3d. A bright day. W. & mon have been busy & the last

two or three days cooking in the clover hay, have been drawing it into the barn to day, or this forenoon, mail last night. Harper & Century Magazines for May & Illustrated American,
Saturda 4th- Herbert is going to town with the Drum boys. Letters to
Mrs Dunn & her daughter, & Mr H. Drum called. R. & to Gordon postal to Will. Later Wilfred decided
Sunday 5- to drive to town. do some errands & bring Herbert home which he did & came back about one o'clock. brought Sam Rich's wedding cards
A very pleasant day. Herbert went to S. S. with the Dunn children. Yesterday W. brought home a new tongue for the carriage, August went to town yesterday with the Drums & was to go to his uncles & come home to night. Later. Took a ride in the carriage
Monday 6- the first time I have taken a ride since Dec. Began raising before noon. Earlier. W. & man drew in two loads of clover hay, made two currant pies this morning. Herbert is having a bilious attack, or trouble of stomach & bowels.

Tuesday 7- a bright morning. Herbert seems quite well again. W. is going after Ida this morning. Later. Ida came before noon. This afternoon the men are drawing more clover hay into the barn weather cool.

Wed. 8- a bright day & favorable for haying. The washing done. A few raspberries picked. The currants are ripe & ready to be picked

Thursday 9- another pleasant day & the men are hurrying to get at their haying. A letter from K. to K. Had a hard head ache yesterday afternoon owing to reading fine print & going out in the hot sun to pick berries. Short letter to K. in his letter, and send it to Mr Dunn's. Later K. has picked a good many currants & we have picked them over

& canned two quarts of white ones. Ida has done the ironing -

Friday 10 - early afternoon. The men drew hay till noon, when we had a very high wind. a large number of the fine apples we had, have blown off. N. & Ida picked currants this forenoon. N. from breakfast till noon. Twenty one quarts currants canned yesterday & to day.

Saturday 11- Wilfred went to town. took some of the wind fall apples to the neighbors on the way, a letter to Willy. Mr Frank Adams called. a shower early this morning. Mr D. rode out first time.

Sunday 12 Wilfred, Nancy & Herbert went to church. H. stopped at Mr Dunns on the way home, & went to S. S. with their children, Mr Dunn called. we all rode out again.

Monday 13- We did not wash, but had currants picked & a few glasses of jelly made. Mr & Mrs B. Cate & Ellen Cate called on their way to the station, to take Ellen to the train. B. & E. called on their return took home some of the green apples & a few currants. W. & man worked in the potatoes this forenoon, W. mowed, & Dexter worked in the corn this afternoon. Drove out Mr D. & I. with Dexter to drive.

Tuesday 14 Fickle weather alternate sprinkle & sunshine & cool withal. The washing done, & dried. We rode past H. Drumm to day, & the girls brought us out a handful of flowers. Ada rode out to woods after we came back. Agnes D. came to pick currants.

Wed. 15- A bright day. A hogbuyer here this morning offering $4.15 a hundred. Mr Warren Smith & Mr Norton from Lucerne called. Lucy D. brought a pan of string beans. W. & man over here haying in the north field. Herbert cultivated corn

with the grey horses this forenoon.

Thurs' 16- The last of the currants picked & finished canning put up. The men are busy drawing & stacking hay. made a fire over night on Ker side up in the field to save the wheat. Mr & Mrs B. Ada & I with Herbert to dinner.

Friday 17- Wilfred took a load of hogs to Wareham this morning came back about noon & after dinner taking Nancy & Herbert went back to the Park for the afternoon. & evening a letter to R. & postal to Will. Letter from R. to H. & the magazines, Harpers & Century.

Saturday 18- They returned from the Park last night about twelve o'clock. W. went back to town this morning early with another load of hops weight of both loads of hops 3,100, Price 9 25. Letter from Gordon & roll of papers. men working at the hay. Two large cans of stewed green apples put up. we rode up towards the woods again.

Sunday 19 School meeting last night. we rode to the Brazier school house & back. Herbert went to S.S. with the Dunn children, Had blackberries & milk for lunch. W. got them at Wareham yesterday.

Monday 20 Five loads of hay put in to the barn this forenoon, after dinner W. went to town to get something mended about the mower & to get Paris green for potato bugs. We are still using old potatoes which have kept better than usual owing to their having been left in the cellar when warm weather came, have been sprouted two or three time, cooked our first new potatoes, a week ago perhaps.
We rode out with Herbert for dinner again

H. is cultivating corn & August mowing weeds with a scythe. A letter to Helen & papers to Gordon.

Tuesday 21- A pleasant afternoon, Mr & Mrs Hawkes their daughter Julia & some friends from Maine, Mrs Huldah Hawkes, Mr H's sister, & his brother James wife, called this afternoon. W. is mowing & August is sprinkling the potatoes with Paris green
Hannah & First green peas for dinner. Letter from R. last night & postal from Will.

Wed. 22- Wilfred, R, H. & Ida, went to Maplewood Park to hear Talmage. Letter to sister Julia, A hard storm during last night. Letter from Helen.

Thurs' 23- W. is mowing in the north field, finds a good deal of water & great difficulty in getting hay. Mr & Mrs Case came just even. Mr C has gone to Mrs Plumers, Ida is putting mosquito bars on the east dining room windows.

Friday 24- Mr Case came this afternoon, for Mrs C. & they went home about three o'clock. W. & man topped out a large stack of hay. Painted the two barrel churns & one or two kitchen chairs. Letter to Gordon not sent, a short one to R. in Mrs. sent by Mr C. Mr C. went to ride with us before Mr C. came.

Saturday 25- Hay being stacked part of it from that cut in the road or sides of the road two days ago.

Surday 26 Herbert went to S.S. with the Drums. Mr & Mrs Lindsay came up after S.S. & meeting to see Mrs Vinton. Wilfred went to town to see the Dr. & get some medicine for his father who has not felt quite so well for two or three days, cool weather three days, after dinner. August took Ida home with the grey horses. Letters to Will. & Gordon.

Monday 27- A good day & warmer weather. Haying going on August & Herbert shelled corn this forenoon for feed while W. mowed, The washing done

Tuesday 28. A good day to draw hay. Now, between three & four o'clock, a little cloudy & sprinkling slightly,

Wed. 29 W. went to town, took H. with him. carried a load of grain for feed. Letter to miss Gertie Dailey. August has been mowing. a woolen washing done. blankets &c. Papers to Gordon & to Emmet

Thursday 30 W. has finished all the mowing that is to be done before harvest. August has worked in the garden part of the day. W. went this morning early & brought Tilly. Ida sister to make over a dress for Ada. She & her sister Hannah were here yesterday since supper. W. has begun to paint the dining room floor.

Friday 31 another good day for the hay drawing. Tilly finished Adas dress at noon & this afternoon has been altering a dress for me, striped bunting. after supper, Ida & Herbert are to take Thea home. Owing to the newly painted floor, we are taking our meals in the back kitchen. It is looking a little like rain

Saturday August 1st afternoon. The last load of hay to be cut before harvest, has been drawn in to the barn, &c, & the men are getting the binder ready to begin cutting grain Monday. The second coat of paint put on the dining room floor.

Sunday 2. Herbert rode to S.S. with the German minister a very pleasant day, we rode up through the clover field to see the wheat, & when coming back saw the cows breaking into H. Drums cornfield. &c. Set out to see to them, & we came to the house & sent August back with hammer & nails to help fix the fence. Letter from R. to H.

Monday 3. Harvesting begun. Wilfred has been cutting a piece of succotash, wheat & oats sowed together, used four horses on the binder the first time. a good day. Letter to Will. Letter from Wm to Col. Dreen. Mrs Daniels called. took Ada to Mr Drums The washing done.

Tuesday 4. The piece of grain on the side of the road is finished & the machine taken south on the hill & a little wheat cut but W. says it is too green yet & the binder did not work well. a little rain this morning. Had an hour of palpitation this morning. We had the first sweet corn for dinner, but it was not large enough

Wed. 5 W. went to town & brought home the load of feed. also brought home two bales of picket fence to use about the barnyard The parlor swept & regulated, windows washed &c. Letters from R. & miss Gertie Dailey.

Thurs 6 Letter from sister Julia, cutting wheat continued

Friday 7. a very hot day 92°. The wheat finished & W. is now cutting the oats south of the house Tilly Youngblood came over to help H. about a dress this forenoon.

Saturday 8 another hot day 92° now a little afternoon, very hot, all last night. Letter from Will

Sunday 9. cooler, this forenoon especially, we took an early ride around the oat field south of the house There is in part of the field a large growth of straw, & a good many weeds, & much of it is lodged, which makes it a added great ly to the work of cutting it. Fried cucumbers for dinner. Herbert walked most of the way to S.S. The Drum girls & Mary Dunn are attending a training school for teachers in Aurora, came home

last night + have gone back this afternoon
went from S.S.

Monday 10 In o'clock a.m. we have had a little rain enough
to stop the binder but the sun has come out +
+ the moisture may soon dry off. It makes bad
work in the lodged oats, many of the neighboring
farmers are already stacking.

Tuesday 11 The day is cool + bright + the difficult price of
oats is slowly going down, W. says it takes
a great deal of twine to bind the grain this
year, there is such a large growth of straw
Later. The reaping is finished, the horses put
out + the men are eating their supper +
it is not dark yet, H. Dunn went to town
this afternoon + we are looking for mail.

Wed, 12 A very pleasant day, W. + man shocking up
the oats, a letter last night from Helen,

Thursday 13 a little rainy this morning + Wilfred + Herbert
went to town, but the sun shines, + double
others are stacking, Letter to Will, a letter
yesterday or day before to K. in Minneapolis,
suppose she is there by this time, otherway her
papers to Emma + Gadon. Later. Wilfred came
home in good season. a letter from K. whereby
she will not probably start before the 15th
Mrs Dunn + Mrs Daniels called, We have
just had a brisk shower. about 7 o'clock.

Friday 14 another good day, W. + man, stacking wheat
Mr Dye + family called at the door, Mrs D.
came in to see Austin, Herbert drove
us up in the field for a short ride
The Dr. came this forenoon brought his
grand daughter. He seemed to think Mr
Winton was doing very well. Herbert up
to see Ada.

Saturday 15 Good weather continues. another wheat stack put
up. Herbert went to town with H. Dunn who
went to bring the girls home from the training school
Old Mr Spilane called this morning to see Mrs D.
rode with S. White who gathers cream.

Sunday 16 a very warm day 90° H. went to S.S. with the Dunns
we rode up in the field + when we returned
August + Ida went to her home with the
grey team. Mr Stephen Preston + his brother
John who is here from Iowa called this after
noon to see Mr Winton.

Monday 17 Another good day for the stacking. + another
wheat stack put up + the last only three.
+ they are now after the first load of
oats. A boy peddler here this afternoon,
bought a bushel of oats, for which he
paid in tin ware. about 70 again.

Tuesday 18 Good weather continues, stacking this fore-
noon, after dinner W. + H. drove to town to
meet sister K. who probably came on the
last evenings train, W. took a basket of
Duchess apples to market. August cut down
another old plum tree in front of the house
+ burnt the brush with other brush lying
around. Later. They came between five + six with
K. who is very well. Letters from Will + Gadon
+ roll of papers from G. W. sold his apples for
50 cts a peck.

Wed 19 Mr + Mrs Clemens + children called this
afternoon. Stacking continued.

Thurs 20 a lowering morning. a quiet rain latter
part of the night. W. + Herbert went to town
this forenoon took a few more apples, sold them
for $1.10 a bushel at the grocery, brought K.'s
trunk, stacking this afternoon. Letter from
Iowa to K. But Carr + wife called at the door—

Friday 21- Stacking & a good day cool & still, ten loads in said put in stack to day.

Saturday 22- Two stacks made. We were expecting Will & family this afternoon but only Will came, Nanny went over after them with Herbert for dinner. very cool weather & a frost is feared.

Sunday 23 a slight frost last night still cool weather Rode out Mr D. Wilfred Willy & myself.

Monday 24- Another frost last night not enough to do much harm, we hope. After dinner W. & Mr. R. R. & Herbert went to town to the Democrat contest for the gold medal in which H. is to take part. Willy was to take the 5 o'clock train to Dodge center a stack of succotash put up this forenoon. a letter to Gordon.

Tuesday 25 A cloudy day & a little rainy about noon but not enough to hinder the stacking much The succotash grain finished & this afternoon they have been stacking oats. Our folks came home last night about twelve, The medal was awarded to a Miss Raymore, a young woman eighteen years old.

Wed 26- a pleasant day & a part of one day more will finish the stacking Ada has spent most of the day at Mr Daniels, Mrs D. came after her. Mr Callahan called. came with men who were looking for a wishing to buy horses. Two cans of plums put up.

Thurs 27- Good weather & the stacking is done & the men have this afternoon been burning the long stubble on the oat field south of the house to make it easier to plow Picked a few ears of dent corn in the field across the road & the men say it is far enough advanced to grow if planted

Friday 28- Wilfred went to town after dinner, took a bushel & a half of apples to market $1.00 a bushel. brought home a dozen bananas a letter from Nelly this morning. a little thunder & a very little rain this afternoon. a basket of crab apples Mr sent to Mrs Dailey

Saturday 29- a little hoeing done.

Sunday 30- Herbert went to S. S. with the Queens. August took Ida home with the bay horses. Polly & Jenny. a restful day. our ride to day was as far as German Lairmans.

Monday 31 August drawing manure, washing done, mail sent to Mr Dunn. Didn't ride out with the rest to day. Mr D. R. W. & Ada drove to Mr Dunns, Mrs D. father Mr Dunnacliff, is with them now to be taken care of. being a helpless paralytic, a profession to Mr McCoy at the death of James Root

Tuesday September 1st Mr Smith our pastor & Willie Suddeth came this forenoon. brought their guns & went out after dinner & shot a bunch of grouse & ditto squirrels. dressed & left the squirrels with us. W. made over a lounge putting in more springs & making it wider.

Wed. 2- A cool day. Took a little ride up in the field. Rose & Annie Daniels called. Ida put up half a dozen cans of plums. Lucien Clement stayed with Herbert last night.

Thurs 3- a pleasant day. This morning, Wilfred, R. & R. went to Owatonna with the carriage & buggy. Since they went away, we learned that this is the first day of the State Fair at O. Five more cans of plums put up. H. Drum called. a little frost last night.

Friday 4. Wilfred went to town after dinner Ada went with him as far as Mr Lindsays. Mr + Mrs Bert Coxe called at the door on their way to Clinton. The last of the Duchess apples gathered another bushel sent to town.

Saturday 5 Am having the first cold since last Spring, but hope it will not prove very serious. Received a letter from sister Alice who is at Lake Minnetonka now from Will, Thursday night. wrote to sister A + to Helen yesterday

Sunday 6 Wilfred + Herbert went to church, H. stopping on the way home to go to S. S. we rode up into the pasture + saw the cattle watered at the well there, W. brought home a basket of fruit from the express office sent from Nunnea so Ia sent by ~~sent~~ the Dailys + Christies. Letter from Alice High this morning telling us to expect her mother Tuesday. Letter from Gordon. also a letter from Emma this morning. Postal to Emma

Monday 7. A good day. August began flowering in the field south of the house, Wilfred went to town just before noon, with a load of grain to be ground for feed

Tuesday 8. Wilfred + R. went to town + brought sister Alice who came on the three o'clock train.

Wed 9. A very nice day, most of the day I have spent lying down with an attack of palpitation Hodman + team are helping H. Drum thresh, W. is plowing.

Thursday 10. Alice + Rose have made mixed pickle, green tomatoes, cucumbers, onions + green peppers with spices + vinegar + a little sugar, & letters to Willy + Gordon. Letter to Mrs Brinton from Dr. Ward + Mrs Cooper.

mrs Plumper + May Clement called. Mr to gather plums for canning.

Friday 11. Wilfred went to town, + brought home his load of feed. Alice has made numerous glasses of plum jelly.

Saturday 12. W. went this afternoon to the station hoping to meet Will. but he did not come. Alice has made crabapple jelly, + three large cans of apple + plum marmalade Herbert has plowed most of the day. we had rain last night a little after bed time, + rain enough earlier, to prevent going to the Plummers house to hear a talk by Mr Clement in the Methodist preacher Herbert was to have gone with the Drums. warm + pleasant. Letter from Will.

Sunday 13. Herbert rode part way to S. S. with us when we went out to ride. + the rest of the way with a man passing. + home with Mr Daniels family H. Drum + part of his family went to Owatonna to church.

Monday 14. After dinner + after we had had a short ride W. + sister R. went to town, Herbert went with them to take the 5 o'clock train to Dodge Center, where his uncle Will is to meet him. Herb is to stay a few days at work + come back to Owatonna. + go up to Clinton for a day or two to visit his aunt, Emy Drum here to tea.

Tuesday 15. A foggy morning at first, but bright + shining rode at nine o'clock, Letters for Alice + Rose last night. Two teams plowing. Alice making more jelly: + crabapple sweet pickle

Wed. 16. Alice + R. made more apple + plum marmalade. Sent to Owatonna by Mr Drum for ale for Austin. 90°

Thurs, 17. A high wind has prevailed yesterday + to all day, + it is very warm. 88°. Plowing in the field south of the house finished, + the northeast field begun. There are + has been for two weeks bushels of plums lying on the ground under our

trees. most of them have been smaller than usual. the later ones are larger. most of the plum trees every where are loaded with fruit this year.

Friday 18 Another hot day, 92°. Have been out in the dining room helping Ida peel plums for tea. Wilfred went to the station after Herbert + they came an hour ago. between three + four o'clock. + W is already in the field again.

Saturday 19, again 92°. Alice peeled + put up a can of plums. Plowing in the northeast field nearly & quite finished. Yes, finished.

Sunday 20 Another warm dry day. Herbert rode to S.S. with the Sweden minister, Wilfred went to town to see the doctor. who sent a tonic for Mr Winton, August went with W. A letter to Will. a letter for Alice - a letter last night from Gordon enclosing one from Mrs Benedict. + Letter + telegram from Allie Nigh.

Monday 21 Warm, + hot. windy + dry. 90°. all are wishing for rain. Wilfred wrote to Dr. Ware yesterday.

Tuesday 22 Hot dry weather continues, 90°. Men plowing we cut up crab apples to dry this morning Alice, R. + I.

Wed. 23 no change in the weather. 90°. How we long for rain. The day has been very windy. more crab apples dried. Mr Clemens gave a talk last night at the Plumer House, Herbert went down with the Drums. Mr + Mrs B. Case + Miss Ellen Case called.

Saturday 26 Have not been well for a day or two + have not written. Yesterday + day before the county fair has been going on in Waseca, Wilfred + Herbert went yesterday. but took no horses or cattle. W. is not feeling very well this morning. The weather

is cooler but no rain. We got the big can filled with kerosine oil yesterday.

Evening. Herbert took his mother to Mrs Plumer this morning + went after her before night. H. Drum + his family went to the fair. took R's trunk to leave at the Grant House. till tomorrow when Alice + R. will go over to take the early morning train to Minneapolis. Letter from Will.

Sunday 27 A soft rain most of the forenoon. afternoon + after dinner W. took Alice + Roxie to the Grant House in Waseca to go on the morning train to Minneapolis + on to Ohio. Had another attack of palpitation this morning of two hours or more duration. Herbert did not go to S. S. owing to the rain.

Monday 28 Washing done. Do not feel out. Cloudy + looking like rain through the forenoon. Some rain in the night. colder, 54° now, at nearly sun down. cold enough for fires. Have been busy making over one or two articles of underwear.

Tuesday 29 The 35th anniversary of our arrival here, in this neighborhood. where our home has been all these years + all those who were our first neighbors. have long since gone to other homes. Wilfred went to town. brought home a feed mill to try before buying it. Postals to Charles Winton + to Gordon.

Wed, 31 This morning we were greatly surprised by the arrival from New York of Dr. Ware. He came to Waseca this morning on an early train + Mr Clement brought him over. Mr C. is setting up + showing Wilfred how to use the feed mill. Mary Clement has been taken to Rochester to be treated for aberation of mind.

Thursday
Oct. 1st Letter to K. + Willy. Letter from K, in St Paul. They did not leave Minneapolis for Ohio till Wed. evening

Friday 2 The Dr. + Wilfred went to Waseca this forenoon. returned before dark. Mr + Mrs Charles Vinton came this afternoon Cloudy all day + quite a shower just at night. Letter from Gordon.

Saturday 3 It has rained nearly the whole day. Charles intended to go home this afternoon but was prevented by the rain.

Sunday 4 A pleasanter day than yesterday. Charles + Britton went home this forenoon. August + Ida went over to her father this afternoon. A letter from Will. Herbert went to S.S. with the Drums.

Monday 5 August threshed for Mr Daniels, cold + probably a frost or freeze to night. Put up a mosquito bar over Mr + Mrs bed. The flies are a pest since the cooler weather.

Tuesday 6 August thrashing again for Mr Daniels. Mary Dunn drove in to take our mail as she was going to town. The Dr. sent mail. + a postal card to Will. But + Mrs Case called at the door, a little stove set up in the dining room yesterday, (Can't tell to)

Wed. 7 a somber day. August threshed for Mr Dunn. A peddler here this morning. Ida helped sew put a white corn for + together. The Dr. walked up to where Wilfred + Herbert were digging potatoes washed + ironed a jacket I have been repairing. Mr Vinton has not been out riding for a week + more. The weather has been too windy or raining or too cold.

Thursday 8 Wilfred took the Dr. to Owatonna this morning to stay till tomorrow. when he will come to the station on the afternoon train. We got home before 5 o'clock brought half a dozen punkins from a field this side of O. We have raised neither punkins or squashes this year. Mr Vinton has taken a little cold we think + has quite a troublesome cough. Letter to Gordon. Man threshing at the Dunn's.

Friday 9 W. has just gone to the Station to meet the Dr. A pleasant day. Letters from Alice, Kori + Will. Letters to Mrs Dailey, + Julia Vinton forstal to Charles. Letter came for the Dr.

Saturday 10 The Dr. + W. went to Waseca this morning, came back about three o'clock. Man finished threshing for Mr Dunn at noon. + went after dinner to thresh for B. Sotebier.

Sunday 11 About noon Mr Vinton not coughing as much as he has for the last few days. Wilfred has a hard cold since yesterday, is lying down + sleeping the last two or three hours. The man also has a bad cold. Later. Herbert went to S.S. with the Drums, the S.S. has closed for this year.

Monday 12 Wilfreds cold is much better + was, last night, + today he is busy at the barn getting ready for thrashing. August is helping Berna finish thrashing this forenoon, Ida is washing

Tuesday 13 Alternate cloud + sunshine this morning. One of the thrashing men + a team came last night but the machine has not come yet. Mr Vinton seems a little better this morning than he did yesterday. A slow rain through a good part of last night.
Evening. The thrashing has gone steadily on since dinner

Two hundred & seventy bushels of wheat & 115 bushels of oats finished

Wed 14 A lowering morning, but the machine is going.

Thurs 15 The threshing ended at noon. The men except a few staying to dinner. Wheat, 270 bushels mixed, 480. Oats, 1340. W. took the Dr. to the station this afternoon to go to Owatonna again. Two letters from R. & one from Helen. Postals to Charles V. & to Will.

Mr Vinton has coughed a good deal this afternoon. Letter from Gordon.

Friday 16 The nineteenth anniversary of Will's & Emma's marriage. W. went to Waseca about noon. The Dr. will probably come home with him, as he was to come to W. on the afternoon train from O. Letter to sister Alice & Helen. August & Herbert dug part of a load of potatoes, making forty eight bushels already in the cellar. Mr Vinton has coughed a great deal during the last twenty four hours.

Saturday 17. Wilfred went to Waseca to meet the Dunns, Col. & sister R. & Lizzie High. Will also came home with them. Had come to Waseca on an earlier train. Wilfie drove the greys on the carriage. August, the sorrels on the double buggy to bring the baggage. Mr Sudduth's daughter Belle of Waseca died yesterday, a girl of nineteen.

Mr & Mrs Hakes called this afternoon.

Sunday 18. Mr & Mrs Dimen & son, & Mrs Burkett & son who lives in Austin, drove up from Owatonna, are now at dinner. Mrs B. came to consult the Dr. in regard to her son's health, which is very poor. Later. The Owatonna people have gone.

Lizzie & the Dr. have gone to take a walk. Col. Dunn & Will have gone to look at the colts. None of the people came into the room to disturb Mr Vinton who we are afraid is no better tho coughing less than he has for some time, owing probably to quieting medicines.

Monday 19 Mr Vinton has been no better to day, but is weak & takes only liquid food, has no appetite. Wilfred has taken Will to the station to go home on the 5 o'clock train. A postal to Charles Vinton.

Tuesday 20 Several hours of prostration this forenoon. After dinner our friends went away, the Dr. driving them to Waseca to take the 4 o'clock train to Minneapolis. We sent letters to Will & to Charles Vinton & a telegram to Helen at Eau Claire.

Wed 21. Another short time of my heart trouble this forenoon. Mr Dunn has gone to Waseca to bring Helen, if she is there. The washing done. Hibbert began going to school Monday.

Thurs 22 Helen came last night from Waseca came in on the one o'clock train & rode over with Peter Daniels. Mr Vinton is about the same as yesterday, does not cough much.

Friday 23. Willy & family came this afternoon to the station, the Dr. drove over for them, Charles also came.

Saturday 24. [illegible] Mr Vinton is very low, we feel he can last but a little longer

Monday Nov 9th

I can write but little of the events of the last two weeks & more, have been able to sit up but a small part of the time & can not talk much yet of what we have passed through. My husband is gone and Oh, the silent dreary terrible loneliness.

Mr Vinton continued to grow weaker through Saturday the twenty fourth, till about sun down, when he quietly passed away. The funeral services were at the home here, on monday the twenty sixth, at one o'clock, we had sent for Mr Cheney our former pastor, and our neighbors, and friends from Waseca, came to render the last service and look for the last time upon their neighbor and friend. He was laid to rest in the Woodville cemetery near Waseca, Dr. Ware stayed with us till last Wednesday the fourth, when Wilfred took him to Waseca to go to his home in Buffalo N.Y. Helen went home with her brother Charles on Tuesday the twenty seventh, and we expect her back tomorrow. Willy & family also went home that day.

The weather continues bny & pleasant Wilfred & man are husking corn, no one can be hired to help, & we fear cold & stormy weather will come before the crop can be secured.

Tuesday 10- Wilfred brought Helen from the station, she having come from Geneva to Owatonna by stage, & came to Minden on the afternoon train. a beautiful day.

Wed, 11- Wilfred went to Waseca this morning, is to bring home a load of coal. August has been plowing as the cornhusks were covered with a sprinkling of snow this morning & forenoon. We set up & started the coal stove on Monday the 2nd

Thursday 12 Ida went home to stay till the 26th at least & may not come back any more, Helen is making over a wrapper for me.

Friday 13 owing to a lame hand Wilfred can husk corn but a part of the time & ought not to do it at all, weather continues good, but rather cold last night only 5° above 0-

Saturday 14- no husking to day men worked about the barn this forenoon this afternoon are helping put up windmill at Mr Drews, Tho We drove to the station after dinner thinking Willy might come, on the afternoon train, but he was not there. am not feeling at all well in these days, have very little appetite or strength. and Ada is not as well as usual, has not been down stairs since Thursday.

Sunday 15 a very gloomy day, no sunshine, & rain & then a sprinkle of rain which has made the ground icy & slippy. a letter from Mrs Leach this morning. We have had a good many letters during the last few weeks.

Monday 16 Wilfred went to town to get a quieting remedy for Ada, who is troubled with sleeplessness. Letters to R. & Willy. There is snow or sleet enough to make the roads & fields look white, & weather cold 8° above 0, snow at sundown.

Tuesday 17 Hay drawn into the barn. We thought it too cold to husk corn, Lucy Dunn here to tea. Postal from Willy. This is his forty fourth birth day.

Wed. 18 Still cold & to day has been windy. August husks this forenoon both he & W. this afternoon, Helen put a ruffle on the skirt & brown skirt for me.

Thursday 19- not so cold W. went to town to get medicine for Ada. Letters from sisters Alice & Rosie. Helen making a sacque for Ada.

Friday 20 a good day for the husking, & the field up by the woods is finished, ready for the cattle to be turned in. German Bellas here to buy hogs & young cattle.

Saturday 21st a gloomy day. Fog a mist frozen on the corn making it too wet & disagreeable to husk. This afternoon W. has gone to the station to bring Will & Emma. man husking in the north field.

Sunday 22. another gloomy day. Willy is with us. Emma did not come. Ada is very poorly very weak.

Monday 23 A little show of snow on the ground this morning a little sunshine during the day. August has husked corn. W. has gone to take Will to the station for the 5 o'clock train home. A Mr Saunders here to look at hogs.

Tuesday 24. The early part of the day bright. W. has helped August husk, a part of the day. Helen is getting ready to go home tomorrow or as far as Minneapolis, where she is to stay over Thanksgiving.

Wed. 25. Helen has gone home. Wilfred took her to town this afternoon to take the four o'clock train. a little snow has fallen enough to whiten the roads. Letter to sister Alice & to Charles Venton. August is away attending his sister wedding at her father's.

Thursday 26. Thanksgiving day. Mr Care called this morning on his way to Mrs Plumers. Mrs C. went yesterday by the way of Waseca. August came back from the wedding about six o'clock this morning. W. is helping in the husking, as he gets time. Herbert took dinner at H. Drum's.

Friday 27 My sixty ninth birth day. Mr & Mrs Care came from Mrs Plumer's this afternoon. Mr C. went home leaving Mrs C. to stay a few days. We sent a sack of things to Charles Venton, by Mr C. to be left at Mr Church's Hotel, Owatonna. till called for. Mr & Mrs H. Drum called last evening. There is snow enough to whiten the ground, man husking

Saturday 28 14° below 0 this morning. Double windows put on pantry & bathroom windows & house banked up. W. man & Herbert took half a dozen young cattle over to German Pella's this forenoon. sold for seventy five dollars, six hogs sold & rated at for forty five dollars. had an attack of palpitation. last night at bed time, lasting two hours, Mrs Care walked to H. Drums & back.

Sunday 29. Letters from sister H. & Willy. August went to see Ida Ada continues about the same.

Monday 30. Mrs Daniels & Miss Kate Daniels called this forenoon Mrs Care decided to stay until Thursday instead of going home to day as she had thought of doing. The weather has been much warmer. wrote to H. & sister J. W. is helping the man a little to day in the husking.

Tuesday

December 1st George Collins came to day & has been husking corn this afternoon. Wilfred has been over after Ida & brought her to stay a while. The Drum girls have just come from town & brought the mail, no letter.

Wed. 2 a washing done, which we had to finish drying in the house. the weather turning damp & cloudy.

Thursday 3. Wilfred let out the corn a part of it to a German to husk, & four of them came this morning & worked till near noon when it began to rain & has been too wet to work since. George & August also worked till it rained. more seed corn put in the back kitchen in the wire cupboards to day. W. took Mrs Care to the station to go home on the 5 o'clock train. Have been busy sending for W. & H. Letter to Will. Ironing done.

Friday 4 Enough snow fell last night after the rain, to prevent husking to day. & there has been some snow &

some sunshine to day. Herbert has been grinding feed this afternoon. August chopping wood &c. I. taking care of Ada & seeing to many things. George C. went up to H. Drums last night & has not yet returned. Busy mending most of the day. Letter from Will.

Saturday 5. The weather being favorable, the Germans came & have worked all day at the corn.

Sunday 6 A very pleasant day. Mr & Mrs Daniels called to see Ada but she didn't feel well enough to see them

Monday 7. A good day. The Germans here again. They board themselves making us no trouble. August also has husked all day. I. doing chores & taking care of Ada with Herbert's help. The washing done.

Tuesday 8 Another good day. H. Drum called. The ironing done

Wed. 9 A mild day & the corn husking finished. The Germans taking home three loads of corn as their part, for the husking. Four of them have worked four & a half days

Thurs 10 A fine day & evening. Berry Solatier brought some new milk cans for us from the station where we are going to send our milk hereafter, to the factory there. Mr Case called. Helped Ida clear out the closet of Ada's room. Mended a coat for Herbert.

Friday 11. Wilfred & Herbert went to town. Letter to Mr & Mrs Daley & postal to Helen. Letter from Will. Mrs Lindsay called.

Saturday 12 Berry S. took our milk to the station again. A large churning done. A chicken Mrs Daniels sent over. Dressed. Mended another coat for H.

Sunday 13. A quiet day. Miss Bennet the teacher & many & Belle Dunn came in this evening. Brought some flowers to Ada from Mrs Preston.

Monday 14 We have had twenty four hours of steady rain, gentle, but continuous. Ida washed & we have

dried the clothes in the house. Ada is better than for sometime.

Tuesday 15. The rain ceased sometime in the night & to day has been still warm, when we expected snow & feared a blizzard. Ida has gone home to stay. She has been with us most of the time for ten or eleven years. a faithful good girl & it is hard to see how we can live without her. Agnes Drum came in late this afternoon. has just gone home. a letter to R. by her to take to the office tomorrow

Wed 16 Another fair day. hay drawn into the barn & the shed where the stock is watered covered with hay. August was to have gone away to day, but was induced to stay another week. Agnes & Mary Drum went to town & we expect them to bring the mail.

Thursday 17. Still pleasant weather & no snow. Letter from R. & Mrs Christie. Herbert went to school this forenoon. Dr Young's son Cadwell died in Col, last Sunday & his remains were to be brought to Wareca to day. wrote to Mr & Mrs Bleaker.

Friday 18 Wilfred went to town took a small load of wheat sold for 79 ct. brought home a load of coal. The funeral of Dr. Youngs son in Wareca.

Saturday 19. Had palpitation yesterday afternoon lasting five hours. Letters to Gordon & Will yesterday. W. went to town again with more wheat & brought another load of coal. Letter to R. W. brought a new weapon for me from the express office last night. to night some book for R. from Ft. Yates. H. Drum finished husking corn. Bright weather continues.

Sunday 20 A quiet day. August went home to see Ida.

Mrs Dunn came in just at evening. Ada slowly getting better.

Monday 21. It is raining to night. Mr & Mrs Hawkes are here. came a little afternoon. Mr Wheeler here to dinner. came to fix the pump. Ada not quite so well to day.

Tuesday 22 a gloomy lonely day. Mr & Mrs Hawkes went home before noon. Herbert has a cold & cough.

Wed. 23. Mrs became alarmed about Ada this morning & sent for Mr & Mrs Dunn & later for Dr Cummings, who has just gone away. Ada has been more quiet & easier since morning but is liable to have a return of the nervous trouble of the morning the Dr. thinks. August went after the doctor & was to bring Mrs Jane Daniels to stay over night if she could come.

Thurs 24. Mrs Daniels came last night & will stay till tomorrow. Ada has had another nervous attack this evening. August has gone away. has worked for us almost three years. a faithful capable good man. It is snowing now at 7 o'clock Mrs D. dressed two chickens this afternoon.

Friday 25. Christmas day & a snowy rather windy day. Mr Brainard came after Mrs Daniels this forenoon. Mrs Peter Daniels is here to night. It has stopped snowing & we hope it will not drift.

Saturday 26. A pleasant day. Mr Daniels came for Mrs D. just before noon. is to bring his sister Kate to stay to night. Ada has been quiet all day. W. & Herbert busy all day doing chores around the barn. Letter to R. & Julia Vinton. Christmas cards & booklets from Fat Bates, & package from Nessie Jay, yesterday a little remembrance from Mrs E. C. Daily a few days ago. a booklet.

Sunday 27. Ada has been very bad to day. We have sent for the doctor again. Kate Daniels is with us.

Monday 28. Dr. Young came after dark last night & stayed all night. Ada no better to day. delirious all day. Letters to R. & Willy. Henry Dunn went this morning to look for August but this afternoon he & Ida both came with Ida's father. & A. will stay while we need him so much, & Ida will come to morrow for a few days.

Tuesday 29. Ada has been quiet now twenty four hours. slept most of last night & a good deal to day after having been nearly three days & nights without sleep. Mrs Nelson Daniels came to stay a day or two & Mrs Kate went home. H. Dunn & Agnes called. August went over & brought Ida this forenoon. August & Herbert have been grinding feed.

Wed, 30. Mr Vinton & I, were married fifty years ago to night.

Thursday 31. A gloomy afternoon & looking like rain. It has thawed & the snow is nearly gone the sleighing spoiled. Letters from Helen & Willy yesterday & from R. & Mrs Hawkes. Ada continues quiet & about the same.

Friday January 1st. Ida went home after dinner. Mrs Daniels still here. Ada not very different but quiet.

Sunday 2. Mrs Daniels went home this forenoon, August took her in the sleigh, the there's no sleighing, rough roads. Ada about the same quite as well.

Sunday 3. The Dunn's brought a box for us from town last night which came from Fat Bates, filled mostly with reading matter for us & H. Dunn. Lizzie Nigh. sent such a pretty picture. her own painting.

Monday 4th. We went to town to get the grey horses shod. brought home some chickens from George Woods. Agnes Dunn came this morning & stayed through the day. we thinking we might send her to help take care of Ada but there has been nothing to do. A. still much better Postals to K. & Will. Mr B. Case called. The afternoon has been bright & pleasant, foggy morning

Tuesday 5 another time of precipitation lasting about five hours.

Wed. 6. A beef Killed. C. Gustaffson to help. We took half of it to George Wood, & one quarter to Mr Daniels. we keeping but one quarter. Weight of beef. 698 lbs. Mr Morgan here to dinner.

Thursday 7. Some snow & some wind. We & man have drawn straw & hay into the barn. mail by way of Mr Dunns. Letters from K. Helen, & Will. booklet from Alice High. K. a letter from sister Julia.

Friday 8 August went away before dinner. Have written to K. & to Gadon. a cold day.

Saturday 9 Sent letters to station by Berry. We sold about 20 hogs to A. Sanders. is to take them to the station next Tuesday. Have been busy mending.

Sunday 10. Wilfred called at Mr Dunn's. Mr D. is not at all well, & the doctor (Dr Young) having been sent for to see Mr Tunnacliff. thought he, Mr D. would need be very careful. as he might be worse. Mrs Dunn's sister who is there is also ailing. Ida & August drove over this afternoon, she to let us know she could not come to help us this week as we had expected.

Monday 11. Wrote to Sophy Beaumont Barnes. We drove to Mr Dunns. found them about as yesterday. a little more snow fell last night but people use wheels more than runners.

Tuesday 12 The hogs sold Saturday. taken to the station, Peter Daniels

weight & price of hogs	& Berry Satchier, each taking a load making three.
5180 #	August came this morning & did the barn chores for
at $3.55	We. while he went to the station, C. Gustaffson came in last
per C.W.T.	evening. Letter from sister Alice brought by Mr Daniels,
	wrote to sister Alice & to Helen. August went away after dinner
Wed. 13	Sent the letters to the office by B. & a postal to Will.
	we are having good winter weather. We cut up the
	quarter of beef. Busy most of the day mending.
Thursday 14.	Cold. still. weather. very little snow but it
	lies still. & people and sleighs rather more than
	waggons. Berry S. is drawing hay from the slough,
	on runners. also the German who husked our corn.
Friday 15.	K.'s birth day. Wrote to Mrs E. C. Dailey. cold, cold
	weather. 18° below 0. this morning. 25° in town no doubt
	no wind for several days. wind mills of no use to those
	who have them. all have to pump water by hand
	for their stock.
Saturday 16.	Sent letter to Mrs D. to office by B. S. Letters from K.
	Gadon & Will.
Sunday 17.	A gloomy cold day. It has taken Wi & Herbert
	nearly all day to do the barn chores. A postal
	from Mr Fitzgerald our pastor.
Monday 18.	We went after Ida. but she could not come, her
	father would bring her Thursday. Letter to K. &
	postal to W. sent by B. S.
Tuesday 19.	morning very cold & bright, 30° & more below 0, this
	morn. The children have gone by to school said
	they were not cold. Later. We has put an inside
	door in the hatchway in the cellar fearing to trust
	to a fire in the stove in the cellar night & morning to keep out
	the frost this very cold weather. Harry & Agnes Dunn
	have gone to town & we are afraid they will
	suffer with cold. this they had a hot block & soapstone
	They took dressed turkeys to market.
Wed. 20.	A mild pleasant day. Mr & Mrs Daniels here this
	afternoon. He brought grain to grind in the feed mill

Mrs D. cut off Ada's hair. She had been unable to have it combed for so long that it became so matted that she was obliged to have it cut off. 22° above 0.

Thursday 21 Ida came early this morning has washed & tried out the tallow of the beef killed two weeks ago. It has been quite a windy day. 32° above 0.

Friday 22 Wilfs went to town & returned before four o'clock & Herbert has gone to take Ida home. She has been busy baking sweeping & ironing. We days there's a great deal of sickness in town. Albert Victor The Prince of Wales son, is dead. of England no letters to night

Saturday 23 A mild day. N. Dunn called this morning. Their young est child quite sick. Ada has not been quite so well as she is some days, has been restless & uneasy. I have not been feeling as well as usual for a day or two going to a cold or what seems like it. I have coughed a good deal but salt puts my throat & lungs last night. Letter to N. from R. & book cover from Lyzie Kight

Sunday 24. A warm thawing day. a letter from Willy. Harry & Audrey Dunn just came in, brought a fork jonquil blossom from a house plant.

Monday 25 A pleasant day. We drove a few miles east, to see a girl we heard of, but she would not come to work for us! Letter to Julia Vinton sent by B. S.

Tuesday 26 Sister Julia's birth day. Have had another time of palpitation. from hours & I feel weak & not at all well this afternoon. Ida sits up a little but is really not able to. does not improve much if any. but sleeps & rests very well nights.

Wed, 27- Mr Case called on his way to & from his own's, & Mrs Clemens Mr Cate, Mrs Plumas brother died there yesterday He had been in bad health a long time. His remains to be sent east to his home or where

his children live. Wilfred went to the station on the milk business.

Thursday 28. Another warm day. W. sold four hogs to Germon Pallas #4. a hundred. Postal from Gordon says a great many are sick & many dying. We hear the same thing from all directions except Fort Bates. We hope they may escape as they have so far.

Friday 29 Wilfred took the hogs sold yesterday to the station.

Saturday 30. We looked for or hoped Willy might come to day & We drove to the station to meet the train but he did not come. Herbert has been to Mr Dunn's to get the mail but they had not returned from town. Have been repairing a vest putting on new buttons &c

Sunday 31. Warm, cloudy & sprinkled a little this afternoon Mail from Mr Dunns this morning. Letters from N. Mrs Stevens. Heelen & from Will to Wilfred. & the three magazines from Bates. Century Scribner & Atlantic Papers & letters all tell of sickness from grip everywhere & many deaths. Fort Bates the only place we hear from where the people are well.

Monday February 1st It rained nearly all last night I should think, & has been cloudy all day & of course it is muddy & people are not answering about much. W. rode here back over to see Ida about coming again for a day a two's to help us, could not come this week, August is to come tomorrow for a few days.

Tuesday 2 Candlemas day. Mild & still. The sun has shone part of the day. August came this afternoon & they have been drawing straw into the barn, & doing other chores. N. has found time to read aloud a little & I have been busy a part of the day mending. We have also been interested in reading some California letters Mrs P. sent us from her daughter

Wed. 3 Still open weather. Hay drawn into the barn. Mail from Mr Dunn's. A package to N. from F. Yates.

Thursday 4. a few loads of wood drawn. Herbert went to school as a treat. We have been obliged to keep him out of school through the winter to help take care of his mother.

Friday 5th W. went to the station with a load of hogs for B. S. this afternoon. A letter from R. Letters to Mrs Garner. Helen & Willy & note to R. in his letter several copies of the Advance to Emma. A beautiful day. August chopped wood in the yard

Saturday 6 W. went to town took the beef hide to market & the big kerosine oil can to be filled, & did other errands, Letters from Gordon & Julia Vinton & from Ione to R. August went away again after dinner Herbert shot a rabbit.

Sunday 7 Several inches of snow fell last night, making it seem quite like winter again It has seemed wonderfully quiet. have seen but one team past. Had this morning an attack of palpitation while dressing. but it lasted less than half an hour I think.

Monday 8. W. drove over to Swede Youngloves this morning Ida's father. Ida is not very well. John D. has begun to draw ice. went through the yard with three loads Have written to Mrs Leach. Sleighs are being used.

Tuesday 9. W. went to the station & to Pella's to see about a girl. Letter from R. Letter to W. from E. Collins

Wed. 10 August came & carried away the last of his things. Two men here to look at horses, Ada did not feel quite as well as usual this morning & W. did not go away as he had intended. W. & H. drew straw into the barn. Have written to R.

Thursday 11 Wilfred went over north to look for a girl, & went on to the Hawkes to see about a hired man, did not succeed in finding anything for himself. Letter to R. & postal to G. A. & note to Ione in his letter, papers to Emma

Friday 12. Letters from R. & Gertie Dailey. & Letter from Willy to Wilfred. Harpers Weeklies from R. W. went over South this afternoon in further search of a girl, no better success than yesterday, Drum children here this evening. John D. finished drawing ice, ~~three two~~, Ada's sister Mrs Case came to see her yesterday from Mrs Clemens, Mary Dunn came to the door on horseback to bring the mail,

Saturday 13. Wilfred went to the station & brought Willy, who came on the two o'clock train.

Sunday 14. St Valentines day. Herbert received a valentine from Alice Nash. A very quiet day. Willie

Monday 15th a fine day. Herbert has gone to take his Uncle Will to the station to go home on the 5 o'clock train. Expected a German girl to come to do a washing tomorrow. but the mother is sick & she cannot come. Later, when Herbert came back from the station. W. drove to Swede Johnsons to get one of the men to come for a few days to help draw ice. but they were gone from home. 22° below, this morning.

Tuesday 16 a pleasant day. W. drove to see the Johnson again this morning. one of them thought he might come last of the week for a day or two. Another neighbor is drawing ice part here German Altenburg. Letter from Sunday from Mrs McCoy.

Wed. 17 Six loads of ice put into the ice house. We was fortunate enough to get German Beedy to help to day & tomorrow. He drew three loads. W. one. Herbert one & J. Brain came with a load, & bought a load or part of a load of corn. Mary Altenburg who works for her brother, came & did our washing.

Thurs. 18. another six loads of ice drawn, Beedy coming again & Herbert going twice, & J. Brain drawing another load, & getting another load of corn. Lizzie Reuter came this morning to see if we needed

help about washing or other work. kindly offering to stay through the day if we wished her to. all the members of her own family are sick, as our washing was done yesterday, it was not necessary for her to stay. Letter from R. & Willy.

Friday 19. Herbert went this morning & drew a load of ice for a German neighbor a man going with him with another team. Sent letter to Will, by B. S. Have written to R. & to Gordon, Busy yesterday & today mending.

Saturday 20. Sent Letters to R. & G. by B. S. Allen & Charles Hawkes called this afternoon. brought our mail, Letters from Helen, Willy & Gordon.

Sunday 21. A cloudy day. warm & thawing.

Monday 22. Washingtons birthday. Wilfred changed the bed in his room. took out the double bed & put in a single one for Ada, & a lounge for himself. Man here from near Meriden station to look at a horse. wrote to Gustie D. a damp day. sleighing spoiled.

Tuesday 22. We went to town & to Mr Hawkes's, & came home about six o'clock. another damp day & a small rain has been falling since about five o'clock. Sent Gs. letter & Sept. century to Emma.

Wed. 24. The rain of last night turned to snow before morning. but the weather has been warm enough to keep the snow thawing, & there is but little left. W. took the corral bones to Mr Dunn's to weigh them. Weight 2150.

Thurs' 25. morning. The sun is shining this morning. the first time in many days. B. S. has just driven away from the door on his way to town.
Sundown, Mr & Mrs Dunn called, & Mr & Mrs Peter Daniels. Mr D. is talking of renting part of our land. probably the field north of the road.

Friday 26. A very pleasant day. Herbert went down to school this afternoon. sent postal to Will by B. S.

Saturday 27. We are sadly disappointed to night in not getting our mail having fully expected it from Mr Dunn's. but they forgot it to day when in town and the Drums did not get it yesterday as we hoped they would. Have spent the afternoon mending two coats which the mice had gnawed while they were hanging in the dining room. They, the mice, are making us a good deal of trouble.

Sunday 28. A somber day. mostly. Another fall of snow last night enough to whiten things a fresh. several teams with our German neighbors passing back & forth. Heard last night of the death of Widow Lindsay of Fairbault. formerly a neighbor three miles away. a scotch woman.

Monday 29. We went to an auction sale of stock, farming tools &c. at Joe Dunn's farm. Have written to Mrs Stearns. Mail to night from Mr Dunn, Letters from R. & Willy, & other letters & the family. Letters to us all. from Simon.

Tuesday March 1st. Wilfred & Herbert went to George Woods. a bright pleasant mild day. George Collins, in his absence this forenoon has helped W. - drew a load of straw into the barn. Have written to Mrs McCorp. In three days. Mrs reading aloud Gray's Elegy Life.

Wed. 2. Not quite as pleasant as yesterday. Hay drawn into the barn & feed grinding. Sent Letters to Mr Ds.

Thurs 3. a damp, foggy day. no sunshine. more hay put into the barn. Have written to Emma.

Friday 4. Wilfred went to town. George C. went with him to go to Wells tomorrow. a pail of eggs, 8 dozen, sent to market price, 12½ cts a dozen. Letter from R. Letters to Emma & R. a letter partly written to Gordon.

Saturday 5 A pleasant day. H. Drum & his two boys Harry & Andrew went to town this morning & Herbert rode with them as far as George Woods, where he was to stay till they returned Have been busy most of the day mending.

Sunday 6. A very quiet pleasant day. Reading & rest for all.

Monday 7 Another pleasant, warm, day. More mending Feed grinding this forenoon. H. Drum took home a yearling calf W. did not wish to raise. the second one he has taken within a week from here a few woolen garments washed by Herbert help

Tuesday 8 Pleasant again but it looks to night like rain B.S. brought a load of feed & ground it this forenoon. Town meeting day. W. did not go. Have written to Mrs Benedict to send on a letter to Gordon.

Wed 9 morning a furious blizzard is raging. Such a change from the mild summer like weather of yesterday. snow enough has fallen & is falling, to fill the air, & the fierce roaring wind reminds one of the great blizzard of the early seventies.

Thursday 10 The wind kept up through the night but has been growing gradually less & this afternoon the sun is shining & the air clear B. S. after hesitating for some time & starting back home finally decided to go the station with the milk. (it was to have been taken yesterday) & he also took our mail, paper & letter to Gordon. His letter & paper

Friday 11 The wind went down & all last night there was perfect quiet but it began again this morning & blew from the south this forenoon in a very blustering manner & this afternoon, the weather is mild & there is no wind to speak of & the spots of snow or drifts are melting. A small chimney

has been done the first one in three months

Saturday 12 Postal to Will by B. S.

Sunday 13 A restful day.

Monday 14. Rather a cold day & the hubs have not thawed much. Have written to Simon. Lucy Drum came home yesterday from teaching a four months school.

Tuesday 15 We had expected the German girl Mary Altenburg to wash for us to day, but she came to say that owing to a bad cut on her thumb she was unable to do so. & Agnes Drum came & did the white part of the washing. During the process, I had an attack of palpitation which lasted four hours. a year ago today. Mr Vinton was taken sick with the grip

Wed 16 Charley Schrader brought & ground a load of feed. The ironing done. Letter to R. enclosing letter to Simon. Herbert went to school this afternoon. W. went to C. Gustafson's this morning & has gone again this evening. Letter from R. Jan & magazine A. & C.

Thursday 17 W. & Herbert drove to Mr Dunns & to C. Gustafson's weighed the grey oxen at Mr Dunns weight 2,850. Agnes & Lucy Dunn came to Wayne this afternoon. Their father is in W. on the jury this week. mending yesterday & today

Friday 18 A couple of pigs killed C. Gustafson to help. a fine day. H. went to the school this afternoon, The last day. F. Altenburg ground a load of feed at the mill Letter from R. to H. minded Mrs buffalo coat.

Saturday 19. Wilfred & Herbert went to town. Took one of the pigs killed yesterday, to market. Letters from Willy & Gordon. Letter to W. Lucy Dunn came down & stayed with us while W. & H. were gone.

Sunday 20. A very pleasant day.

Monday 21. Snowing & blowing this afternoon. R. sent letter to R. & to others by B. S.

Wyoming man here to look at sionel horses, Letter from K.

Tuesday 22. W. drove the sorels over to Mr Dunns this morning to show them to the Wyoming horse man who has made no purchases yet. The pig killed the other day cut up ready for salting. Cloudy weather. W. brought home a gallon crock of butter from Mrs Nelson Daniels last Saturday, 20 cts a pound.

Wed. 23 Mary Altenburg came & washed for us again today & cleaned the little house we had a bright day. Letter from Roben last night.

Thurs. 24. The patches of snow have thawed fast. W. has packed the pork & made a pickle for the hams & we made the head cheese, H. ground feed in forenoon. mended a good many garments.

Friday 25. C. Gustafson & son are here to help draw hay & straw into the barn. The leaf lard tried out. Letter from K. this morning. a pleasant, warm day.

Saturday 26. Robins & meadow larks heard two days ago. weather warm & this forenoon a sprinkle of rain. Mail from Mr Dunn's this evening. Letters from Gordon & Emma & postal from Willy. & letter to K. from his aunt.

Sunday 27. a pleasant day.

Monday 28. Robert went to the station this morning with the milk man B. S. Letter & papers to Gordon & papers to Emma. Postal to Willy. a new girl has come this afternoon, Kate Mack & we hope she will prove satisfactory, & stay the summer. W. went to Mr Daniels this forenoon. went up stairs to see Ada. have not been up stairs before, since the 10th of December.

Tuesday 29. Peter Daniels came & helped W. clean up seed wheat. wrote to Emma. Ada not feeling quite so well. The new girl has gone to the barn to help milk the cows. She washed the dining room

windows washed.

Wed. 30. My room swept & suppounded. Lounge moved into the parlor. Mail from Mr Dunn's. a package of Harpers weeklies & Bazars from Fort Yates.

Thurs. 31. a windy cold day. The roads are bad & not much travel. Some of the neighboring farmers are putting in wheat, & no doubt have been all the week. not a spot of snow in sight & has not been I think for several days. Magazine from Marvin Dailey. Letter from sister Alice

Friday April 1st. Wilfred went to the station with the milk with B. S. drove the greys. The roads are muddy & very bad. This is a terribly windy afternoon. Letter to K. from K.

Saturday 2. W. went to town, took 17 doz eggs to market only 9 cts a dozen. Letters from Willy & Gordon. Letter to K. another roll of paper from K. Feb. Weeklies & Bazars.

Sunday 3. The day has been cloudy & snow at dark. It is raining & has been for an hour also for seeding tomorrow.

Monday 4. It was raining this forenoon & the roads so bad that B. S. could not, in addition to this open take the milk to the station & Wilfred took ours. but we are to send no more till the roads are better. will save the cream & churn The white clothes washed. not dried. The fire in the coal stove went out this afternoon the first time since it was started the first of November.

Tuesday 5. The colored washing done. a cloudy day with snow & then flakes of snow in the air. W. & H. busy with the chores & part of the day grinding feed. W. took the two hives of bees out of the carriage house found the bees in one, all dead for the want of honey.

Wed. 6. a pleasant day. The ground was frozen this morning

more seed ground. A small churning done
The last of the clothes dried & part of the ironing
done. A letter from Mrs Stevens. Mending
most of the day. German Altenburg came
& borrowed a harness

Thurs. 7 A fine day. Wilfred & Herbert have put in over four
acres of wheat. W. driving the greys on the seeder. &
H. the morels on the harrow. Johnnie Dunn brought
from the express office a new gun for Herbert a
small affair for a gun but very satisfactory to H.
The ironing finished. some of the wire screens put on
the windows. a little window washing & the Buffalo
robes fur mittens &c. put away. more mending.
Ada does not change much apparently from
day to day. but gradually grows weaker and
thinner.

Friday 8 The ground frozen too much for seeding this
forenoon, Four acres sowed this afternoon.
Mary Dunn Snow at 6 o'clock the ground is again freezing.
called. The wind has blown all day. H. Dunn has gone
to town & will bring our mail. Johnnie Dunn
has come up to see Herbert's new gun.

Saturday 9 Cold this morning & ground frozen again
& no seeding to day. A large churning done
The Drumm boys came to use the feed mill
this afternoon after W. & H. were done using
it. Busy looking over bags of things & cutting
up old garments.

Sunday 10 A beautiful day. Katie went to church &
to her home, & came back early August &
Ida came in this afternoon.

Monday 11 Washing done & dried. Mrs Daniel & little girl called
Mr Daniel bought a three year old colt of Willis
Price $80. Letter to Mr Raymond came & bought the
seven acres Price $187. Ground frozen again. a little
more sowing in the afternoon. Letter to Will.

Tuesday 12 morning W. is going to town to take the horses sold
yesterday the morels. Letters to K. & to Gordon.
Evening. Two men came from town & killed a cow
sold the other day to Mr Fischer & took the beef away
W. brought a letter from Gordon. Have written to Helen.
Ironing & baking done & several windows washed
It has been a mild quiet day.

Wed. 13 We are having a blizzard this afternoon. several inches
of snow has fallen & the wind is howling through
the tree tops. This forenoon. W. wrote to Will. Letter to Helen.

Thursday 14 A mild day after the storm & most of the four
inches of snow has melted away. A churning
done. No seeding more feed ground. The Drumm
boys came down & ground feed part of the
afternoon for themselves.

Friday 15 Morning. Peter Daniels is here grinding feed. W. is
going to town to take a tub of butter. Papers to Mr. in
Dailey. Gordon, & Emma, & sends magazines to J. Letter
from R. to H. Evening. W. came home sometime before
dark Letter from Willy, & the usual papers. a warm day,

Saturday 16 A good day for seeding, & W. & Herbert have fin-
ished sowing the large wheat field. More windows
washed baking. dusting little things & places
regulated. Eight dozen candles made yesterday
& to day. Little stone taken out of north east chamber

Sunday 17 another pleasant day. Katie went to church again
it being Easter Sunday. Herbert played a few
tunes on the organ the first time in many months

Monday 18 Pleasant all day. The wheat field is being harrowed.
will be finished at supper time, Johnnie Dunn came to
get the carriage to take his grandfather to Wawa
to stay with his son. a large washing done. a dog
candles made. Letter from R.

Tuesday 19 The banking taken away from the west end of the
house. Peas sowed. some plowing done up by the woods
Peter Daniel & man are getting in wheat on the north side

of the road, next to H. Drums land. Horse doctor called at the barn. Ironing & baking done.

Wed. 20. a stranger here to dinner. Tives at Eagle Lake. Mr D. finished getting in the wheat in southeast field & is plowing the last years cornfield. Mrs Daniels & Miss Grace Lindsay called this afternoon. Finishes making candles. Twenty dozen. Katie has cleaned the back chambers. Sprinkling this afternoon. George White's son David, rode in. is looking for a colt to buy. Two little pieces of ground up by the woods, fitted & sowed to wheat which finishes the wheat sowing.

Thurs. 21. It has rained in a small way a good part of the day & we think it rained gently through most of last night. Windows in Ada's room washed, stair carpet taken up &c. The buds on the trees are swelling & look as if the leaves would soon burst out.

Friday 22. Pleasant all day. Two leaches put up & Katie is attending to them this afternoon & keeping the fire up under the big kettle. & the soap will be nearly made to night I hope. Herbert has been plowing in the north field to help Mr Daniels who has gone to town this afternoon. leaving his man & one team plowing. K. cleaned out the back kitchen & a fine then first time this spring. Had an attack of palpitation last night beginning between seven & eight & continuing five hours. Letters from K. & Gordon We look for K. tomorrow or next day. We have been looking all the week for Mr Reichel & man from Warren, to paper & paint &c. my room & the dining room. First brood of chicken, yesterday. There are 25 young pigs a day or two old. W. has put up 15 bushels of potatoes to take to town tomorrow. Herbert shot several gophers with his new Stevens rifle which Simon sent him. Killed a rabbit yesterday. We sent postal to Will, Herbert a letter to Simon. We are somewhat expecting to see Dr. Moore soon a

Gordon told us he was intending to come west on business

Saturday 23. Wilfred went to town took fifteen bushels of potatoes to market. Price 25 ct. brought home a few boards. K. did not come will probably come in on the late evening train, soap making finished. Herbert shot eight gophers.

Sunday 24. W. & Herbert went over to church & brought sister K. home with them. The day has been wholly pleasant. Had palpitation this morning but it lasted not more than a quarter of an hour. Girl did not go away.

Monday 25. Cloudy all day & sprinkly in forenoon. Mr Daniels & man came to the plowing in the afternoon & H. helped them. plowing all the afternoon & feeling very proud to do it. Washing done not dried.

Tuesday 26. Dr. & H. plowed all day in the north field. (The plowing) & it was finished, & Mr D. began sowing oats.

Wed morning 27. The wind blew & there was more or less rain through the night. Evening most of the day pleasant, Clothes hung out & dried & the colored clothes washed. The hams put to smoke. K. went down to see Herbert grind feed.

Thurs 28. Mr Daniels finished getting in the oats at noon. Wilfred & Herbert put in another piece of peas this afternoon, a good deal of wind all yesterday & through last night.

Friday 29. Wilfred went to town. Herbert grinding feed till his father went away nearly noon. Mr & Mrs Case came about the same time. Mrs C going to see his son. Mrs C. staying here till he came back. when they went home. Postal to Mr. from Willy. Express package for K. & W. brought home her trunk which was left at the Grant House. Letter to Willy.

Saturday 30. Mr Reichel & man, paper hangers came early this morning from Warren & have papered & painted my room & the dining room. Good day.

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Monday 16 A partly pleasant day sunshine & cloud. the washing done & dried. we had a call from Miss Thompson. she came home with Agnes Drum from Janesville. is to stay two or three days in the neighborhood. The cattle turned out to pasture first time this Spring. Some of the neighbors are planting corn. Letter from Gordon.

Tuesday 17. Rose at suppertime it is sprinkling. has threatened rain all day. C. Gustafson helped pick over potatoes in the cellar & took another load & part of a load home. The Drum boys also took home several sacks. Mrs Thompson called again this morning on her way from Mr Drum's to Mr Dunn's. The roads are said to be very bad. Ironing done.

Wed, 18 A windy afternoon & rain at different times through the day. W. was to have taken sister K. to London to go to Minneapolis & Miss Thompson was to have gone with them, but W. could not go, & we have been very glad they did not go. the day has been so bad.

Thursday 19. Wilfred went to town. Miss Thompson rode with him from Mr Daniels. Letter from Helen Letter to Willy papers to Emma & to Gordon not a pleasant day. but no rain another colt at the barn this morning. the Polly mare the mother. We read of great floods along the Mississippi. Missouri & other western rivers,

Friday 20 The ground white with snow this morning but gone at noon. but no sign of clear weather. a letter has come from sister Julia, with the news of a son born to her daughter Margaret who lives in Virginia & with whom

she is staying at present. Harry Drum here after hay. There has been not more than two pleasant days, in the last three weeks.

Saturday 21. The sun is really shining & has been at intervals through the afternoon. It is now five o'clock. Katie has been having bad luck with her bread & quite unhappy in consequence. The trouble has doubtless been caused by using yeast cakes which are too old.

Sunday 22. Sunny the fore part of the day but this afternoon the clouds have come back. Katie went home. hand got returned. Mail from Mr Dunn's. Letter from Mrs Stevens & Willy. H. went to S. S. with the Drums.

Monday 23. A pleasant day. The washing done & dried. Herbert finished plowing & harrowed the ground for sweet corn. Had Palpitation lasting two hours & a half.

Tuesday 24. Herbert thirteenth birth day. K. made him a cake, & better than anything. the whole day has been pleasant. Sweet corn planted. the garden plowed, & a few potatoes planted. The April magazines to night from Col. Drum. Atlantic century. Harpers. Scribners. Cosmopolitan & Lippincott.

Wed, 25 Another good day. tho' there were clouds & a little rain at one time. H. Drum came home bringing his brother Tom who is much better. K. went up to Mr. D's. Katie helped Herbert cut up seed potatoes in the cellar this forenoon, & they were planted this afternoon. a rover came around. Children from school brought their hands full of plum & apple blossoms & other green things.

Thursday 26. Wilfred went to town. K. went with him & went to Minneapolis on the afternoon train. Letters to Helen. Willy & to Gordon. a pleasant day. Katie & Herbert worked in the garden. Harpers Bazar & Buckley & other papers came.

Friday 27. Mr & Mrs B. Case called this morning took home some seed corn. told us of the death of Mr John Emerson nearly ninety years old. Dr. Young's step father. lived near Marcus was buried last Monday. More garden made & pumpkin & Hubbard squash seed planted in the field of sweet corn.

Saturday 28. Quite a rainy day. tho' the latter part has been pleasant, & a pleasant sunset. Wilfred made a box or case for Herberts guns Letter from Willy.

Sunday 29. Herbert got ready to go to S.S. but owing to dark clouds & rain did not go.

Monday 30 Decoration day. Wilfred & Herbert went to town, took some flowers & evergreens to the cemetery. met Mrs Hawkes & Allen there. Mrs H. helped us place the flowers on his father, & Willy Stevens grave. The people went to the cemetery in the afternoon. The day has been very pleasant. Letter to Mrs Stevens.

Tuesday 31. A cloudy day & now, nearly sundown, it is sprinkling & has been for an hour. We has been trimming out some of the plum trees

Wed. June 1st Another cloudy cold day. & we are glad to warm our feet by the coal stove. I have had a sore throat since last night have used gargles & now at supper time have applied salt pork. Two letters from K.

Thurs. 2. A pleasant day. George Woods by carrier. came over to spend the day with Herbert. each with a gun, they have been two happy boys. Caught in three grey squirrels perhaps. Killed some gophers Wilfred put up the moldings here in my room. he brought from town the other day to frame pictures on. Katie white washed the back kitchen. Have not felt at all well since last night. throat & lungs have been sore. & I have coughed a good deal. A Mr Gamble came last night to get a calf he bought some time ago. Price $14.00. H. Drum called.

Friday 3 Wilfred & Herbert went to town took a fat cow. took her on the wagon in the hop rack. Have coughed a good deal this afternoon. cloudy weather. Letter to K. postal to Willy & papers to Emma.

Saturday 4 Drizzly most of the afternoon. My cold has seemed better tho' I have not felt very well most of the day. Dr. has now a cold, & since last night a sore throat. Letter from Willy. H. & B. Drum went to town.

Sunday 5 It has been pleasant till now nearly night it is cloudy & thundering. Herbert has just come home from S.S. Katie went to church this morning & home after church has not yet returned. This has been the warmest day of this year. Have felt better than I have for several days.

Monday 6 Alternate cloud & sunshine. a little rain just at supper time. Washing done & dried. 80° about. The fire has not gone out quite, in the coal stove, we intended to move the coal stove & set up one of the little wood stoves, may do so tomorrow. A quantity of milk became sour & as we could not send it away to the separator, we decided to churn it which we did this afternoon, getting but little butter, & that with a good deal of trouble. Mike "Splain" came this morning to help Wilfred about breaking colts & other work for a few days.

Tuesday 7. The day of the Republican convention at Minneapolis. The forenoon was pleasant quite a shower this afternoon. Mary Allenbury came in this morning & brought her brothers baby a child of eight months. It has been a day of showing stoves with us, we let the fire go out in the cook stove set it back & put up the little stove. put the cookstove into the back kitchen, & the parlor stove into the dining room. Letter from R. who is now at Wareca probably, & W. is going after her tomorrow

Wed. 8. Had palpitation this morning but it lasted only an hour. Wilfred went to town & brought his aunt Rosie. Letter from Julia Vinton as is quite usual, the forenoon was cloudy afternoon pleasant at least not more than one half of the day is pleasant in these days. We brought home & set out some tomato plants.

Thurs 9 a warm pleasant day. W. went to town again to get barbed wire for a fence drove one of the colts he is breaking with one of the greys. or rather Mike drove. They came back to a late dinner. Have been making new curtains for the windows in my room, R. brought them from Minneapolis

Friday 10. Wilfred went early this morning to the station, took four hogs. a black thunder shower this morning about six o'clock while he was at the station. Letter to Julia Vinton yesterday & wrote again to her to day. Mike O'Flan went home to night

Saturday 11. a tramp came in this morning was given food talked about work but went on his way. Fixed up the coal stove with curtain & board on the top for back &c. for the summer. Potatoes sprouted in the cellar. Katie helped W. & H. most of the afternoon. very warm, 90° above

Sunday 12. Another hot day, about 90° above. Herbert drove the greys to S.S. took the Drums or part of them. some of the family went to Owatonna to church, it being children day. Katie went home her brother brought her back. Postal from Willy to Wilfred last night

Monday 13. Herbert went to the station to meet Julia Vinton who came from Owatonna on the afternoon train. She came to A. Saturday to stay till after commencement at Pillsbury academy. is to go back there tomorrow. clouded & raining. washing done.

Tuesday 14. Wilfred took Julia to the station to go back to Owatonna on the noon train, H. went with them. Mr & Mrs Fragell called this afternoon. Herbert has gone to Wareca with the Drums to hear a temperance lecture this evening by a colored man Rev. Mr. Proctor. a very pleasant afternoon. Katie has done the colored washing.

Wed. 15. We are & have been having a storm for hours, of rain, thunder & lightning, & it is eight o'clock & after, & there is a continuous roll of thunder & almost incessant lightning. Harry & Andrew Drum came & got another load of hogs. a Mr. Taft came early this morning to get some early seed corn. a variety of Yankee corn. People all

about the country have been flooding over their corn, much of that first planted having failed to grow. Ironing & baking.

Thurs' 16. another gloomy day, C. Gustafson has been here to help about various things. The sleds put away wood sawed R. W. went to Mr Dennis or Burin

a terrible cyclone in Faribault Co, the county, the name kills not known yet to be all, 8 more

Friday 17. there is a good deal of water on the slough & north of us. a great deal of water fell yesterday & there was more or less hail at the station & further north. Jonny Dunn brought the mail this morning papers & letters to R. Wilfred went to town late brought a small crock of butter from George Woods, a letter from Will. The butter 16 cts. a pound.

Saturday 18. Letter from Gordon. R. is getting ready to go back to Fort Yates. Letter to Gordon.

Sunday 19. Bright & pleasant till afternoon, then thunder & clouds but only a sprinkle of rain. Herbert went to S.S. with the Drums, Inn & Mrs H. Drum called to see R. since S.S.

Monday 20. Until late this afternoon the day was clear & beautiful, but now between five & six, it is thundering & sprinkling. a large washing done, & dried. Herbert has been plowing sweet corn. School children came in with handsfull of white roses. Later we have have had a thick shower of rain but it came without wind.

Tuesday 21. Wilfred took R. to Waseca, starting between twelve & one, she is to go to Minneapolis on the early morning train & in a day or two on to Fort Yates, most of the day has been pleasant. Letter to Will. R. & I milked all the cows to night before W. got home.

Wed. 22. morning. Half past six. a black rainy, discouraging morning with almost incessant

thunder & lightning, but no wind as yet or hail, for which we are thankful. About quarter after ten noon day the sun has come out bright & gives promise of fairer weather tomorrow. A circus in Waseca. Their receipts must have been mighty mud, a northfield man here looking at Hares.

Thursday 23. Still another gloomy day most of it thunder & lightning & rain. The sun came out for a little while & there has not been much rain this afternoon. a barn frame has been put up this afternoon over across the slough on the Oldhus farm.

Friday 24. At last we have had a whole pleasant day, & there was sore need of sunshine. Wk finished a grey woolen sacque for one H. D. called. A letter from R. written at the Grant House before she went away.

Saturday 25. One more pleasant day & the sunset is bright at least the sun is shining sweet seven o'clock. some grinding done, & the garden plowed out & a fence finished for a pig yard. Letters from R. Helen, & Willy.

Sunday 26. Sister N. & Katie went with Herbert to S.S. & expected to hear Mr Fuzzell preach at three o'clock. but black clouds & thunder warned him not to come. & there was a shower during the S.S. N. went to Mrs Plumers to stay till sermon time & as the minister did not come she did not go to or into the school house. It had been raining a little this morning when we got up. There was heavy thunder before the shower this afternoon. Had a half hour of prayer & testimonies this morning.

Monday 27. again a pleasant day. Wilfred went to town. took half a dozen sacks of potatoes to market. 25¢ et a barrel. brought home flank for bain floor. Letter from Gordon. & from Col Drum to W. another washing done. Letter to R.

Tuesday 28. one more pleasant day. Wilfred went to town again & brought Mr Dibble home with him to help fix the horse stable. shingle the granary &c. Yesterday went to the golden the first time this Spring & to day went out again & pulled weeds a while. Katie hoed the cabbages &c. Miss Edith Colaghon of Warren was married last evening & went with her husband a Mr Foote to live in the state of New York.

Wed. 29. Cloudy & threatening rain all the forenoon. but the afternoon has been sunny & pleasant. C. Gustafson came this morning rather late. has helped Mr Dibble & W. with the work in the stable. Katie & I went out & found weeds of various kind for greens for dinner. Helped Katie weed the strawberry bed for an hour. It seems best to take advantage of the sunshine to be in the open air. we have had so few bright days. only one & then one, or a half of one.

Thurs. 30. Pleasant all day. Mrs Daniels & Miss Kate Daniels called. The old shingles taken off the granary & new ones put on. H. Drum, Fred Altenburg & C. Gustafson, helped W. & Mr Dibble do the work, Mr D. & W. finishing what was left after dinner. Finished a night shirt for Herbert.

Friday July 1st A good day. but towards night clouds came on & now between seven & eight it is raining. Postal from Willy. Mr & Mrs Cook came & stayed a few hours.

Herbert took Mr Dibble home this morning drove the greys, wrote to Gordon. A short time with palpitation.

Saturday 2. a gloomy day, without one ray of sunshine. Herbert got up very early this morning to go to Mr George Woods. to spend the day with Capt W. a boy about his own age. He started about five o'clock rode one of the greys. carrying his gun box. The early start was owing to his desire to see the separator used at milking time. about forty cows is the number they keep I believe. a letter from R. to H. It has been sprinkling the last hour or two. Made another night shirt for Herbert.

Sunday 3 a rather pleasant day. Herbert drove to S. S. Harry Drum & Andrew Drum rode with him. Katie went home. Monday 4. a beautiful day. Herbert & Harry Drum went to a picnic at William Lindsays. Katie went home to spend the day. a postal to Willy. The hammock put up on the back porch. Have been busy mending most of the day.

Tuesday 5th Mr Clement came this afternoon with a telegram bringing the terrible news of the sudden death of Col Drum of apoplexy. It was so sudden, so unexpected. we are overwhelmed. Wrote to R.

Wed. 6. Yesterday & to day, both pleasant bright days. Mrs Dunn called. The washing done. Katies sister came to see her. People are beginning to cut hay.

Thurs 7 Good weather continues. W. went to town. took a load of wheat. price 69 ct. Mr & Mrs Hawkes called this afternoon. wrote to R. & to Gordon. Letter to W. from Willy. Are cutting rags for rugs. Mrs Daniels came to get a bee hive. Tuesday. Ada's room was swept & dusted & cleaned as well as it could be under the circumstances.

Friday 8 One more pleasant day. Herbert went to the school picnic. the last day of school. Julia Clagharn & a girl friend called to bring us a basket of beautiful roses. They had come with a young party from Luton to the picnic. Wilfred got out the mower & cut the grass in the yard & used the scythe among the trees.

Saturday 9. We went to town & brought Willy home. Henry rode over with us. a letter from Mrs Christy We did not hear anything further from Fort Yates as we had hoped.

Sunday 10. A quiet day, pleasant afternoon. H. went to S.S. some of the Drum children rode with him. The girl did not go home.

Monday 11. Wilfred took Willy to town to go home on the 5 o'clock train. brought home a new mower & horse rake. Just at dark Allen. Charles Hannah & Bennie Hawkes came over & brought their cousins, the Misses Cobb from Maine who are spending a few weeks in Minnesota. Letters from Simon & Gordon.

Tuesday 12. H. Drum & some of his family went to town & brought a telegram from Simon asking R. to go to Fort Yates. W. has gone to town to telegraph asking more about it. W. hired a man yesterday to work a few weeks. He is expected to night. Yesterday & to day pleasant & very warm.

Wed. 13. Another pleasant & very warm day. A telegram from Simon. R. is not to go to Fort Yates. A letter from sister R. A postal yesterday from Willy. The hired man came last night, & to day has helped in the haying. The clover or part of it cut, grass on the road mowed. Heard written to R.

Thursday 14. Cloudy & hot. put in the bar. weeds & grass

moved around the garden & other place. Katie has worked in the garden when she could get time. Have written to Gordon & Willy. Beet greens for dinner. first time.

Friday 15 A fine day. W. with man & team worked on the road. Sent letters to Willy & Gordon. With Katies help cleaned & regulated Adas closet. Am preparing rags for rugs in these days.

Saturday 16 Wilfred went to town late in the afternoon brought letters from Helen & Mrs Stevens.

Sunday 17. The fine weather continues. H. went to S.S. took part of the Drum children. August Ida & Hannah came in this afternoon. Katie went to church. Agnes & Lucy Drum came in this evening to bring R. a letter. Had palpitation for about half an hour this morning between nine & ten.

Mrs Stevens letter yesterday brought the sad news of the death of her sister Mrs Cabins eldest daughter Mrs Champollion of France.

Monday 18 It has been very hot this afternoon. Rained this morning. We had green peas for dinner first time. Four quarts raspberries picked in the last two days. wrote to Helen. washing not done to day.

Tuesday 19. Again a cloudy forenoon & thunder & lightning this morning. Wilfred went very early to the station with four fat hogs weight 1400, price 4½ per hundred. Washing done. 84° about. Raspberries for tea again. wrote to Mrs Stevens.

Wed. 20 Thunder lightning & rain this morning again & very black clouds & again a pleasant afternoon. Bad hay weather Herbert has been mowing in the north field. man sawed wood for part of the day & worked over three hours later -

a few quarts of raspberries picked & a few currants, sent story letter to Mrs Stevens. Hannah began to sew rags for rugs. Ironing done.

Thurs, 21- Yet again a stormy morning & the rest of the day hot & bright. 88° above 0. A few loads of hay put in the barn. Katie picked three or four quarts of raspberries on the Clement place. Put up three cans of berries of those picked yesterday & to day. Our chickens are eating & destroying the cabbages.

Friday 22 The hottest day we have had perhaps- about 91°. & this morning was pleasant & continued so till late this afternoon when there was thund & every appearance of rain & the men stopped work about 5 o'clock owing to a light rain after they had put in the barn one load of hay. More put up, & some mowing done. Mr Barnard & Mr Bakus drove in. Letter to H. from R. Two more cans of fruit, raspberries & currants put up.

Saturday 23- Another hot day & clouds & a little rain about noon. Four cans of fruit put up, mostly currants. Katie picked two quarts berries on the Clement place. Ida & Hannah came to get a pail of green peas & also picked a basket of currants & gathered a basked of wind fall apples which are big enough to use for cooking. A marble man called at the door.

Sunday 24- Thunder & lightning & rain several times during the day. Lighter this afternoon. Katie went home after dinner, man went away before breakfast. Letters from Willy- Gordon & Mrs Truesdell. Harpers Bazar & weeklies from Simon. W. & Herbert talked of going to the Park to hear Joseph Cook but the rain came on & prevented their starting.

Monday 25- Extremely rainy day till this afternoon

when it cleared up somewhat & the mowers have been at work & we had a bright sunset. Can of berries & four cans of currants put up. Wrote to Mrs Christie & to R. in his letter.

Tuesday 26- Again an early storm of thunder, lightning & rain about three & four o'clock, about ten o'clock Wilfred started to town took Herbert with him to go to the Park & come home with the Drums to night. Willy came to Wauseca to attend a political convention as delegate, to nominate a congressman. Letter from R. & paper from Simon. Lucy Drum came this forenoon to get green peas & this afternoon with Jenny to pick currants. R. Drum called.

Wed. 27- It has rained sometime during the twenty four hours, every day since the seventeenth, & to day has been no exception. The rain came early but it has threatened all day, low muttering thunder this afternoon & the weather continues very hot, nearly ninety. (Capn Cowes & rubbers) Sent yesterday for niece Agnes & Jenny Drum are picking currants & I am putting up a few more cans. Katie picked wild gooseberries enough for a pie. For a day or two we have been using the green Duchess apples to stew & to day had a pie for dinner made of them.

Thurs 28- Rain & severe thunder & lightning last night a rainy forenoon. No haying to day. The Hearlett mowed a little while, all in the north field. The man split & piled wood in the yard & cut down & trimmed dead trees & trimmed others & grubbed stumps making an improvement in the grounds about the house. W. worked about the barn, went to Mr Daniels in the afternoon. Ironing & baking done.

Letter from K. & Gordon.

Friday 29 Pleasant all this day. The men have worked in the hay. drew one load only. & had trouble with that, the wagon wheels sank into the ground made soft by the rains, & horses also went down in their efforts to get the load out. We decided to go to town & get a set of wide tired wheels for the wagon. & it is nearly time for him to get back Katie picked four quarts of raspberries on the Clement place. Made currant jelly, fourteen glasses, put up two cans currants.

Saturday 30 Another whole pleasant day. & as much work as possible has been done in the haying. We could get no wheels yesterday in town & this morning Herbert went over to Mrs Dunns & borrowed his wagon with wide tired wheels. to use this forenoon & this afternoon they have been putting up hay & are now stacking what cloud there is left, on the field where it grew. Two cans of berries put up & Katie & Herbert have come in with berries enough for another, which will doubtless be the last. The last of the currants were picked yesterday. First cucumbers about a week ago. to day put some in vinegar for pickles, new beets first time. Later, another can of berries put up.

Sunday 31 Nearly night, & looking like rain, but no rain has fallen, tho' there was thunder this morning. He went to S. S. with the Drums, It has been a quiet restful day. Ada has grown weaker the last few days & her appetite is not as good as it has been and she has complained of pain in her side tho' it has not been severe. She has become very much emaciated.

Monday August 1st Another fine day. We went to Mr Bakers this morning early to exchange wagons, & has drawn hay all day & put it in stack. Washing done.

Tuesday 2 We thought about the middle of the forenoon that we should surely have rain but it did not come & the afternoon has been bright & good hay weather, Mrs Preston & Josephine, her daughter came before noon & have just gone home. The men are busy in the field, it is near six o'clock. Summer squashes for dinner first time.

Wed, 3 Letter from Helen & one from K. to Mrs Bayers & Necklies. Magazines came several days ago. May. Century. Atlantic. Scribner & Cosmopolitan. A good day. the haying has progressed. Herbert drove over to Mrs Nelson Daniels to get a crock of butter 5 lbs. Katies sister here to see her.

Thurs 4 The good weather continues & the haying goes. The meat wagon here this morning first time. Katie picked a quart of berries on the Clement place.

Friday 5 Cloudy this morning & a sprinkle of rain but the afternoon has been good hay weather. Sent Letters to K. Willy & Gordon. Letters from Gordon & Mrs Humphrey. also paper from F.

Saturday 6 Another fine day. The hay all in so more to be cut till after the harvesting is done. Mrs Case came at noon, walked from the German church here, had a chance ride from the station. there, Herbert has just gone to take her to Mrs Plumas, drove the Polly mare on the light buggy. Part several rocks sent papers to Emma & to Gordon. Letter from Mrs Christie.

Sunday 7 not entirely pleasant all day but no rain. Herbert went to S. S. with the Drums. Mr Fagell preached at 3.

Monday 8 Thicotenery rain all day but it has been a good work day only very warm, Wilfred began cutting wheat using three horses on the binder instead of four as he did last year. Mrs Core came back from the Planers this morning is to stay till tomorrow. Agnes & Lucy D. are here to get green peas.

Tuesday 9 Enough rain to stop the binder for a while this afternoon. A churning done & while Wilfred helped about that. Herbert went around the field three times driving the three horses on the binder. He took Mrs Case to the station driving Polly & the buggy. Lucy Drum came down this afternoon & cut out & partly made a blouse for me

Wed. 10 It was too wet for W. to start the binder till about ten o'clock but it has been kept going since, & the day has been very favorable for work. Evening, Mary & Belle Dunn came in a few minutes ago with mail which they got yesterday at the office, a postal & paper from Gordon at Chautauqua.

Thurs, 11 The large field of wheat finished & shocked. A good day for harvesting. H. Drums went to town. brought our mail. Letter from K & Lilla to H. from Gordon. June Magazines Harpers, Scribners Cosmopolitan.

Friday 12 W. has cut the piece of wheat north of the road for Mr Daniels. Good weather, Agnes D. came in this forenoon.

Saturday 13 Fine weather continues. W. went to town, came back early & after getting the binder ready went into the field of oats across the road, has been busy till now, seven o'clock, Peter Davis & H. Drums have also been at work with them

binders in the same field this afternoon. The field is half done or more. Letters from K. & Willy.

Sunday 14 Cloudy this afternoon & a few sprinkles of rain. One or two German farmers living in sight are cutting grain to day. Herbert rode to S. S. with the Drums. Katie did not go home. Mary went last night.

Monday 15 a fine day. The field across the road finished, at noon W. helping through the forenoon with binder & man. This afternoon two little pieces of wheat cut & put up, which finished the grain on this place, stacking will be begun tomorrow, if weather is favorable, went up to see Ada. Letter to K. from W. & me. wrote to Helen.

Tuesday 16 Still good weather, The men have been clearing the yards getting fences fixed &c ready for stacking. Green sweet corn for dinner first time.

Wed, 17. warm weather & dry. 86° at noon. The first stack made to day a big stack of wheat. Sent Helens letter wrote to Mrs Humphrey. Letter from Mary Bristain Received a letter from her several days ago & wrote to her at St. Paul where she is spending her vacation.

Thurs. 18 Much cooler & quite a change in the weather, it is in the sixties instead of the eighties now at six o'clock, p. m. Another stack of wheat. Agnes D. came down to pick sage. we are needing rain very much on the garden. Shelled beans for dinner. Mr & Mrs Daniel called at the door last night.

Friday 19 Another wheat stack. cool bright weather. went up to see to classroom. Katie swept & used a damp cloth to dust things. Sent letters to Mrs H. & to Emma.

Saturday 20 Letter from K. Received letter from Julia B. Another wheat stack. Looking rainy

Sunday 21 Pleasant weather continues, W. rode to S. S. on horseback. Mr Fagell preached

Monday 22 Illustrated papers & June magazine came Sat. The stacking finished. Mr Daniel with two

teams has been stacking the wheat from the north side of the road. Sent Mrs Haskells letter received Sat, from Mrs Rhinehart. To Mrs Dailey. Letter to K.
Mrs Daniels & Winnie called. They came over to bring the mens dinner. Mrs D. went up to see Ada. There was a fine sprinkleing rain a good part of the afternoon, but not enough to hinder the stacking.

Tuesday 23. Mr Daniels continues stacking oats. Another sprinkly afternoon. Men getting impatient manana Herbert mowed most of the afternoon. The clothes dried this forenoon which we washed yesterday & colored clothes washed. Letter from K. Letter Saturday, from Mary Stevens with the picture of "Little Fritz" Julia Stevens Day's little boy, also letter from K some time.

Wed 24. A fine shower this afternoon putting a stop to the stacking, but most people are nearly or quite done. We are glad of the rain on the garden. Mrs Daniels came in again when she came to bring the dinner to Mr D. & his men. Lucy Daum called. The knitted carpet for the back stairs finished. K. drove over to Mrs Nelson Daniels to get a jar of butter. Ten pounds. Lucy D. brought a dish of ripe blackberries. Yesterday W. took a crate full of nice honey from one of our two hives of bees. It was day before yesterday.

Thurs 25. A pleasant day after the rain. Haying again. Two loads drawn in to the barn. Letter to K. from R. Papers. Apples cut up for drying.

Friday 26. Another good day & the men have been as busy as possible in the hay field. More apples

dried. Postals to Will. The men go away to night.

Saturday 27. Good weather. Mr Daniels came over & stacked the last of the oats. Wilfred & Herbert drew two loads of hay this forenoon this afternoon they tried to burn the oat stubble, but it would not burn. We are beginning to have ripe tomatoes.
Later. The mail came from Mr Dunn. The Judge magazines & letter from Gordon. Sent papers to Gordon & to Emma. Herbert papers to Mrs Case.

Sunday 28. Pleasant weather, but we can hear thunder in the distance to night. K. went to S. S. with the Deems. Mr & Mrs B. Case called this morning. Katie went to church & home has not yet returned.

Monday 29. It has been raining all day. Washing done but cannot be dried. A man, Katie's father, was to have come to help draw hay for stacking.

Tuesday 30. It rain & the afternoon has been pleasant. Ida came over. Herbert took her part of the way home with Polly on the buggy. Five bushels of apples put up to send to town tomorrow when W. goes over after sister K. who is to come to stay with us for a while.

Wed 31st. Good weather but cool. It is said there was a little frost last night. Wilfred went to town expecting to bring wife K. home disappointing that she had come on the evening train of the night before. She was not there & there was no letter or telegram. W. took five bushels of apples to market which sold for 75 ct a bushel. Letter to Mary Stevens. Gordon & Simon.

Thursday Sept 1st. W. went to town again & found K. & brought her home

Friday 2nd German Mahl Katies father's helping Wilfred draw & stack hay. We had a nice watermelon for dinner got yesterday in town. Letter from Will, & one to him

Saturday 3. a little more hay out & put up. cloudy & sprinkling this afternoon, more apples put to drying, Tomatoes slowly ripening. a bushel & more of apples taken to Mr. Dennis.

Sunday 4 a quiet pleasant day. H. went to S.S. with the Drums. Katie went home after dinner.

Monday 5 a pleasant day. W. went to town on business, took seven bushels of apples to market, sold them for eighty ct a bushels,

Tuesday 6. Dr. Robertson came around hunting, bought us two young prairie chickens & Mrs H. Drum sent us a pair of pantyes The ironing done & more apples dried.

Wed. 7 Wilfred drove to the station hoping to get a man to work a while but found no one. Herbert is plowing in the field north field. his father helping him, & then Mrs Plumer called, on her way to Owatonna with Mr Case Yesterday had half an hour of palpitation

Thurs. 8 a cloudy day & latter part sprinkly. a steam threshing machine & the engine went by this forenoon & got set in the soft ground this side of H. Drums & they have not been able to get it away. some of the men went to town for jack screws to assist in the work.

Friday 9. The engine was extricated & went on to German Allis. Herbert went to Mrs Daniels for butter. Plowing in the northfield goes on. Letter from Fedora bringing the news of Mrs Martha Cooper's death, which occurred on the third of this month.

Saturday 10. Hay raked & put up. Several bushels of apples gathered & put in sacks ready to send to town Monday. Heard of the death of Whittier, & also that of George W. Curtis. Whittier died on the 7th of this month, Curtis on Wednesday 31 of last month.

Sunday 11. The steam thresher went past again yesterday, & again got into trouble by going over soft ground. H. drove Polly on the buggy to S.S. Nanny Drum rode with him. Katie's sisters & one a Miss Other girls came in to see her a restful day.

Monday 12 Wilfred took twenty five bushels of apples to market. Price 75 ct a bushels, Letter to Willy, & one from him. Washing done.

Tuesday 13 a little more mowing done, the rest of the grass let out to B.S. Wilfred went to Mrs Plumer's to see B. Case, went up to Ada's room with Katie & had the room swept & dusted, The ironing done.

Wed. 14 Charley Schrader is helping to draw hay. a good day no wind.

Thurs 15. Another clear nice day. Charles Clapham here this morning selling what is called the Chautauqua Combination, a writing desk &c. We are to get one for Herbert. a letter from Helen

Friday 16. a beautiful clear still day German Schrader came again this afternoon to help draw & stack hay. Herbert ground feed for him, instead of plowing. One of Mr Dunn's horses died this morning. Mrs D. came in. stayed to tea.

Saturday 17. W. went to town. H. plowed. B. S. & man finished a stack of hay. W. had begun in the yard. Letter to Will & postal to Fedora,

Sunday 18. Postal from Will last night. H. Drum & part of his family went to Owatonna to church. Herbert has gone to S.S. took Lizzie &

Jenny Drum. Katie went home before noon, a fine day.

Monday 19. A pleasant day. Plowing. cleaning up peas &c. The washing done & dried

Tuesday 20. Still the good weather continues. Ironing, baking. starching coffee & the usual house-work. Two cans of stewed Duchess apples put up & dried apples put away. went up to 22 Q.da.

Wed. 21. Looking like rain. Letter from Sheridan to R.

Thurs. 22. W. & R. went to town after dinner, There was a thunder shower in the night, which made the roads quite muddy. W. took a few bushels of old wheat to market sold for 66 cts. W. G. Ward of Warren died yesterday. Emma Clement is very ill with fever. Several packages which R. was expecting from Fort Yates, was at the depot & W. brought them home, Letter from Gordon to W. Postal to Willy. Katie went home to night to go to the Steele Co. fair to morrow at Aquatonna. Temp warm 80°.

Friday 23. Warm weather continues 82° about. A few crab apples canned.

Saturday 24. The thirty fifth anniversary of sister R's, marriage. Another warm day. Had an hour of palpitation. We set up & put to dry a steam full of apples again as some of those we had pared were spoiling. Katie came back this morning nine o'clock.

Sunday 25. This morning the sad news of the death of our friend Mr Dailey of Minneapolis came to us. The family with his remains were to come to Aquatonna to day on the noon train, where sister R. & Wilfred met them & went with them to the

cemetery. Had another attack of palpitation of about an hours duration. Hubert went to S. B. with the Drum boys. who drove one of their horses over one single buggy. The S. S. here closed for the year.

Monday 26. Good weather. The washing done. A few more stewed Duchess apples put up. The crab apples gathered. There are not many & they are small. Mr Daniels man & team came this afternoon to plow in the northeast field.

Tuesday 27. Sent some of the last of the Duchess apples to the neighbors & cut up a good many to dry that would not keep longer. Mr & Mrs B. Cone called at the door on their way home from Aquatonna. Mr Daniels teams plowed again in the northeast field.

Wed. 28. Letters to sister Alice, Willy & Gordon. W. & R. have been drawing out manure to get the yards ready for threshing. Put a new curtain around the table in the sitting room.

Thurs. 29. The thirty sixth anniversary of our annual at our home here in Minnesota from New York. A warm pleasant day. a letter from Willy to Wilfred. a half dozen cans of crab apples put up. Mr Daniels finished plowing the northeast field.

Friday 30. A warm day 82°. went out to ride. the first time in a little more than a year. R. & I rode up to H. Drums.

Saturday October 1st. Wilfred & Herbert went to town about noon, went to the county fair which closed this afternoon, took a bushel or two of crab apples to market sold them for a dollar a bushel. Willy came to Meriden station on the afternoon train

walked most of the way over The weather continues warm & pleasant, Letter from Mrs Humphrey in Iowa. Letter to Mrs Dailey.

Sunday 2. Another beautiful Fall day, Herbert took Katie to her home after dinner, when they came back Willy took R. & me out to ride

Monday 3. Herbert went to town with the Drums, (to see a game of base ball played) about ten o'clock Wilfred took Will to the station to go home on the train, Katies father came home with us. to work for a day or two. Postal from Will from Dodge Center.

Tuesday 4. Another beautiful day, the finest kind of weather for farmers to get their work done. Yesterday afternoon & to day Herman Mackl has worked busily at getting out manure.

Wed, 5 Good weather continues & the same work has gone on. Mr Mackl went home last night but came back this morning. we ate the last of the crab apples. tho there are a few Hyslops left. We are using a good many tomatoes & they are very nice, tho late in getting ripe.

Thurs 6 The potatoes dug & Mr Mackl has gone home. There are about fifty bushels only, about a third of a crop Wilfred thinks, a good many have rotted. Weather could not be better for gathering crops many farmers have their plowing nearly all or quite done & a good deal of the threshing is done. Postal from Will. Lucy Drum came in this evening bringing flowers.

Friday 7. It is cooler to night & the will doubtless be a frost. The few scattering potoes left in the field yesterday, picked up, & sweet corn picked.

Saturday 8. Wilfred went to town with a load of wheat. R. went with him. Letters to Helen Gordon & Julia Tinton. This is Jake's eighteenth birthday. A frost last night, made a blue Denims Spread for the bed in the mans room.

Sunday 9 A beautiful Fall day. Katie went home, a good day to have gone to church.

Monday 10. Cloudy & a little raining this afternoon Wilfred went to Cedar late after dinner. Mr Daniels threshing machine is at neighbor Kuetes to day. The washing done & clothes dry before the sprinkling began. R. reeled & partly knit over a pair of red woolen mittens for Herbert.

Tuesday 11. A good day again for our neighbors thrashing. W. & R. gathered the Hubbard squashes what few cabbages the worms had left & were brought in, not one head whole, a few from worms. Two & three hours palpitation middle of the day.

Wed. 12. Good weather continues Threshing machine at H. Drums late this afternoon, will come here when done there tomorrow night probably. W. went to the station & brought back a hired man.

Thurs, 13. The man was not well this morning & did not work this forenoon. Herbert with the team has helped H. Drum in his threshing. The machine comes here to night.

Friday 14. Threshing has been going on all day & now at 5 p.m. they are on the last stack of the wheat. We got through with the dinner for so many men better than we expected to. Fifteen men & boys.

Saturday 15. The company threshing begun & finished. Beautiful weather. Mr Daniels took the men home to dinner.

Sunday 16. Very warm & dry 80° about. The men went to the station to visit his brother has just returned. Katie also went home Mail this morning from Mr Dunn, Letters from Gordon & Simon, Postal from Will.

Monday 17 Rain this afternoon. Katie could not dry her clothes. The men & team went to Mr Daniels to help him thresh. Agnes Dunn came home from Jonesville. where she, Lucy, & Mary Dunn went Friday. A. & M. came home, leaving Lucy to come on the hack tomorrow. Agnes brought the mail no letters

Tuesday 18. Wilfred went to town to get released from the jury. found Dr. Beare there He had been to Hebron on business, & came to Waseca Monday. He came home with W. & will, the hope stay some time. The man went to town with W. Letter to Willy papers to Gordon & Simon

Wed. 19. The man with team threshed again for Mr Daniels

Thursday 20 The Dr. went to town with H. Dunn. The cook stove moved into the dining room. Herbert is plowing in the field South of the house, spreading manure.

Friday 21. Same work as yesterday out doors, Katie washed the parlor windows & curtains. Very fine weather.

Saturday 22. The Dr. went to town with Mr Dunn, Wilfred went later & the Dr. came home with him. Postals to Willy & Gordon & to Mrs Case. Postal from Will.

Sunday 23 Another quiet day. B. Case drove up to the door. W. most of the time in Ada's room. The Dr. took his accustomed walk to the woods.

Monday 24. The anniversary of Mr Linton death. evening. The Dr. & Herbert went to town after dinner. Mrs Dunns father died yesterday at Waseca. The Journal to be tomorrow. Our hired man went away Saturday night came back to day noon.

Tuesday 25 The Dr. went to town again drove Jenny & the colt brought his horse Col. King, which has been in Dr. Young's care. The coal stove set up in my room.

Wed. 26 A warm pleasant day. Plowing & picking sweet corn Dr. W. drove over to Mr Spilan's to see his son Mike on horse business. To night he, Mr. Spilan has come to stay over to night, & go with the Dr. tomorrow to Waterville. A barn this side of the station was burned to day. Had an attack of palpitation about noon lasting a couple of hours. Stoves set up in the parlor & north east room up stairs. The Dr. went up to see Ada this afternoon

Thurs 27. They got back from Waterville by the Dr. & "Mike" about dark. Ada has been very weak & seemingly nearing the end. But to night she has taken food & breathes easier & can talk which she has not done through the afternoon. Still fine, warm weather Tomatoe & cabbage chopped pickle made, & baking &c done.

Friday 28. Letters to Gordon & Willy, by the Dr, who went again to Waterville & sold his horse. This has been a very windy day. John Pasco called to day.

Saturday 29. Wilfred took the Dr, to the station before noon to go to Owatonna, which he will leave to night for Chicago. H. went with the team to plow for J. Brain this afternoon The hired man Luther went away this morning Postal to Willy The Two Mrs Cases called Mrs Daniels called yesterday, Livy Drum here to tea.

Sunday 30. For the last few days Ada had been growing weaker and this morning about seven o'clock passed quietly and peacefully away. The funeral is to be here at the house at one o'clock tomorrow. The neighbors have been very kind and hand been with us to do what they could. A letter from Willy. we have sent a telegram to him. Postal from Isadore,

Monday 31. This morning had palpitation for two hours, and not feeling well afterward went up to R.s room and stayed till after the people came and went away Mr Cheney & Mr Frizzell were both here The services were short a few remarks by Mr Chaney. Mrs F. singing in the services singing by the choir from our church Ida came over to help Katie through the day. Mrs Mary Stoughton & her son Stiles came from Owatonna went over to the cemetery riding with W. H. & sister N. in our carriage stopped to tea on their return, going home after dark, Willy came on the train to Waseca & met the family there at the cemetery & came home with them,

Tuesday

November 1st Wilfred took Willy to the station

came back & went to town after dinner getting home soon after dark, took a rocking chair & round stand, to the shop for repairs. heard of a great fire in Milwaukee.

Wed. 2 A large washing done. no sunshine, but most of the clothes ready to iron & some of them ironed. W. & H. tried to use the sulky plow but gave it up & used another. A peddler at the door.

Thursday 3 Ironing & more washing, a cloudy day & to night sprinkling Neighbor Reuters eldest daughter married to day. H. plowed W. threshed out a bushel of beans

Friday 4. A sombre day & there is a feeling of snow in the air, almost. H. plowing in south field, his father helping him now & then. Have been looking over & trying to get things regulated after our long sad time of sickness

Saturday 5. A pleasant day with something of a wind.

Sunday 6. H & R. W. & K. went to church, drove the grays on the carriage Katie went home after dinner. Letter from Willy.

Monday 7. A blizzardy day. the first snow we have had Wilfred & Herbert have worked in the barn getting it ready to put up all the cattle & colts.

Tuesday 8. Election day. Wilfred went to town about ten o'clock returns after dark. Agnes D. & her brothers spent the evening here, a rather cold day. Letter to Helen, postal to Willy. 4° below 0. this morning.

Wed. 9. The weather doesn't clear up & grow as much warmer as we had hoped. H. is getting ready to go to New Richland tomorrow with Mr Dunn to attend an auction sale of stock &c.

Thurs, 10 He went early this morning with Mr Dunn to Threshe, Ras now at nine o'clock just returned, Herbert &

Katie have done all the barn chores even to milking a refractory cow, a washing & things out of the common way, bed ticks &c, done.

Friday 11. W. went again to New Richland to the cattle sale & brought home a thoroughbred Durham, bought yesterday. He also bought a thoroughbred cow, which is to be sent for another day. Pleasant day. Steam thresher at Mr Dunn's. Letter from Willy Yesterday, sent papers to Mrs Case & Mr Leach.

Saturday 12. Wilfred went to town, intending to bring back a load of coal, but could get none, Herbert rode on horse back to the woods, leaving his horse there & riding to town with his father, came back with him to Mr D's, & went out hunting with Casper Wood. came home just at dark. Postal to Gordon.

Sunday 13. A quiet restful day. Dark & rather gloomy & to night the wind blows & it seems like a storm coming on.

Monday 14. This morning Katie's father called on his way to town for Dr. Young, Jake's son who had been kicked by a horse, Katie went home after finishing the washing, The afternoon has been pleasant, Herbert began going to school. W. drove over to Mr Daniels. Carpenter Reudy came over from Mr Daniels last Saturday to look at the front porch, to see about building it over,

Tuesday 15. Herbert rode over to German Mabels to see how Katie's brother was getting on, He seemed no better. Dr. Young visited him last night Mr Dunn finished threshing, had the Johnson steam machine. Mr Blower the mason from Mr Daniels' new house came this evening & plastered some broken places in the wall in Wilfred's room. Dr. & D. went after

Mr B. after dark, & have now at quarter past eight, taken him back to Mr Daniels.

Wednesday 16. A new calf at the barn last night, & one about two weeks ago. A most beautiful day. Wilfred plowed this afternoon.

Thursday 17. Willy's forty fifth birth day, wrote to him & received a letter from him. Wilfred went to town, took a load of wheat, price 61 cts, No. one, brought back a load of coal. Ernest Dolabier here this afternoon to cut wood, do chores &c. & has gone to Mr Dunn's to night to go with Mr D. tomorrow to N. Richland to help drive home the cows Mr D. & Wilfred brought last week.

Friday 18. Ida & Hannah Brewster came in this afternoon Mr Dunn & boys got home from N. Richland before night with the cattle.

Saturday 19. A pleasant day. W. led the Jumbo colt (two years old) to Mr Dunn's found his weight to be 1405. Wilfred & Herbert started to drive to German Mabels met Katie, & learned that her brother is recovering from his hurt.

Sunday 20. We expected Paul Nelson & young man attending school in Owatonna to make us a visit to day, going back tomorrow but he did not come,

Monday 21. W. went to town with a load of wheat, Price 61 cts. Mr Ruchel & man came this forenoon and papered, kalsomined & painted Wilfred's room, kalsomined N. room & the ceiling of the dining room, & went home about six o'clock. Postal to Will. W. took a package to Mrs Nelson Daniels, & bought a turkey of her for Thanksgiving. One of the horses fell lame on the way to town, which prevented, & was the reason W. could not bring home a load of coal.

Tuesday 22. A bright day. The usual work indoors & out. A quantity of old medicine thrown away & bottles cleaned.

Wed. 23. Wilfred went to the station to meet Will & Julia & Paul Halloran a student at Pillsbury Hall Owatonna, Wilfred has a hard cold & coughs a good deal. Katie came this forenoon.

Friday 25. Yesterday was Thanksgiving, we had dinner at two o'clock. turkey, raw oysters, pumpkin pie &c. After dark, Charley Finton & another man came to stay all night, Mr & Mrs Case called at the door on their way to Bert Case's. To day they came back & stayed an hour or two about four o'clock Herbert took Will, Julia & young Halloran to the station in the carriage & came back a few minutes ago. Wes. cold is & has been better though the day, I have had a sore throat since yesterday, took four grs. of quinine last night. Wes took six grs. night before last for his cold

Saturday 26. My cold, & throat & lungs have been sore & I have coughed a good deal, have used mustard most of the day, but it seemed to do no good, & I finally (one lung) or "salt" rawe pork towards night, & soon felt better, had used the pork a day & night before

Sunday 27. My seventieth birth day. No snow except a little bit sifted around in spots, H, & R, walked up to H. Dunns this afternoon, Katie went with "her folks" over to a Mr Fetter. My cold has been better, tho' I cough a good deal.

Monday 28. The horses & colts are having the horse distemper This morning H. put a flax seed poultice on a colts neck & about it's head. a large washing done

Tuesday 29 & This morning Wilfred was taken with pain in his side & under his shoulder blade. We sent for Dr. Young who came at once. We had used mustard & made other outward applications & the severe pain was somewhat relieved before the doctor arrived, & he has been taking remedies & seems quite comfortable. one lung was somewhat congested the doctor said. Henry Dunn is here helping Herbert about the chores. Johnnie Dunn, went for the doctor. Letter from Gordon. Yesterday a postal from Will.

Wed 30 - Wilfred is better. The Dr. came to day & said he must stay in the house this week at least. Sister N. has been ill all day with pain in (of the body) lower part

Thursday December 1st. a miserably dark damp day, is falling in showers from the trees. & almost raining. Herbert went on horseback about seven & eight miles to a Mr Bowmans to see August Faber. after his return, he rode over to William Shoultz on an errand about the hogs. We sold H. Shoultz

Mr B. Case, & H. Dunn called.

H. cooked a turkey

Tuesday. N. much better. Mr Dunn came into town

Sunday 4. Have been quite unwell since Friday night Friday Mr Dunn took the hogs sold, to the station for us. Friday & Saturday both Flora at days, Katie. Wed. Kate went home & came back at night. & Thursday (went home again) forenoon, to help get ready for her sisters marriage which took place Friday. & she has not yet come back. Wilfred is feeling pretty well & with Herbert, does the chores, but he still coughs & ought not to be at work. Henry D. went home yesterday morning. came back last night to help do the chores. went to church to Owatonna to day with others of his family. Letter from Will last night. from S. day (before) or two

Monday 5. a damp, dark day, foggy & discouraging for ailing people. We coughed a good deal for part of last night. at midnight had salt pork applied to (* tried mustard first but it seemed to do no good) his throat & lungs. & coughed no more till morning *

neighbor Altenburg came this morning & cut & sawed wood for an hour or two, Sister K, is getting ready to go to Ohio, intends going to start Wednesday.

Thursday 6 A young German came this afternoon to work for a few days. A working day. We took the two cows sold to R. Middaugh the other day. to town, Thirty-five for the two

Wed. 7 Wed. 7 A bad day, snow & wind, W. took K. to town started a little before one o'clock. She was to go to Minneapolis on the 4 o'clock train. They went in the carriage & were protected from the storm, R. would have gone over with them but for the storm. Papers to Gordon & to Emma

Thurs. 8 A pleasant day again. a little snow on the ground Katie blacked the stoves in W's room The seed corn taken out of the wire cupboard in dining room & put in a box up stairs, W. & H. slept in their room this evening last night first time since it was renovated.

Friday 9 Bed clothes washed & part of this week's ironing done. The man has worked at the wood at the door. a little banking put around the house. W. seems to feel well & his cough is better,

Saturday 10 A pleasant day. something is wrong with the pump in the deep well, & W. has spent a good deal of time trying to fix it. The horses having the distemper, and getting better some of them have been very bad. Agnes Dunn is home from her school came in this evening. Have been busy most of the day, mending & H. made a new curtain for the closet door in Wilfred's room

Sunday 11 It has looked all day as if it would snow. There is enough snow to partly whiten the ground. The roads are good for wheels yet. a good many Germans have passed going to church & back Katie went home. The man, or boy went away Friday night to come back Tuesday, probably.

Monday 12. Working day. clothes dried out of doors. Four chickens drowned. August is here to night. came this afternoon & is making a flannel night shirt for W. Have been writing to R. & Mary Stevens.

Tuesday 13 Wilfred went to town about noon. brought home part perhaps or all of the wind mill. & a crock of butter from Mrs Daniels Sent letters to R. & Mary Stevens. August is to stay this week out.

Wed. 14 Mr Blatchley came at noon to put up the wind mill, W. & August are helping in the work. written mending & most of the day.

Thursday 15 Work on the wind mill progressing. a good day. Mending & changing over pillows & bed, in W's room. putting up some things on shelf & looking over & putting away things.

Friday 16. The windmill is up. except the fan. & that will be put up tomorrow, we hope, & the thing be in working order. Eleven men & boys here to dinner about eight for supper. The weather has been favorable & we hope it will remain so for at least one day more. A letter from Gordon.

Saturday 17. We have had a fine day. The work is done. the wind mill in running order & Mr Blatchly has gone home, & August has also gone & we are alone again. I had an hour & a half of palpitation this forenoon, There have been flakes of snow in the air once or twice during the day but the weather continues mild. now that this piece of work is done, we shall not mind a little bad weather quite so much. The man we had a day or two last week did not come back as we expected.

Sunday 18 Another mild day, but cloudy. Katie's brother & sister came to see her.

Monday 19. Colder weather, below 0 at least part of the day. Have been very busy. mending. and the calf at the barn. a washing done. W. to post & brought home a pig from Mr Dennis

Tuesday 20- W. & Herbert went to town, Letter to Gordon package to Helen a number of papers & magazines to R. N. sent package to Iowa, Letters from Helen & Mrs Christie & Mr Daily photograph, postal from Mary Stevens-

Wed. 21st Mr Dunn here, at the bank some big business a settlement- We have made over a bed comfort. very still. pleasant weather.

Thurs. 22 another comfort put together, a little snowy.

Friday 23. The second comfort finished, a little package of booklets sent to Wenona, & Herbert took Katie home to stay till next week.

Saturday 24. Herbert went to Mr Dunns this evening- bought home a nice dressed turkey- a present from Mrs Dunn. We put the beer in the cellar, drove to Mr Dunns to get a quarter of beef. Letter from R. The remains of our dear friend and brother Col. Drummond taken from Fort Sater last week to Springfield Ohio and last Sunday laid in the Ferncliff cemetery. Lippencott magazine & several papers came with letter to W. & package to Herbert. from Mrs Cease.

Sunday 25- Christmas day, & the coldest weather we have had, 15° below- we have had a very quiet day, nobody but our own selves- Roman & Katie gone. Yesterday there was not wind enough to make the wind mill work & W. had to pump water for the stock by hand, but this morning there was wind enough to pump the tank full in a short time.

Monday 26 The day has been bright but very cold, 20° below & this morning. Mail from Mr Dunns Letter to R. from Sister- Package from Wenona, Calendar to W. & booklet & one from Mrs Cease- Letter from Gordon, little package from R. to Katie & her sister, Medicine paint pattern for Herbert,

Tuesday 27- A pleasant day- weather a good deal moderated W. & Herbert called at Mr Dunns & Mr Daniels. Katie came this afternoon

Wed. 28- Wilfred went to town brought home a box from So. Framingham from Mary Stevens & Julia Stevens Day- a Christmas box full of presents for us all. a letter from Alice Nigh telling us to expect her next Saturday- a present came also from Mrs Alice Brain of nice knitted lace to trim an apron. Harpers Cosmopolitan & Atlantic magazines & Bazar. Postal to Helen letter from us all to Wenona letter from R. to R. Sadie & others booklet from Herbert to Wilfred Lane, paper to Emma & Mrs Cease Thirteen doz. eggs taken to market 20 cts a dozen

Thurs. 29- Again Wilfred went to town. another 13 doz. eggs taken to market same price as yesterday. Letter to Alice & postal to Mary Stevens- papers to Gordon. a new shade for the hanging lamp,

Friday 30 The Bear mare has been quite lame from a nail in the foot but is much better

Saturday 31- Wilfred drove to the station to meet Alice but found a letter from her instead saying that owing to the state of her health from a cold she could not come. Letter to W. from Willy-

Sunday January 1st- a mild day. Katie went to church & came back without going home. The Dunns took Agnes back to her school. W. taken ill & the a large part of the time to do the chores at the barn.

Monday 2nd Colder, Windows covered with frost, Washing done Have written to Emma & Alice Nigh.

Tuesday 3- W. went to town, brought home a load of feed. Letter to Mary & Julia Stevens, to Emma & Alice Nigh, Letters from Helen, Gordon, & Mrs Hewecker, papers from G. Century & Review of Reviews. The Dunn children here to supper, a pair of slumber slippers from Heartsease-

Wed. 4 W. has a boy to help him for a few days came last night. A shed has been put up to protect the stock while drinking at the tank. A letter from K. tells us that she has gone back to Dakota, where Simon is to go on with his Indian school & she will stay with him through the winter, another comfort put together, August & Ida married at her fathers.

Thurs, 5 A beef killed C. Gustafson helped W. & it was done before noon, another German hired for a few days. W. took a quarter of the beef to Mr Daniels The sorghum syrup brought of H. Dram last fall brought home to day ten gals in all.

Friday 6 Another man or the man hired yesterday came this morning & they have been getting up wood a little more snow. Part of the afternoon stormy. Mail by H. Dana Letters from K. & Emma. Postal from Mary Stevens. Cards from Gordon. Letter to K. from Dora wrote to Helen & to Gordon & Hortense. A good day a small stack of hay put into the barn, several loads of wood drawn. mended mittens &c.

Saturday 7

Sunday 8. An unpleasant day. The Albert man went away for the day. the Charley one stayed & Katie did not go away. Have written to Emma.

Monday 9 A blizzardy day. school began again & Herbert has started & I hope can continue to go. Miss Dora Gray is the teacher, Sent letters to Helen, Emma, & Gordon. The man Albert came at noon. Washing done.

Tuesday 10. A fine day. Five loads of wood added to the pile in the back yard making seventeen loads. making another comfort. & we are trying to line a small buffalo robe.

Wed, 11 A snowy disagreeable day. Four more loads of wood. Charley Shaeder came with several sacks of feed to grind. The comfort nearly finished.

Thurs. 12. Another blizzardy day. Two loads of wood this forenoon none this afternoon, Albert has worked at the wood pile in the yard & sawed wood in the shed this afternoon. Wilfred has been setting up the beef in the cellar with Charley to help. mail from Mr Dunns, Two letters from K. last one from N. Yates, Letter from Alice Nigh.

Friday 13. A good day & five more loads of wood drawn, another small comfort a mattress made. Herbert coughed so much during last night it was thought best for him to stay out of school. He has coughed a good deal to day. but seems to feel well I have been coughing more than usual these last few days. nearly all the family have been coughing one of the men has had a hard cold. W's cough has been much better for a day or two. Two letters to K. from Meriden post office. very cold this morning between 20 & 30° below

Saturday 14 Still very cold weather, snow at dark, 16° below Herbert. cold & cough much better. The buffalo robe finished yesterday, 30 loads of wood more have been drawn. It is so cold. there is very little travel on the road.

Sunday 15. It was not so cold this morning as we had expected 18° below. Katie's brother came & took her home & brought her back. The Albert man went over north to his sister's. Charley stays here.

Monday 16 Wilfred went to town. took part of a load of wheat to market, price 60 cts. no. 1. brought back a load of wood for the school house. wood $6.00 a cord. Washing done. Letter from N. & one to K. Letter from Willy & from Gordon. Papers from G. W. took the big oil can & had it filled. 12½ ct. per gal.

Fire went out in the wood stove. 4 o'clock in the morn,

Tuesday 17. W. went to town took more wheat & brought home a load of coal. Postal to Will.

Wed, 18. Bright winter weather. W. went with the ice teams to Goose lake, & drew a load of ice for John Scholljegerdis, R. is lining another little buffalo robe. Mr Case called at the door.

Thurs. 19. Wilfred drew two loads of ice for Fred. Altenburg. Had a three or four hours time of palpitation. R. finished the little robe.

Friday 20. Hay drawn into the barn & two or three loads of split wood drawn & little grinding done. Much warmer 28° above. Tallow fried out. The house hunted over for two pairs of fur mittens which can not be found.

Saturday 21. Wilfred went to Marion this morning rode to the station with Mr Dunn, & went on the accomodation train, a cold day. The fur mittens looked for yesterday found up stairs in the big closet in a bag with other things.

Sunday 22. A pleasant mild day.

Monday 23. A good day. Washing done, man Charley, busy about barn chores, & working at the wood in the back yard. H. went to school, R. & I. busy making new muslin underwear.

Tuesday 24. Mail to night from Mr Dunn's. Letter from R. & Simon.

Wed, 25. Wilfred came home about one o'clock came on an early train. Herbert had started to the station but met his father coming home with Benny S. the milk man. Wrote to Mrs Christie.

Thursday 26. Much colder during last night & to day

28° below this morning, 16° to night.

Friday 27. Wilfred went to town & out to Mr Hawkes, a letter from Malden post office to R. from R. Postal to Gordon R.s. & Simons last letter sent to Will. to be sent to J. B. Atlantic & Scribner to night. 24° below this morning

Saturday 28. Wilfred went to town again this afternoon, Letter to R. & paper to Gordon. 2° above 0 this morning & continues about the same, wind blowing this evening & snow drifting no doubt. Herbert went to Mr Woods on horseback came home before dark. News of Mr Blaines death came to day. Phillips Brooks died on the 24th of this month, also Justice Lamar. Ex President Hays died Tuesday the 17. & B. F. Butler on the 11th of this month.

Sunday 29. A pleasant day. Roads are drifted enough to keep people at home. very little travel on the road.

Monday 30. Washing done. Hay drawn into the barn the last of that stacked this side of the maple trees.

Tuesday 31. Wilfred was to have gone to town this morning to attend the Farmers Institute but the whole day has been blizzardy & worse this afternoon & evening. It is growing cold, 14° below 0, just at dark.

Wednesday February 1st. A cold day. 28° below 0. mail from Mr Dunn's Review of Reviews. Cosmopolitan, Bazar &c.

Thursday 2. cold weather all these days. Letter to R. from Gertie D.

Friday 3. a blizzardy day. Herbert did not go to school. 25° below 0 to night.

Saturday 4. Severe weather continues, 28° below this morning Wilfred & Herbert drove over to Mr Nelson Daniels to get a crock of butter to send to R. mail from Mr Dunn's. Letters from Will & Gordon. Century magazine & papers.

Sunday 5. A change in the weather to day. about noon, 32° above 0. & this evening, 2 below. The Charley man went away this morning. has not returned - Katies brother came to see her

Monday 6. Windy & snow drifting constantly, 18° below 0 this morning, & tonight it is 16 below. The boy came back before noon. A small box with a crock of butter &c, made ready to send to R. Mail from Mr Dunns. Kearsley Mecklenburg & Bazar & Youths Companion, no letters.

Tuesday 7 a pleasant day. 22° below this morning, 10 below now at bed time. W. went to town took a box to send to R. Letters to R & Gordon, postal to Will, papers to Mrs Carr & to Emma, Magazine to R. W. & R. went to Mr Dunn's this evening. Began to cut pieces for a bed quilt, Letter from Mr Stevens.

Wed. 8 Wilfred went to Owatonna this morning, rode to the station with B. S. & took the noon train, wind again this afternoon & evening. One team passed.

Thursday 9 Several teams have passed during the day, Mr Dunn drove into the yard & out, breaking roads I think. 24° above 0, tonight, snowing this afternoon & evening.

Friday 10. Wilfred came home from Owatonna about noon, found a chance to ride with a Mr Elijah who took dinner with W. we had been to dinner. Mail tonight from Mr Dunns, Letter from Will, & the usual papers, a mild day mercury at 0

Saturday 11. Mild pleasant weather. Wilfred went to Waseca took a small load of wheat. brought home the clock which he took over last Tuesday for repairs, found when he got home that he had left the pendulum. No mail except the advance.

Sunday 12 Another mild day. Katie went home Herbert taking her in the sleigh round the road by the school house, She came back to night with Henry Drum who had been to take his sister Lucy to her school.

Monday 13. Still moderate weather, Mail from Mr Dunns, a

letter from R. of the 5th, & Bazar. Charley, the man, ailing this forenoon, washing done.

Tuesday 14. There was a little rain this morning & then the wind changed & a little snow fell, & then the wind came up & it grew colder. & it has turned out a very blizzardy day. Wilfred went to town while the weather was yet mild, taking part of a load of wheat & bringing back ground feed. Notwithstanding the storm he came home with but little discomfort owing to the wind being at his back. We are making candles, yesterday & today, Have been threatened with pulpitation.

Wed. 15. Hay drawn into the barn two or more loads, To night two men have come to work up the wood pile, have a wood machine, I think it is called, to saw the wood. Herbert rode over to German Crist after the machine came, to get two men to come to help about the wood. Mild weather.

Thurs. 16. A good day. & the machine & five men have worked at the wood pile. which was nearly buried, & blown full of snow. Put some cuffs on a woolen sacque, & worked at quilt piecing.

candlemaking finished. 21 dozen.

Friday 17. Another mild day, & the wood sawing has gone on. but the wind has risen & changed to the N. west & we fear bad weather tomorrow. The new man we were expecting from Owatonna, did not come. W. drove over to Mr. Daniels at noon, with Mr Malony. the owner of the wood sawing machine.

Saturday 18 Contrary to expectation the day has been mild & pleasant, The ~~wood sawing was finished~~ at noon, & the men ~~all~~ went away ~~after dinner~~. The Charley man also went away. Letters from Gordon & Helen. Finished the (five) quilt.

Sunday 19. a still day, & as usual a quiet day with us. Katie did not go home. The day passed in reading & resting.

Monday 20 C. Gustafson & son helped W. kill two pigs, Thawashing done. Letter to R. enclosing letters from Gordie & Maggie & to Nellie

Tuesday 21. We drove over to see Rupert & Ida. H. went with him. Mail to night from Mr Dunn's, Letter from R. Cosmopolitan. Harpers Bazar & two weeklies & other papers, some from Emma to H. Harry & Andrew Dunn here this evening.

Wed. 22. Washingtons birthday. Mr & Mrs Hawks came this forenoon. went home before four o'clock, I made headcheese & tried out a little lard.

Thurs. 23. Herbert took Katie home this morning to stay a few days, after he came back. W. went to town took a few eggs to market, & 6c for 2 lbs a doz, brought home a set of scales price $3.75. Paper to Emma. The men came & took away the wood sawing machine

Friday 24. German Johnson here to grind a little feed. Finished piecing the quilt or sewing it together

Saturday 25. A good day. W. with Herbert help, drew a load of hay into the barn.

Sunday 26. 4° below 0 this morning. snowy most of the afternoon

Monday 27. An all day blizzard, & snow at bed time it still keeps up. B. D. went to the station with the milk & one other team has passed, Herbert did not go to school. The snow drifts have been added to tho there are as yet no very large ones. The day has been too rough for Katie to come back as we expected

Tuesday 28. Letter to H. from R. date 19. a pleasant day, but snow piled all about us. H. Drum & Harry drove in & down to the barn, but they had to do some shoveling. Two letters from Will to Wilfred the pork salted.

Wednesday March 1st. a bright still day. Mail from Mr Dunns. Letter dated Feb. 22, from R. Magazines, Harpers, Atlantic, Scribners & St. Nicholas, Harpers Bazar & weekly, all these are for R. & we send them to her after we have read them. B. D. drove twenty young cattle through the yard taking them to Webster not an easy thing to do in this

time of drifted snow. Had two hours of palpitation this forenoon. H. stayed out of school again has not been to school since Friday last.

Thurs. 2nd W. was to have gone to town but it was too stormy till too late. warm enough to thaw a little, colder to night 4° above 0.

Friday 3. a pleasant morning, 14° below 0, afternoon windy & the snow blowing & adding to the drifts & covering what bare tracts were made. W. went to town about ten o'clock came home about four I think, met Tommy Dunn going after the Dr. for his mother, Letters to R. Helen & Gordon & from W. to Will. Century magazine & the usual papers. Advance. Congregationalist. Leader & Herald. Katie came back this afternoon, her brother bringing her.

Saturday 4. President Cleveland inaugurated probably. A good deal of snow on the ground & no sign of Spring here. Lard tried out & sausage put in bags, we sent the meat yesterday to the butchers & had it chopped & seasoned. 8° below 0 this morning.

Sunday 5. a quiet restful day. very little travel on the road. There really is no road now. The few teams passing go any where in the fields where there is the least snow. I have been reading different article on the death of Phillips Brooks. Almost never was a man so lamented as he.

Monday 19. Was taken ill last Monday the 6th with dizziness & nausea, sent for Dr Rouch. have been getting better & have set up part of each day. This morning had palpitation for an hour owing to moving around too much. A windy bad day, the air filled with fine snow, but there is not enough newly fallen to drift. The old snow had during the past week melted away a good deal & hardened too much to be moved by the wind. Nance had letters from R. & Gordon & Will. Letter to day from Wilfred to Will, washing done, not dried. Luby D. called Saturday, Mrs Daniels died a three days before.

Mrs Dunn has been sick a week or two, Her daughter
may came home from school in O. sick with a bad throat
is much better

Thursday 16. Wilfred & Herbert have gone to town, The roads go any
where that a track can be found, water, ice, snow &
bare ground, all in the way. Letter from N. to R.
Mrs Dunn, getting butter, Agnes Dunn home from her
school. We went yesterday to an auction at a farm
formerly owned by one Herman Rick near Wilton,
a farm August Farber has rented.

Friday 17. Mrs Daniels & Miss Thompson came yesterday afternoon. Miss T. staying all night & has gone this morning to Mr Dunns to spend part of the day.
Pleasant & bright this morning. We brought home
a small load of lumber last night to fix floor in
hog house. We are looking for a man from Chart,
N. Y. to work this Summer. Letter to W. from
Gordon, yesterday Am sitting up some hours
each day, but do not gain strength fast,
another short time of palpitation this morning
afternoon, Wilfred just drove to Mr Dunns to get
Miss Thompson & take her to Mr Daniels, R. has
gone over with them. Letter from Will to Wilfred.

Saturday 18. W & R. have been training colts, hitched up Pet,
Herbert's little horse with one of the old greys & drove
them to Mr Dunns, around about. am feeling a
little better to day than yesterday, went out to the
dinner table. Not a stormy day like yesterday.

Sunday 19. A pleasant day. Katie walked home & back.

Monday 20. Katie having a sore face owing to a bad tooth,
are did not wash. Emma Gustafson called
The snow is slowly going off, The neighbors
breaking colts ish these days, have been
feeling better than before in two weeks. have
been knitting & mending part of the day.

Tuesday 21. W. went to town went up to Mr Hawk's. Found &
brought home a young man by name Smith, who
is to work a while on trial, Herbert went down
& met his father when he came home took the
team & drove to C. Gustafson's where the teacher boards
& brought her to stay over night with us his father &
the man having walked home from Mr Dunn's,
Letter to R. from R. & postal from Gordon to W. saying
the young man we had been looking for from Hauff, Co.
was not coming. Letter from Mrs Christie.

Wed. 22. A light snow fell last night & the day has been
windy & part of the time blustering. The teacher a
Miss Grey has gone to Mr Dunn's for the night. W.
drove to the school house this morning taking the teacher,
R, & Jenny & Lizzie Dunn.

Thurs. 23. During last night we had a severe storm of thunder
lightning rain & hail. Lightning struck Mr
Reuters barn killing two horses but causing no
fire or other damage to speak of. The horses killed
belonged to Henry Altenburg, neighbor Reuters son in law
W. drove over to Mrs Nelson Daniels to night to get butter
to send to R. The snow continues to melt away there
is water every where & to day has been very dismal raining
most of the day & cloudy & foggy. The dining room cistern
cleaned out, & the old cook stove set up in the back
kitchen. Letter to Willy from Wilfred.

Sunday 26. Friday & Saturday W. washed & oiled a harness in the
back kitchen. Yesterday afternoon the man & Mr
ground feed, Katie went to church & has just
returned, half past one. The last two or three days
we have been getting Herbert ready to go to
Austonia to school. He is to go tomorrow is to
board with his aunt Mrs Case two or three miles
in the country is to take a horse to ride to &
from school.

Monday 27. I had an attack of palpitation this morning which
delayed Wilfred & Herbert a couple of hours, in starting

to Owatonna- but they went away about half past nine
The day has been very pleasant, Katie washed & dried
her clothes & washed the dining room windows.
The new man is here alone to do the chores & see to
things about the barn, W. to come home tomorrow.
Tuesday 28. Which to our surprise Wilfred came home last
night early, bringing Will with him, The latter
on his way here- had stopped in Owatonna
& finding Wilfred there, came home with him
instead of coming on the train, Herbert went
home with Mr Case, instead of his father going
there with him as they had intended, Wilfred
has now gone to the station to take Will to the
train to go home- he thinking, it not best
state of the roads, to stay longer- Water, from the
fast melting snow, is making bad traveling
at each end of the trip, R.R. & there is even more
snow in Dodge Co, than here, a bright thawing day.
Wed. 29. N. & W. have been up to H. Dunn's to help cel-
ebrate their twenty fifth anniversary,
W. has since gone to Mr Dunn's hoping to hear
from the post office, Katie has washed more
windows, swept my room, made yeast &
is getting ready to go home tomorrow to stay,
& we shall be again left without help.
The roads get worse every day, more water &
the snow drifts in places are hard to get
through- especially with wheels & much
of the road is entirely bare of snow.
Thurs, 30 afternoon. Katies brother came for her & she has just
gone. She has been with us a year, a good faithful
girl, & we shall miss her. Wilfred & others + neighbors are at
work on the road shoveling through the snow
drifts here & there- to enable teams to get along
the road without trouble.

Friday 31. a cloudy day & the wind roaring in the tree tops, The
blackened snow drifts have gone very fast to day, W.
went to town this morning with a wagon the first time,
has not yet returned- Letter to Mary Stevens, Letter
from N. to R. Letter from Gordon to N. yesterday & from Isora.

Saturday
April 1st Wilfred went to Owatonna this morning, drove one
of the greys & Jenny is to leave the latter for Herbert
to ride to school & dine, Pet. the one H. has been riding
back home, as she has been acting badly.

Sunday 2 Wilfred came home last night about eight o'clock.
Easter Sunday, went to church this morning, the man rode with
him & went to his home & is to come back to night.
Jenny & Lizzie Dunn came down & stayed with N. & me
till W's return. W. drove Rob. & Pet. & had no trouble with them
Monday 3. Letters to Willy & Gadon- postal to Herbert- sent to office by B.
Evening W. & man have cleaned grain ready for
sowing, & have the seeder out ready to use to-
morrow if weather is favorable. A few parsnips dug.
The day has been warm & very drying. It is wonderful
how fast the remaining snow drifts have disappeared.
The bees brought out out of the cellar & set out doors.
72° above 0. Began knitting another rug. Letter
from R. to N. dated 24 & 25 of March.

Tuesday 4 W. went into the field intending to sow wheat
but found the ground too wet & muddy, & gathered
up scattering stones, instead, & drew them out
of the field. Man has split wood & ground feed
the rest of the day. In these days N. is occasionally
reading aloud, Vanity Fair.

Wed. 5. Hay drawn into the barn this forenoon, at half
past two. W. went to town driving Rob & Pet. A letter
from Herbert. Letter to R. postal to Mrs Hawkes.
Two hens set. W. brought home a new overcoat.

Thurs. 6. This morning Wilfred went to Medford to take
Mrs Nelson Daniels & her daughters family who are moving

to M. He has just returned 6 p. m.

Friday 7. The first wheat sowed this afternoon. Yesterday we had hail, thunder & rain. a bad day it proved, for our neighbors to move. cold & stormy. To day has been much warmer again, & no storm. Finished the rag rug. unless I conclud to mak it larger. a postal from Lo. to Herbert.

Saturday 8 More wheat sowed, a field finished south of the house, & the northeast field partly done. W. drives Rob Pet & Polly on the harrow, & the man, the greys, on the seeder.

Sunday 9 a pleasant day. Herbert came home about half past three. The man went home this morning has just returned. not quite sundown. our neighbor Henry Altenburg is very sick & has been for several days.

Monday 10. another pleasant warm day. W. man & Herbert cleaned up grain to sow. afterward H. went down to the school & stayed till noon. about two o'clock got ready & went back to Owatonna to the Cases to be ready to go to school again tomorrow. His "school keeps" Saturday and not Monday.

Seeding going on in the field across the road. The northeast field finished. our sick neighbor is no better. Miss Grey the school teacher came to night to board with us & is to help about the housework as we have no girl. Letter to Julia Venton.

Tuesday 11. Henry Altenburg neighbor Reuters son-in-law. died this morning at five o'clock. His sister Mary came in this morning to tell the sad news. He was a young man, married only six months ago. The day has been dark & gloomy & rainy all through. W. & man washed & oiled another harness. H. read aloud an article on Phillips Brooks in the Atlantic, by A. P. S. Allen.

Wed. 12. Too wet from yesterdays rain, & too windy to day, to work at seeding. W. & man have worked about the barn. Postal to H. by B. S.

Thursday 13. W. went to the funeral this afternoon at two o'clock. The day has been cold, with occasional flurries of snow. no working in the field. Man has been splitting the wood sawed by the madmen in February!

Friday 14. Several loads of manure drawn out this forenoon. this afternoon W. & man have been driving the Jumbo colt with one of the greys. to break him. a letter from W. to Mr Christie. Miss Grey has gone home to night. all the week I have been sewing rags & knitting another strip to put around the rug made last week. & it seems a pity that it is not better worth the work of making it.

Saturday 15. Same work as yesterday, this forenoon, Banking from around the house taken away this afternoon. A. & L. Drum brought the mail. Letter from Gordon, postal from Mrs Case.

Sunday 16. W. went to Owatonna to church & Herbert came home with him, leading Jenny. The man went home before noon. his relations driving over for him. Miss Grey came this afternoon.

Monday 17. W. went up & helped Mr Reuter get in a piece of grain & brought back Mrs R.'s disc harrow to use. Miss Grey did the washing to night after school. Herbert went down to school & stayed the forenoon, has been very busy the rest of the day in one way & another, goes back to his school tomorrow morning early.

Tuesday 18. Herbert started to O. this morning between five & six. It was a cloudy morning & we feared rain. The clothes washed yesterday, put out & dried after dinner. Finished the rug. Postal from Will to W.

Wed, 19 A rainy day. Agnes & Harry Dixon went to town. Letter to R. Letter from R. to R. from Greriden p. O. Busy all day mending

Thursday 20. Several inches of snow fell last night & this morning we are having a blizzard. The evergreens are loaded with snow & ice & look as if they would break down any minute. There will be no school to day. The drifts in the front yard are already three feet deep.

Friday 21. The wind has continued & the snow to drift, no school & no travel on the road, B. D. started to go to the station with the milk, but went back home after seeing the drifted road. Made some additions to my scrap book.

Saturday 22 It has thawed a little but the snow drifts have changed but little, a few loads of hay drawn into the barn, W. started to go to Mr Dunns on horseback but found the road too much obstructed by the drifted snow, & came back, have seen no one pass in the road since Wednesday.

Sunday 23. A pleasant day & the snow has melted a good deal. Herbert came home quite unexpectedly this afternoon, came at half past four. Letter from Will,

Monday 24. A gloomy day & raining, part of the afternoon Herbert went back to O. started at two o'clock Mr. Dunn took his children & the teacher to the school house, went in the fields around the drifts, Letters to R, & Mrs Case, sent them to Mr Dunns yesterday, B. D. took the milk to the station first time since Wed, W. took our milk as far as Mr Dennis, we have saved cream for a small churning to be done tomorrow

Tuesday 25. Another gloomy day & the snow has not gone off as fast as we hoped. Had three hours of palpitation W. churned twelve pounds of butter. The teacher & the Dunn children walked home through the snow & mud.

Wed. 26. Cloudy rainy weather continues. Mr Dunn takes his four children & the teacher, to the school house each morning. & there are no other scholars in the school in these days except the Dunn children. W. whitewashed the ceilings of pantry & bathroom

Thursday 27. Part of a day of sunshine. Mail from Mr Dunns, no letters, a great deal of water on the prairie roads, there are large patches of snow wherever it was drifted, as well as a good deal of bare ground, weather warmer this afternoon. W. is thinking of going to Wasco to-morrow. Young chickens a day or two old. Mrs G. is washing the colored clothes since coming home from school to night.

Friday 28. A letter from Celia Clinton. postal from Herbert. When B. D. went with the milk this morning it was snowing & continued to snow for sometime. but melted as it fell. The rest of the day has been cloudy. mail from Mr Dunns W. did not go to town. Miss Grey went home.

Saturday 29. A good day, W. went to town, took 31 dozen eggs to market 15 cts a dozen. Postal from Herbert. Man here to look at horses

Sunday 30. The day is closing, cloudy & raining. Herbert did not come home & we are glad he did not. the weather & roads are so bad, Miss Grey's brother brought her back this afternoon, The man rode the Polly and one horse. April is gone & only a few farmers have sowed. All the wheat they intended to, owing to the very unfavorable weather.

Monday, May 1st. The ground white with snow this morning & it continued snowing for some time this morning. but melted soon. Two teachers put up.

Tuesday 2 The sun is shining. which makes us hopeful. Soap making. Man seeding this afternoon. Man here

to look at horses, W. dug a few dandelions. The ground or grass beginning in spots, to show a faint tinge of green. Mr Blatchley here to fix the windmill. has gone to see a Sermon may come back to stay all night. Mrs S. washing. Letter from K. + Mrs Stevens last night.

Wed. 3 A pleasant afternoon. Letter to Julia Canton, postal to Herbert. W. + man harrowed in sweetash. Sun is shining now at seven o'clock but the wind is again in the discouraging quarter, northeast.

Thurs. 4 A little more seeding in the wood which in deep in some places. sun shine half of the day, raining to night.

Friday 5 Rained most of last night in a slow quiet way but no rain to day + the sun has been shining most of the afternoon, + W. + man have been seeding north of the road. Soap making finished in forenoon. Miss Grey did not go home to night. Letter from Mrs Case.

Saturday 6 A pleasant day. The north field finished. + W. is plowing south of the house. went this forenoon to a gravel bank on Mr Daniels farm to scour two plows. sister K. rode over to Mr Daniels with him, one of the plows will not work + the man is grinding feed this afternoon. another letter from K. + letter from Willy to Wilfred. Last of the May magazines came. Century, + Review of Reviews. Letters to K. + Gordon. Is going to Mr Daniels. Wilfred was obliged to turn out of the road near Mr Dunns, to go around the remains of snow drifts.

Sunday 7 Another pleasant day + much warmer. Herbert has just come home six o'clock p. m.

Monday 8 A good day. Plowing + drawing hay into the barn. Agnes Daunt came in + took tea with us. Herbert went back to school about four. took mail to Meriden post office. Magazines + papers

to K.

Tuesday 9 no rain since last Friday. Plowing. the grey team alternating with the three bays. Miss Grey washing colored clothes since school. to night fine in back kitchen. Jenny D. brought a pail of dandelions.

Wed. 10 a rainy morning. but it cleared up + Wilfred went to town took a few sacks of wheat + 10 doz eggs to market. The afternoon bright + warm. man plowing with the three horses. Postal to Willy. The grass beginning to look green.

Thurday 11 a sprinkle of rain rain this afternoon. Yesterday + to day much warmer. smoked hams put into a box of oats to keep them from flies. The last of the snow in the road by Mr Dunns, disappeared to day. Miss Grey says.

Friday 12 a postal to Herbert + one from him. a windy day but no rain, + the plowing has gone on. Yesterday Wilfred set out half a dozen apple trees. bought last Fall + covered up to be set out this Spring. Last evening Mr + Mrs Bert Case called at the door.

Saturday 13 A whole pleasant day. The plowing of the corn ground finished, + the garden plowed + a few potatoes + some sweet corn planted. W. went over to John S. ---- --- gud's this forenoon + later to see George S. ---- about corn planters. Miss Grey went home last night.

Sunday 14 another good day. The man went home + rode the Poll mare. Herbert came home about seven o'clock. walked down to see the windmill for the first time. It has been too wet or too windy to go before.

Monday 15 Good weather continues. corn ground harrowed. Herbert didn't go back to school. is to go tomorrow morning with his father who is going to Cwatonna to get something new for the corn planter.

Letter from R + Gordon. (or Grace) Letter from Mr S.

Tuesday 16 W. has just returned from Cwatonna, sundown. K + Herbert started this morning before five o'clock. The day has been fine + many farmers have doubtless been busy planting corn.

a letter last night from Mrs Christie brought the sad news of the death of her brother Marvin Dailey at Tacoma Washington. We have no particulars yet only that he died of apoplexy. W. wrote to Will from O.

Wed. 17 Pleasant & still all day. W. expected to plant corn all day. but instead has tried all day to get the planter to work right but has failed so far. Norman Blatchley was passing & W. asked him to stop & help fix it. but he didn't succeed & now George Scholljegerdis is here trying what he can do. W. has great faith in his ability to fix machinery, & make it work right. Mr Dunn went after his brother George who has been sick with pneumonia, & brought him home. Letters to Mrs Dailey & R.

Thursday 18. The corn planter did not work after all & about noon W. took it over to George Scholljegerdis & planted for him, while G. S. worked at the lame machine till it would work, & now for an hour or two W. has been planting corn in the correct way, with it.

Friday 19 a very windy day, corn planting all day.

Mr Dunn calls. To night W. has gone to get more seed corn.

Saturday 20. Another good day. & W. finished planting the big cornfield. Agnes D. & her father went to town & Miss Grey rode with them. A few seeds put in the garden. beets, radishes & lettuce. Letter to Mrs Stevens.

Sunday 21. a little sprinkle of rain about sun down. Herbert did not come home to night. Man walked home came back before seven, Miss Grey didn't come. Later, Miss G. came about nine o'clock.

Monday 22 This forenoon W. finished using the corn planter

by putting in a little field of sweet corn & took the planter to Mr Dunns. During last night we had rain thunder & lightning & a very little hail. & it has rained most of this afternoon. The planter stove taken out & set in a corner of the dining room.

Tuesday 23 a pleasant day after the rain, a little frost last night. August & Ida came to see us took dinner with us. strawberries hoed & part of the garden planted.

Wed 24 A cloudy day & this afternoon cold & dreary & looking like rain. Letter to Herbert & short letter in N.S. to R. Postal from N. 28 doz eggs sent to market. 11 lbs. dy.

Thursday 25. Hay drawn into the barn in the forenoon & a load made ready to take to Tacoma tomorrow. In the afternoon, potatoes planted.

Friday 26 Wilfred went to Tacoma. took a load of hay to the barn where Herbert keeps his mare cloudy all day & a little sprinkly in the morning. Letter to Gordon, man harrowing the cornfield. Letter from Willy to W.

Saturday 27 Wilfred went to the cemetery to do some necessary work there. The weather has been cool but pleasant Letter from Helen in So. Evanston Ill. Harpers Scribner & St. Nicholas magazines last night.

Sunday 28. A fine day, Wilfred went to Tacoma to church & has just come home, half past six. drove up to Mr Cases after church. Herbert came home with him Stiles Stoughten & his mother came about one o'clock. went home an hour ago. between five & six

Monday 29. Another good day. Wilfred took a load of wheat to town & was to finish the work at the cemetery. Herbert went with his father. man at work in the cornfield harrowing to keep the weeds from getting a start, corn not up yet. Letters from R. & Mrs Stevens

Tuesday 30 memorial day. We went over to the cemetery, took what flowers we had but the season is so backward not many flowers are in bloom. The man went to town this morning. We did not go away till afternoon. Herbert stayed at home, at least did not go with his father went to H. Drums & up to the woods or what used to be woods.

Wed. 31 Herbert started back to school this morning at five o'clock. man finished harrowing the cornfield corn coming up.

Thursday June 1st A pleasant morning. We have let the fire go out in the coal stove, this morning & will have the little wood stove set up when We. come in. Six o'clock, p.m. we, We. took Pr. & me out to ride, went to German Mahls. Katies fathers, Katie was not at home, & we did not get out of the carriage but saw their new barn, & quite admired the pleasant place where they live. The roads are good except when sods have been thrown between the wheel tracks

Friday 2 Pleasant & Co. & man worked in the cornfield till noon but clouded up afternoon & now at five o'clock is raining hard. Jennie & Lizzie D. stopped on their way home from school & are waiting for the rain to stop, to go home. Miss Grey expected to go home but owing to the appearance of coming rain probably, her family did not come for her Have written to R. & to Willy.

Saturday 3 We went to town, H. D. & Miss Grey went with him 15 doz. eggs sent to market 11 cts a doz. Four or five bushels of potatoes taken. 50 cts a bushel Fixed a curtain round the coal stove & a board on top to hold books &c. man splitting wood also helped clear up back yard pile wood &c.

letter from Will & letter from R. to Wilfred Sent the letters to R. & W.

Sunday 4 Found it raining this morning early & it continued to rain till about noon I think. man started to go home on horseback but came back. Miss Grey has just come on horseback, he brother coming with her to lead the horse home.

Monday 5 A good day & the afternoon bright. the mud must have dried up a good deal. The white clothes washed since school was out. W. finished putting seed in the garden set out cabbage & tomato plants.

Tuesday 6 We went to town to get a load of lumber for the road, worked on the road often he came back man split wood. Letter to R. from W.

Wed. 7 The man has worked on the road. W. fixed a wash stand. dragged sweet corn worked in the garden &c. Mr & Mrs B. Case called at the door on their way home from his father's brought a note from Mrs Case to W. a very high wind all day.

Thursday 8 Man work on the road. new bridges put in. The wind has blown hard again to day. only a little sprinkle of rain a little afternoon, Katie called a few minutes as she was passing with her father & mother.

Friday 9 Wilfred & man worked about the house, cleaning up the yards drawing off trash &c. Half of one of the best Duchess apple trees blew down yesterday. Miss Grey went home after school getting a ride with the Blatchley. Mrs Daniels called.

Saturday 10 A very pleasant day. This forenoon We drew a load of gravel to put around the well house. A swarm of bees came out about noon & were hived without trouble. afterwards

W. went to town. Letter to Mrs Stevens, magazines to K.

Sunday 11- Wilfred went to Avalonne to church & has not yet returned. Miss Grey came with her brother & another boy this afternoon. The day has been pleasant but windy. man did not go home.

Monday 12- The warmest day we have had, up in the nineties. men working in the corn. We came home last night sometime before dark.

Tuesday 13 Another very warm day. made a new tick for a chair cushion, & busy most of the afternoon mending, washing done last night & this morning, men working in the corn.

Wed. 14 W. started this morning at five o'clock to go to Avalonne to attend Pillsbury Academy commencement & to bring Herbert home at eight o'clock. a before, it began to rain & continued to rain almost continuously till noon. accompanied by thunder & lightning. Miss Grey started to go to school but came back & waited till near one o'clock when the rain having ceased. the Drumchildren came & she went with them to the school house.

Thursday 15 Another thunder shower about four & five o'clock this p. m. The school children came running in just in time to save getting wet. Mrs S. coming a little later was not so fortunate. man went to a circus at Barnes. a wet & muddy time the people will have in going home.

a letter from R. to K.

Friday 16 A pleasant day. W. & Herbert drove over to German Mahlers to see Katie. They are driving the Jenny mare alone on the one seated buggy & she drives well so far. Miss Grey's sister came for her to my

Saturday 17 A pleasant day. Wilfred went to town this morning. drove Jenny & Pet. took about 20 dozen eggs to market. 11 cts.

Sunday 18 Another quiet Sunday. man went home. Miss Grey came back at half past five. the day spent in reading and resting.

Monday 19 A very warm day. Agnes Drum called this afternoon. W. & K. drove over to the Daniels this morning. this afternoon cut weeds out of a grain field. man plowed corn.

Tuesday 20 Another warm bright day. another swarm of bees came out at half past two, W. & K. hived them without any trouble. man working in the corn. W. cutting off weeds in a field of fall wheat, new land. K. has worked in the garden

Wed. 21 Quite a rain this afternoon, with a good deal of thunder & lightning. Katie came this morning to stay a day or two. has washed windows. taken up & put down parlor stair carpet. swept my room & helped in various ways. A German wedding party passed going to & from the church the bride Mary, daughter of a German living three miles west. K. D. came for potatoes. He rode horseback to Mr Daniels. with H. D.

Thursday 22 Wilfred went to the station this morning & took the eight o'clock train to Waverly. Herbert took him & they went around by Mr Daniels. Katie goes home tonight. She has finished washing the windows. blackened the stoves. cleaned & baked, & we so wish she could stay. Herbert drew away a pile of brush we have been wanting to get rid of.

Friday 23 Rain threatened short of the afternoon, but now at about seven o'clock none has fallen. The man & Herbert are going to the station to meet Wilfred, who is to come

on the about nines o'clock train.

Saturday 24. A little grinding & drawing in hay in forenoon another swarm of bees came out & were hived before dinner. Carpenwood came to spend the day with Herbert. W. went to town this afternoon He came home last night about ten. Letters from R. & two from Gadon. one from Curtis D. to R. We look for R. & Simon tomorrow made a black spoon.

Sunday 25. W. brought the trunk last night & to day went to church & R & Simon came home with him. Miss Grey went with the Drums young folks, to Cavalon to church.

Monday 26. A very pleasant day. W & H. have been up in the field this afternoon digging out a little spot of quack grass. Simon has gone to Waseca this evening to go out a few miles fishing. Agnes & Lucy Drum called

Tuesday 27. W, R, Herbert & I, went over to Mr Daniels, their cousin Mrs Brain & her three children is visiting them also, also a little girl a niece of Mrs. D.s. We called at the door at Mr Burns on our way home since we came home, Mrs Daniels & Mrs Brain & children called at the door while out riding. Miss G. brought wild strawberries for tea.

Wed, 28. Fine weather. B. S. had trouble this morning with his mule team which ran away with his wagon & cans of milk. was himself thrown down & run over but not seriously injured. what little milk there was left in the cans. R. Drum took to the station. August, Ida & her two sisters called this afternoon. Lilly, the married one bringing her ten months old boy. Miss Grey again brought strawberries for tea, which R. plet

into a short cake, Herbert rode horse back to German Mahls,

Thurs 29. The district school closed & Miss Gray has gone home. We shall miss her help very much. Simon came back from his fishing expedition had very poor success. W. cut the grass in the road & drew in a load this afternoon

Friday 30. Another swarm of bees came out making three new ones. W. & H. finished digging out a little piece of quack grass found up in the field. W is getting ready to go to Minneapolis tomorow. a letter to Will

Saturday July 1st. Herbert took his father to town this morning starting at 5 o'clock, to take the train to Minneapolis. Lucy Drum rode over with them & came back with Herbert Letter to Gordon. Mrs Hawkes & her daughter Julie, came & spent the afternoon.

Sunday 2. A pleasant day.

Monday 3. Herbert went to Waseca to meet his father, Simon rode over with him to go to Mr Hawke's to stay till after the 4th. They W. & H. returned early & the man went home to stay over tomorrow. A letter from Willy. 12 doz eggs to market 11 cts.

Tuesday 4. The Drum children & Herbert spent a good part of the day burning fire crackers in the yard & shooting at a mark. We left the house alone & all went to Mr Drums to tea at six o'clock. This evening have had a pretty display of fire works in front of the house, could also see rockets going up from Waseca Merideen station & from some

distant neighbors to the east of us
Wed. 5 afternoon. Katie came this morning to stay
a day or two to help us, has done the washing
& is busy about the kitchen. Simon has not
yet returned from town, & spent part of yes-
terday sprinkling the growing potatoes with
Paris green, to kill the pestiferous potato bug.
We have had beet greens radishes & lettuce
from the garden.
Thurs. 6 Now, at nearly six o'clock, it is raining slowly
Katie has ironed swept the cellar & some
rooms up stairs baked a little & helped do
the rest of the house work.
Friday 7 W. mowed around the yards with a scythe
Saturday 8 a letter to Willy, Wilfrid went to town,
Simon came home from his trip to
Waseca Janesville & Mankato. Head
of a terrible cyclone in Iowa.
Sunday 9 Wilfred & Herbert went to church no servi-
Letter from in the Congl. church & they went to the
Gador. Baptist church. a beautiful day.
Monday 10 Another good day. Men busy haying.
a letter from Wilfred to Willy. First currants
& raspberries for tea. Had half an hour of
palpitation
Tuesday 11 Good weather only too windy for good hay weather
Simon has shot several birds that devouring
the currants. also killed a woodchuck on
the Clement place. Had the first young
beets for dinner. a few more raspberries
Wed. 12 W. & R. went to town drew home a load of
plank for the road or bridge. & box & bales of
things for R. & Simon. Letters from Helen
& Mrs Christie. Raspberries again for tea.
Letter to Gador. S. shot a horned owl.

Thurs. 13 a little rainy this afternoon tho not enough
to stop the haying. More raspberries for tea
Friday 14 Two quarts berries picked very warm day.
R. box opened yesterday a bale of the
contents, & other things, being made up
ready to send to Ohio. Letter from Willy.
Rec'd day before Sat. 15.
Saturday 15 another pleasant day. Good for the haying.
Sunday 16 another pleasant day. went with W. R. & Hubert
out riding after dinner. Drove past Mr
Abbots & through a to me new neighborhood, &
came out onto the roads near Mr Pease. In
coming from there met Andrew Dunn wife
& little boy. Just after we passed them some
thing came out about their harness, which
made their horses run. they were thrown out
but not hurt & the horses after running a few
rods stopped & were secured without trouble
Monday 17 Good weather continues & the haying goes on. R. is
getting ready to go away tomorrow to Ohio.
Mrs Dunn called. Am not feeling very well. had
two hours of palpitation this forenoon.
Tuesday 18 The bale of goods packed yesterday, were taken
out & repacked in a large dry goods box. After
dinner the box & two trunks were put into the
big wagon, Simon & Herbert going with them,
driving the bay team. while R. & Wilfred
with the greys on the carriage went to town
to meet the afternoon train on the W. & R. They,
R. & S. expect to reach Chicago tomorrow morn
and spend the day at the Fair & then go on
to Springfield Ohio. Haying this forenoon, &
the road has been raking & putting up hay
this afternoon.
Wed. 19 Haying & sprinkling with Paris Green the potatoes
wrote to Willy. A beautiful day. Used new
potatoes first time.

Thurs. 20 a fine hay day. Sent Willy's letter by milk man. a dozen glasses of jelly made. N. picked the currants, used the last of the old potatoes.

Friday 21. The wonderfully fine weather continues, & farmers are getting on rapidly with their haying. A few more currants picked. one two quart can put up. Butchers cart came first time this year. String beans for dinner second time, have had cucumbers a week perhaps.

Saturday 22 A very warm day. 92° above 0. Mary & Belle brought up the mail. Letter from Mrs Stevens, Agnes & Lucy D. also brought mail. Nothing from R. & Simon. a few more currants picked & canned.

Sunday 23 A beautifully clear, still, day but very warm 94°.

Monday 24 Hot dry weather continues. W. went to town. Letter to Mrs Christie Portal & Will. Sent Letter to be remailed to R. & Simon. papers to Emma & to Gadon. & the Fairbanks here to buy hogs. German Mahl & his son in law have been mowing in the north field. are to have two thirds of the hay they make after W.'s return from town he drove to the station to learn the price of hogs. came back & sold four or five to the Fairbanks & is to take them to the station tomorrow morning. Price, 5 ct.

Tuesday 25 Katie, her sister & brother are helping their father put up the hay cut yesterday. W. Jan & Herbert, are also busy cutting, putting up hay & drawing. Cloudy with thunder & lightning, & a little sprinkle of rain about noon or a little after. but the afternoon has been bright. Another gallon of currants canned, & I think the last.

Wed. 26- a good cool day. The Mahls finished their work in the north field. have put the hay in a stack to be drawn away some other time. our folks too have finished mowing in the north field. but have a good many loads to draw. will perhaps cut a little more after harvest in the south field.

Thurs. 27- Cloudy this afternoon & more at six p. m. sprinkling. W. & man have been putting up a stack in the field & have just driven into the barn with part of a load of hay. the rain too close upon them to allow putting on a full load.

Friday 28- a nice rain last night between six & nine o'clock & perhaps later. W. went to town, Herbert went with him to Mr Woods. Letter from R. in Springfield. Letters from Gadon & Will yesterday P. M. & from Emma the 26. With Jasper's help quite a washing done. No rain & the afternoon pleasant & cool.

Saturday 29 another good day. The hay all drawn & stacks topped out ready for fall or winter. We. says he may cut a few more loads of hay south of the house after harvest. W. has gone to Waseca to get something needed about the binder. started at 3 o'clock p. m.

Sunday 30. Wilfred went to church alone. a little rain about noon or before. afternoon bright & warm. Have written to Helen. a restful day.

Monday 31. W. began cutting the oats across the road with three horses on the binder, the grays & the big colt Jumbo. Mr Cease called this morning on his way to visit his son. It has been a faultless day for harvesting. cool & still. but the flies trouble the horses greatly in these days, tormenting them ceaselessly.

Tuesday Aug. 1st. Still fine weather, & the harvesting is getting on. Mr Case came back this afternoon on his way home. took our mail to the station. Letters to R. & to Helen. & letter from R. to Isora & S. Green corn for dinner first time

Wed. 2. Another good day. The piece of oats across the road finished, & the binder taken up into a field of succotash south of the house, this afternoon. The oats finished just at noon. Jarpus brother came to see him, was here to dinner, & Mr Tyrell from Fairbault call to night & asked to stay over night but we could not let him stay - in our present state in regard to help. He also had another man with him. Four years ago to day that we had our memorable runaway.

Thurs. 3. Another days harvesting done, & still good weather.

Friday 4 W. brought the binder down from the south fields an hour or two ago at about four o'clock p. m. & is now cutting the wheat in the northeast field. He had hoped to get through cutting the grain by tomorrow night but the machine didn't work well this forenoon & that may prevent. Throughout the haying & harvesting so far the weather has been wonderfully favorable

Saturday 5. The grain that is good for anything is all cut I suppose this W. has not come down from the field yet with the binder. The sun is going down, & it still remains perfect weather. Agnes & Harry Drum brought the mail. Letter from Will. Papers & magazines Cosmopolitan, & August Century.

Sunday 6. W. & R. went to church. Stopped at Mr Daniels & took Mrs D. Kate & Winnie with them they going to hear Mr Clemens, the Methodist minister, R. & W. to hear Mr Frizzell, at our church.

Monday 7. Stacking begun. W. & Herbert went to town this morning, & got back at ten o'clock, & drew one load of grain for the stack before dinner. Letter to Will.

Tuesday 8 a little sprinkle of rain, but clouds & low thunder & threatenings all the afternoon at one time W. fixed his stack for the rain that seemed surely coming, but had to fix it over again which has hindered them but they went right on drawing & it looks now at six o'clock as tho they would finish the stack, very warm, in the cities.

Wed. 9 A rainy warm day, how it looked to see the warm. No rain yet. But when we had our sprinkle yesterday there was a hard shower in Marion, so says Mrs Daniels who with Kate & Winnie are now here. have gone out to pick some green peas. One more stack of oats put up.

Thurs. 10 a day of gentle rain. & we have been glad to see it. if it did stop the stacking. Mr B. Case made us a pleasant visit, took dinner with us.

Friday 11. As bright & pleasant as if yesterday had not been a rainy day. but it is cool to night & makes one think of a frost. Herbert & the man have just come from the field with a large load of oats to have it ready to begin another stack with in the morning. The grain being too wet to stack. W. & H worked among the stacks, weeding out the pure clean with which the ground was covered. Mail by R. D. Letter from R. in Ireton, postal from Will

papers from Gordon.

Saturday 12 A pleasant cool day- more stacking. Jasper's three sisters came after him about supper time. But it was thought best for them to go back, & he would stay till morning. W. having a lame back & needing help about the chores &c.

Sunday 13 Man went home early. came back just at dark. A very quiet day & restful for us all. Belle Dunn came riding in at dark with a little mail. Cool weather but pleasant.

Monday 14 Pleasant till late this afternoon when we had a little sprinkle- not enough to stop the stacking another stack, south of the barn now. The other four stacks of oat, are north of the barn.

Tuesday 15 The stacking went on till middle of the afternoon perhaps, when it began to rain & has continued, till now at six o'clock the ground is flooded & it is still raining. The back cistern was found running over & the spout was turned off in a hurry, not [illegible] will be sorry to see so much rain & the grain- a good deal still unstacked. The rain is gentle- no wind or lightning or hail. Letter to Gordon, & papers & Mss to R.

Wed. 16 Most of the day pleasant, Wilfred & Herbert went to town a little before noon. Katie came this morning to stay two or three days,- has washed windows, swept several rooms, & helped in various ways. Letter to R. & one from her to R. Agnes & Lucy D. called at the door on their way home from town- brought mail. Papers to Emma.

Thurs, 17 Stacking began again at noon & was finished before it was done the clouds came up very black there was thunder & lightning & every appearance of a hard rain, but we only had a few sprinkles, but

but other localities & not far off could not have been so fortunate. A washing done & dried. Mr Cronkite & nephew drove into the yard. The latter a young man W. hoped to hire for a few months but there was a difference of opinion as to wages. Mr Keener & grandson also came in, the young man wanting to work a few days but no arrangement was made. So far the great numbers of men out of employment, we have heard of, have not made their appearance.

Friday 18 A splendid day. cool- bright & still.

Saturday 19 W. & the team has gone after the last load of grain, which finishes the stacking. & it looks like rain. Katie went home after dinner. Letters from Will & Gordon.

Sunday 20 Wilfred & Herbert went to church. Jasper rode with them to town & was to walk home from there is not to come back again. Another man is expected tomorrow. Lizzie Driem came & staid till W. & H. came back from church. Harry & Andrew D. came in from town.

Monday 21 A new man came to day- a nephew of Mrs Graham of Waseca- Allen & Charles Hawkes with a cousin from Maine, called, the cousin a young man Mr Harry Merrill.

a man sent by Our Ready, came to work. Stayed over night. Ukent away in morn, as we had a man.

Tues. 22 More wind to day than we have had in a long time. The apples & other fruit set to pick them as fast as they fell. The apples fell off so fast that it was thought best to gather most of them, & Ja. & H. put them eight bushels into bags to take to town, but it looked so like rain, W. decided to wait till tomorrow. Several of the trees did not bear this year.

First ripe plums brought in. They are very small.

Wed. 23 W. went to town, took eight bushels of apples & market price, 1.50. a bushel. Letter from R. & one from Simon to W.

Thurs, 24 Thunder shower early part of last night. cloudy much of the day. W. went to town again to take d

a bale of things to be sent to Dakota to Simon
first melons from the garden, washing & ironing
done. H. Drum called. A. & L. Drum came into the yard
on their way home from Mr Abells

Friday 25. A pleasant quiet day. An old man, a tramp,
slept in the barn last night. We gave him supper
& breakfast. Casper Wood came over to see Herbert.
They spent the afternoon gunning. Herbert took
him home. Katie went home early in the afternoon,
Had a slight attack of palpitation Postal from Willy.
The new man plows. W & H. have been haying a
little for two or three days.

Saturday 26. Gathered the last or nearly the last of the Dacken apples.
Herbert has plowed to day, while the man has helped
& get up the hay. C. Gustafson came this evening
took home a young calf.

Sunday 27. W. went to church. Otis, the new man, rode
over to town with him. Seems cool to night
& is a reminder that frosts are soon to be expected
Several of the largest watermelons were taken
out of the garden last night & carried off.

Monday 28. The new man Otis Stone, came back with W.
W & H. went over & brought Katie home, to stay over the morrow while they are gone to church. yesterday but decided to go away this
morning. was not feeling well & concluded
that he didn't know enough about farming
to go on & now we are without a man again
It has been a cold day but is a little warmer
to night, & pleasant &c

Tuesday 29. There was a little frost last night perhaps not
enough to injure the crops. W. & Herbert went
to Decatur, came home about five o'clock
Mrs Nelson Daniels came this afternoon is
to spend the night with us. Mary Dunn
& Mary Clemens called this afternoon.

Wed. 30. Mrs Daniels went this forenoon to Mr Dunn's.
Three boys from Avoca & Willie Suddath, Lutie
Preston & David Claghan came, with their guns
& Herbert went hunting with them. They came
back to dinner & went home about two o'clock.
They came from home yesterday afternoon called in & down to the barn & then went over by Swede Johnson's &
stayed all night in a barn to be near duck shooting
but did not succeed in anything I believe did get
a couple of squirrels this forenoon I think.
Katie went home between two & three o'clock.

Thurs 31. Herbert went to town to get a plow fixed & brought
home a jar of butter. Two men strangers came
Letters from Willy & Mrs Christie. last night & wanted work. They stayed all night
& W. thought best to have them work a few days.
& to day they have been cutting up sweet corn,
W. has plowed, all the time he could get.

Friday Sept. 1st. Once more the Summer is gone. The day has been
cool, but very pleasant. The two men have worked at
the corn cutting W. has plowed, Herbert has not been
feeling quite well to day & has been in the house
lying down part of the day. We made a little
chopped pickle, yesterday & to day.

Saturday 2. The two men, who gave their names as
Bradley, and Scudder. went away at noon
& Wilfred went this afternoon to George Wood's &
engaged the man who came here not long ago
& stayed over night. He is to come mid dle
of next week. Katie came just at dark.

Sunday 3. W. & h. went to church. Mr & Mrs Daniels, Annie & Minnie
went with them. Katie went with her brother & sister
who stopped for her to see some of her German
friends. & has gone home to night to come back
in the morning. warm & mild this evening.

Monday 4. Katie came this morning came early enough to do the
washing. A very pleasant day. rode up into the fields to
see B. B's hired man about a girl.

Tuesday 5 Wilfred took Herbert to Owatonna to begin school again at Pillsbury academy. School begins to-morrow, the 6th. Herbert is to board again at Mr Case's & has the Jenny horse to ride to school.

Wed. 6. Wilfred went early to Waseca to see about selling hogs. came back & after dinner went back to town taking four hogs. The afternoon has been very warm about 90°. Letters from R. & Willy. He had just returned from a weeks stay at the Great Fair. Left to Gadon Evening, weight of hogs, 1400. Price, $4.60.

Thurs 7 A beautiful Indian Summer day. Two men have been busy all day getting out manure. W. plowed this afternoon with Jumbo & Pet. yesterday & to day, put up two & a half gallons of plums. Drying a few Dachen apples.

Friday 8 A warm day 84° above. The two men working in the barnyard. W. plowed the forenoon, this afternoon went to Ida's home & R. went with him to see about getting butter, Herbert came home quite unexpectedly, owing to the school not being in session tomorrow as before. Keeps Mondays now instead of Saturdays. Put up another two quarts of plums.

Saturday 9 86° & more. The two men still at work. Katie went home soon after dinner. A few more apples dried. A can of plum & apple marmalade put up. Plenty of melons the last two weeks. There are a few very good plums.

Sunday 10 A very warm pleasant day. The two men went away after breakfast & have not come, about 8 o'clock returned. W. R. & I. rode over as far as Mr Daniels. also drove up to Mr Dunn's door. Mr Daniels returned yesterday from the World's Fair. being gone only five days from home, or nearly a week.

a man by the name of Reidy went with him.

Monday 11 The barnyard work continued, W. did not plow but worked about the barn & helped on the mews work. R. has not been very well & tonight W. has gone to get Katie to stay perhaps a few days. The last Dachen apples dried.

Tuesday 12 Dry, pleasant weather continues. W. went late this forenoon to Ca, the two men busy at the barnyard work. Katie & I cut & prepared crab apples for drying. W. took a bushel to Ca. & 14 doz eggs. Letter to Willy. R. has been feeling better but has stayed in bed.

Letters from Helen & Will.

Wed. 13 Same weather continues, & same work in barnyard. Mr Daniels came to get help in threshing to-morrow. A little more apple & plum marmalade made. Last of the crab apples gathered except a few Wyerlops. W. sold the crab apples yesterday for $1.00. eggs 13 cts.

Thurs. 14 Still dry & pleasant. The two men went this morning to thresh for Mr Daniels. Wilfred went to the station & round about to look for a girl, but came back without one. Have heard that Mrs Rhinehart of Springfield Ohio, was very ill. wrote to Cousin Topliffs. A washing done.

Friday 15 Signs of rain this morning, but only a few sprinkles fell. The manure drawing ceased at noon, & the two men have worked at spreading it this afternoon. Winter squashes, a few pumpkins & a few remaining melons, put into the cellar. canned fruit put away. A frost looked for. Steele Co fair. Yesterday & to day. The two men were discharged this morning.

Saturday 16. We went to town to go to mill. get a plow fixed. & do other errands. Letter from Gadon & from Iowa to R. Sent the letter written two days ago to E. C. J. Put up a gallon of tomatoes. Herbert did not come home last night as expected. H. D. called. Mrs Cleveland, wife of the President has another girl baby, born the 9th inst, Eden. When W. came he brought a letter from Willy & one from

R. with the sad news of Mrs Rhinehart's death.

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Tuesday 3 W. took a small load of wheat to town (Price 58 cts.) Gordon went with him. Hortense finished the wrapper for me. Have been feeling rather miserable with my cold & cough. Heard of the death of Mr Trobridge of Wabasco. He died during last night.

Wed. 4 W. & G. went to Owatonna a rainy afternoon, this very little rain fell. Have been feeling a little better to day than yesterday tho' I cough a good deal. Lizzie went home to night. thinks she can come again next Monday. & stay awhile.

Thurs. 5 A miserably cloudy day with some sprinkling. W. is plowing with three horses & sulky plow. Gordon has been gone most of the afternoon with a gun. He is very hoarse with a cold. The leaves on the trees are fast turning yellow & falling. Later G. brought home three squirrels & a bird.

Friday 6 The coal stove set up. Herbert came home before night.

Saturday 7 W. & G. went to town after dinner, W. took the milk to the new creamery for the first time this morning. Letter from Willy. Postals to R. & Willy.

Sunday 8 Julia's nineteenth birth day. Gordon preached at the school house this morning. Hortense stayed at home with me. Herbert started back to school before four o'clock. Twin calves at the barn yesterday. Am troubled with soreness in my chest from coughing. The day has been warm & pleasant. Stanley Merrell went home early this morning. He is only a boy, we need a full man.

Monday 9 A good day. W. is plowing in the south field. Gordon has gone out with the gun again. Have not coughed so much yesterday & to day, owing to cough medicine perhaps. Steam threshing machine just gone by to Mr Dunn's, same one we had here. Later, G. came with eight squirrels.

Tuesday 10. Gordon & Hortense drove to Wasseca after dinner. drove Rob & Pet. Letter from Willy. The weather is warm & the coal

stove is rather uncomfortable.

Wed, 11. W. took Gordon to the station this morning to take the train to Dodge Center to go to Owatonna. a dark cloudy day & rainy the latter part of the day. The man thrashed for Mr Dunn yesterday & to day. Lizzie Reuter came again this morning & did the washing. The weather is colder & we are glad of the coal stove.

Thurs. 12. W. plowed part of the forenoon, went to the station after dinner to meet Gordon who came on the train from Owatonna. Train two hours late, a dark cloudy day. man thrashed for Mr Dunn again. The rising dough baking

Friday 13. Gordon went to Wasseca. took a box to the depot to send home. also went to Mr Hawke's for a little visit. Lizzie went home before night. W. plowed a while this afternoon, yes. & a little while before dinner. Bread baking, two little stoves blacked. windows in dining room cleaned. Herbert came before dark. Threshing done at Mr. Dr. Letter to Willy. Mrs Daniels called.

Saturday 14. W. took a load of wheat to Wasseca. Price 52 cts. 4 lbs butter of G. Wood. 22 cts a pound. G. called at Mr Dunn's. Herbert went hunting a while this afternoon with H. & Dunn. Lucy D. called.

Sunday 15 A pleasant day, Sister M. W. Gordon & Hortense, & Herbert went to church. Gordon preached the morning sermon at our church. They stayed to S.S. Lizzie Reuter came & stayed with me while they were gone. Herbert went back to school after three o'clock this afternoon.

Monday 16 Another pleasant day. Wilfred & Gordon drove to German Marsh in the forenoon, after dinner Gordon & Hortense took leave of us & went with Wilfred to Wasseca. to take the evening train to Chicago & home to Ellington N.Y.

Tuesday 17 Good weather. C. Gustafson helping us. stack clover for seed.

Wed, 18- A warm pleasant day. C. Gustafson helped W. again. The potatoes put in the cellar & various things done. W. has made arrangements with C. G. to husk the corn, and we shall have no trouble with it. wrote to Helen. Gordon & Montrose expected to get home to day, just a month from the day they started.

Thurs, 19- Letters from R. & Wm Christie. W. gathered the vegetables from the garden & put them in the cellar & threshed out the beans.

Friday 20- Letter to Helen & postals to Will, & Herbert. Wilfred took R. & me, to Wm Daniels this forenoon for a ride. called at Mr Dunns door.

Saturday 21- A lovely October day. 72° above 0. W. has worked about the barn finding feed & Letter from Will, & postals from Gordon.

Sunday 22- Another beautiful day. 78° above 0. we rode out a mile or two east. W. R. & I.

Monday 23- Warm till late this afternoon when it suddenly became colder with wind in the northwest. W. plowed a few hours. Letter from Gordon, written the 19, the day after they reached home.

Tuesday 24- The second anniversary of Mr Vinton's death. The weather has been very much like that two years ago to day perhaps colder. Truly these October days are sad days to us. Letter to R. & to Mrs Christie. The Gustafsons began husking the corn. W. plowed a little, but it takes him most of the time to do the chores, wrote to Gordon.

Wed, 25- A rainy day. Postal from Herbert to his father.

Thurs 26- A Mr & Mrs Woods from Waseca are staying here to night. The Gustafsons men husked corn this afternoon. W. plowed a little while in afternoon.

Friday 27- A few flakes of snow this afternoon. Mr & Mrs Woods started on their trip west in good season this morning. Herbert came just at dark.

Saturday 28- A very good day. Wilfred went to town- intending to bring back a load of coal. It is nearly time to look for him home. Herbert has spent most of the day at his lessons. Sent letter to Gordan & Mr Dunns yesterday. Letter to Will, magazine to R. & papers to Emma. Later, W. came in good time with the coal.

Sunday 29- A cold, clear day. Herbert went away a little after seven this morning, early enough to get to church in time at Owatonna, rode with Harry Drum in his cart, & led his own horse. Harry also goes to Pillsbury.

Monday 30- The first anniversary of Ada's death. another sad October day. The weather pleasant & not so cold as yesterday. a little washing done.

Tuesday 31- The ~~1st~~ closing day of the great World's Fair, & a bright pleasant day it has been here. W. finished the plowing up south of the house & began harrowing it. The Gustafsons busy in the corn field. The teacher & the girls- Agnes & Lucy Drum & Mary Dunn, cleaning the school house this afternoon. Harpers magazine for Sept & Oct. (came)

Wednesday November 1st- A most beautiful day. one of the Gustafson teams ran away from the cornfield. not much damage was done, tho' an arm of one of the boys was broken.

Thursday 2- A much colder day but clear. Finished a double mitten yesterday, knit, to take the place of one Herbert lost last Spring. Have been repairing an overcoat for H. May D. came on horseback to the door with mail. Letter from Mrs Hawkes, Commonplaces, & papers.

Friday 3- Another good day, Mrs Preston & Josephine her daughter came before noon, Mrs P. went home about three o'clock, leaving J. to stay sometime with us. We look for Herbert before dark. Mayor of Owatonna, Center Harmonson, Head of the association of the

Saturday 4- Wilfred went to town took a load of wheat & brought back a load of coal. Letters from R. Gordon- Willy & Gustie Daily & postal to W. from Herbert. Letter to Julia Vinton.

Sunday 5- A beautiful day again, owing to circumstances Herbert did not

come home as we expected. Mr Leuthold came over from town on his bicycle stayed to tea.

Monday 6. W. took two fat hogs to Wasioa, is to bring back another load of coal making three loads for the winter. C. Gustafson helped W. about getting away this morning. Had two hours of palpitation.

Tuesday 7 Another mild day. Mrs Preston drove over this afternoon & brought a Miss Helms with her, a friend of Josephine's. We have a man, who will probably stay a few days. Jim Hapkins came about noon. W. drove over to Germans Mahl's this afternoon, to see about selling them a calf. We are expecting a clover huller here tomorrow if the weather is favorable.

Wed 8. A good day. The clover huller came late this afternoon & began work. Mr Leuthold & Mrs Wood called to see Josephine. Herbert sent a couple of Kittens home by Mr & Mrs Bert Case.

Thursday 9 Fine warm weather continues. The clover huller went away about nine o'clock. There were four bushels of clover seed. D. S. had half as much which was stacked here & threshed at the same time. Katie came yesterday & went home last night. Mr Alden called this morning.

Friday morn 10 Another fine day. Sent letters to Mrs Stevens, Mrs Hawkes & to Willy. W. wrote to R. & postal to Mr Kelly of Owatonna. Mr Leuthold came over on his wheel to call.

Saturday 11. W. went to town took 30 bushels of wheat 57 lbs, one of the grey horses which he was driving was taken sick before reaching town & had to be left there. W. getting one of Mr Lindrays horses to drive home. It began slowly to rain about four o'clock. The Gustafsons finished husking over part of the corn.

Sunday 12, W. went again to town to see about the sick horse. Found her perhaps a little better, but will go over again in the morning. A horse doctor take care of her. Herbert went away this afternoon as soon as his father got home a little after three o'clock. Mr Leuthold came this afternoon & took Josephine home. Mr Alden preached in our church, The hired man Henry, stayed here through the day to do the chores. A sprinkle of snow on the ground this morning, which did not all go off.

Monday 13. A cold day & people who go by wear furs as in winter. W. went to town again to see to his sick horse & has just returned leading her behind the wagon. She is probably not well yet but better. Man has been husking some corn which was cut & put in shocks while green.

Tuesday 14. Pleasant this morning but cloudy & a little snowy this afternoon. Wilfred had to go to town to see the doctor again about the horse which is far from well yet. Lizzie R. Alden came down to help us about our work if we needed her, but as Katie was to come & wash tomorrow she went back home, & now, just at night, Katie has come. Am making a woolen night shirt for Herbert.

Wed, 15. The sick horse is better to night & seems likely to get well. A washing done. Weather cold but not stormy. Letter to Mrs Case

Thurs 16 Warmer weather. The horse continues better. W. & man made some wire fence back of the corn field. The night shirt finished. Letter from S.

Friday 17. Willy's forty sixth birth day, Wilfred has gone to Owatonna. Letters to R. Gordon, & to Willy. A windy morning. Cool night. Letter to R. Evening, W. & Herbert came

before dark,

Saturday 18. Spent most of the day repairing Herbert's clothes. Katie washed & did up collars cuffs &c for him. 26° above 0 yesterday a little warmer this afternoon. - 8° above 0 this morning.

Sunday 19. The day has been bright & still & not very cold. Katie went home before noon, to come again perhaps to night. The man also went to his brothers. Herbert went away about eight o'clock. was to ride with Harry D. in his cart, & lead his horse behind.

Monday 20. A pleasant day. W. helped the man finish husking the corn that was in the shock. Katie came just at dark. Lizzie D. brought in a handful of flowers Geraniums & chrysanthemums.

Tuesday 21. A snowy day, & last evening was very bright & calm. the moon at its best. W. was to have had some mason work done around the well & C. Gustafson came this morning to do it, but the weather was too unfavorable.

Wed. 22. There is not more than two or three inches of snow, but it seems wintry enough. W. & man have been banking up the water tank at the barn to keep it from freezing. Katie cleaned windows yesterday & put the double windows on the bath window in my room.

Thurs. 23. Cold winter weather. The house banked up & the double windows put on pantry & bathroom, & a big blanket or cover made to put over the cans when they are, & when the milk is taken to the creamery in freezing weather. 2° below 0 this morning.

Friday 24. W. went to town with a sleigh, & found good sleighing. had the big kerosine oil can filled. Letter to Mrs Cox & postal to Will papers to R. Letter from R. to W.

and is in the trap in the cellar this morning.

Two postals from Herbert

Saturday 25. The pump in the deep well fixed. the hen house banked up. the bees put in the cellar & as usual, the numerous barn chores attended to. In the house some cleaning. baking. sweeping. mending &c. Stove set up in the parlor

Sunday 26. A cloudy gloomy day. The fire went out in the coal stove during last night & Wilfred made it up before daylight, & between five & six o'clock. If the morning had been bright & pleasant W. would have gone to church. Mr Chaney was to preach. Katie has been sick to day with a cold. W. & man have been obliged to watch Mr D's sheep most of the day, chasing them out of mischief.

Monday 27. My seventy first birth day. George Collins came this forenoon & is staying with us to night, & made mince meat for pies. Katie has been feeling much better, & W. has a cold & is coughing to night. Letter from Julia Vinton, postal from Will

Tuesday 28. W. went to town. took part of a load of wheat. Letter from Helen. Good sleighing & very little snow. G. C. went to Mr D's this morning. came back this evening.

Wed. 29. A mild day. Wilfred has been feeling quite unwell with his cold, has coughed a good deal. Katie also coughs tho' she feels pretty well. Later. Herbert came a little before dark, rode with Harry D. & led his horse.

Monday, January 8th 1894. I have been ill with influenza since November 30th Thanksgiving day, and though I might several days ago have resumed my journal, have neglected to do so. I am glad from well yet, but sit up a good part of the time, & perhaps see a little improvement from day to day. The rest of the family, sister H., Wilfred & Katie all had the prevailing trouble, but more lightly & recovered after a few days, & Broughton

The weather in these days cold, but still, 20° below 0. W. + man have drawn hay into the barn to day. Since I have been sick there have been two weddings in the neighborhood. Annie Daniels was married on the 20th of December to a Mr McConnel, and Mary Altenburg a German girl to a young German by name Smith a Schmidt. Thursday after the wedding at the Daniels', Mr + Mrs McConnel the newly married couple + Mrs Nelson Daniels, Miss Thompson, Mrs Pete Daniels + little daughter + Miss Kate Daniels called Mr + Mrs Hawkes came on the 29th of last month + staged a fence down.

Thursday 11. W. takes the milk now to the creamery nearest to us. Take it four times a week. Tuesday W. went to the station + brought Julia Vinton home to stay till Saturday. This afternoon N. W. + Katie, are repairing or making over a pair of horse blankets. Yesterday W. went to town. Had a half hour + more of spelling-school Tuesday morning. Letter to Miss Stevens Tues + to R. Letter from Helen two or three days ago + note from Mrs Case + letter to W. from Herbert.

Saturday 13. A pleasant day. Yesterday W. took Julia to the station to go home on the afternoon train. Lucy Dreem came home last night + brought Miss Iona Grey + her sister Colette. They with Agnes D. spent this afternoon with us, staying to tea. Katie has gone with her young man tonight to a party in Owatonna or near there. H. Dreem returned from Little Falls where he has been to attend the funeral of his wife's mother. Was Suttiff.

Sunday 14. A foggy day. Katie came home this forenoon. We have all been about as usual. Wilfred would have gone to church if Katie had been here

this morning. The weather is warm + thawing. Friday, Ben McConnel with Mrs Daniels, Mrs McKinley + their two little girls called.

Monday 15. Sister R.'s birthday + a gloomy foggy day. Katie did not thresh but tried out tallow instead. The men have been drawing hay into the barn. For the first time in weeks have been quite buried most of the afternoon in mending.

Tuesday 16. Another warm gloomy day. Eli + man cut down a cottonwood tree south west of the house, + there are several more near the house which are to be cut down. Katie finished a pair of black woolen mittens she has been knitting for Wilfred. The pig killed several weeks ago + which has been frozen cut up + salted.

Wed, 17 - Gloomy, thawing, foggy weather continues tho' it is freezing this evening. The washing done. Letter from Julia Vinton. Letter from Wilfred to Mrs Daily.

Thurs. 18 - At last a whole bright day, W. + man cut down a large cottonwood tree in front of the house, + one by the wood pile west of the house. Yesterday, Letter to Julia V. postal to W. + a few lines to Herbert in his father's letter. Roads are bad no sleighing. + too rough for wheels. Wilfred has walked to the Daniels this evening taking our mail thinking they might go to town tomorrow. Began freezing last night, tho' not very cold yet. The little land we had, tried out.

Friday 19 - Moderate weather. Sent mail to the station by B. D. Letter to Julia + others. W. borrowed Mr Daniels corn sheller + has been using it this afternoon. A small quantity of head cheese made.

Saturday 20 - A little snow fell last night, but has thawed a good deal. W. + man have been shelling corn to grind for feed + have also shelled the seed corn. More mending. B. D. began taking his milk to the Golden Rule Creamery,

Sunday 21 Colder & seems more wintery. Katie's brother came to see her. Mail from Mr Dunn's last night. Letter from R, & postal from Will, Letter to W. from sister Julia. Letter from Herbert to W, & note from Mrs Case

Monday 22. 12° below this morning. Feed grinding to day

Tuesday 23 A cold & sonnewhat snowy day. W. had intended to go to town but decided to wait for a more favorable day. Nee & man shelled the seed corn. Had two hours & more of palpitation last night just at bed time, & have not felt very well. The old window shades, in my room, taken down & new ones put up. W. putting up different fixtures.

Wed. 24 W. went to Waseca after taking the milk to the creamery. a cold day. 25° below this morning & about 15° below, all day. Letter from Sadie, & paper

Thurs. 25 A cold, cold day again. colder than yesterday. W. went over & borrowed Mr Dunn's light sleigh to go to Owatonna with tomorrow, if weather is favorable. Katie is molding candles in the day

Friday 26 W. went to the creamery this morning, came back & went to Owatonna in good season came home about dark bringing Herbert with him. Very nice winter weather to day. Did a little coloring, black, & Katie did the work. colored a scarf for K. & a pair of oversocks for my Postal to Willy

Saturday 27 A fine day tho' 28° below this morning. W. & Herbert drove to Waseca after dinner expecting to bring back a couple of Owatonna schoolmates of Herbert's who were at Waseca, but they could not come. a crock of butter from Mrs Dr Wescott Davis

K. made in 14 days candles.

Sunday 28 A snowy day, & W. did not go to church as he had intended.

Monday 29 Bright prospects this morning. 18° below. W. took K. to the station this morning, starting about six o'clock

to take the train to O, came back & took the milk to the creamery. Mr Daniels came over & ground a few sacks of feed this afternoon. Katie had a good day to do the washing.

Tuesday 30 W. went to town brought home a load of bran, very fine sleighing, with but little snow. Letter to Lizzie Nye, with and a pair of woolen slippers, also a pair from K. to Emma Postals from Will, & Herbert. Four dozen eggs to market 18 cts a doz.

Wed. 31 Another good day. W. & man took down another cotton wood tree this time, one east of the house.

Thursday, February 1st A bright, still day. Two trees in the front yard, west of the house cut down, C. Gustavson to help. Katie's father called to see her

Friday 2 Good weather continues, The men are cutting up the trees taken down yesterday.

Saturday 3. Pleasant all day. W. went to town after dinner to get a new pump handle. the man having broken the other. he also brought home the new wheels, or repaired wheels of the wagon. Letter from Lizzie Nye & mail for K. & W. Postals to Will & Herbert. W. took home the tackling he had borrowed of Clement & Blatchley to use in taking down the trees. Katie went home this afternoon to stay till tomorrow. Her father came for her.

Sunday 4 Henry, the man, went to his brother's last night came back about four o'clock this afternoon.

Monday 5. The men drew hay into the barn, a fine day for that or anything else. W. has gone with a load of neighboring men to the Plumer schoolhouse to a meeting of the farmers, to see about starting a creamery in that vicinity. K. finished the second pair of black woolen mittens for W. these are double ones. K. came back this morning.

Tuesday 6 We drew a load of ice for Peter Daniels, Parlor closet emptied swept & regulated, Postal from Herbert.

Wed. 7 W. went to town late this forenoon Mr C. Clapham called with his little girl this morning before W. went away, Letter to R. Postal to H. from W.

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Friday 9. A somewhat snowy day. W. went up to the farm of B. Sotebier I with Mr Daniels to see about the cooperative creamery business which is intending the farmers in this vicinity just now. W. went to the station this evening to meet the half past five train & brought Herbert home.

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CAUSED A SHOCK.

The News of the Sudden Death of Col. Drum.

WELL KNOWN IN ST. PAUL AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

His Valuable Services During the War—Important Land Case Decided in the United States Court—Cases Before the Supreme Court—Ald. Warren Attacks the Street Railway Company—Around St. Paul—State House Gossip.

The many friends of Col. William F. Drum, 12th infantry, who reside in the Twin Cities and vicinity will be shocked to hear of the sudden death, caused by cerebral hemorrhage, of that gallant soldier which occurred at Ft. Yates, N. D., on Monday morning. His remains will be taken to Springfield, Ohio, for burial. Col. Drum was well and favorably known in both business and social circles, having been stationed in St. Paul for a number of years as inspector-general for the department of Dakota on Gen. Ruger's staff. The news of his death was so unexpected that it was some time before the officers and others at department headquarters in St. Paul could realize the truth of it, but when they did each one felt that he had sustained a personal loss. Col. Drum was very affable in manner and had a kindly nature and was always ready with a generous hand to help the struggling and distressed, and was universally esteemed by all who came in contact with him.

Col. Drum was born on Governer's Island, New York harbor, Nov. 16, 1833; was cadet at West Point for about two years, from July 1, 1851. Just before the war he was clerk of the district court at Owatonna, in Steele county, this state, and he recently told a friend of his that he had some lots in that place and intended to go there and live upon his retirement from active service. On the first call for volunteers in the spring of 1861; he drilled the young men of Owatonna for the volunteer service, and later was commissioned by the governor of Ohio to raise a company of three years' volunteers, but upon receipt of his commission as 2d lieutenant in the 2d United States infantry in August of that year, he resigned his state commission. In October, 1861, he was promoted 1st lieutenant in the same regiment and was engaged at the seige of Yorktown, battles of Gaines' Mills, Malvern Hill, Second Bull Run, Antietam, action of Shepherdstown, and battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. Promoted captain 2d United States infantry in May, 1863, acting inspector, provost marshal's department, state of Wisconsin, until July, same year. Engaged at the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Tolopotomy, Bethesda Church, Petersburg, Weldon railroad, Poplar Grove Church, first Hatcher's Run, Five Forks and capitulation at Appomattox Court House, Va. Was appointed lieutenant-colonel 5th New York volunteers in April, 1865, and promoted colonel, same regiment, a few weeks later. Was mustered out of volunteer service in August, 1865, and rejoined his own regiment, the 2nd United States infantry, at Ft. Hamilton, New York harbor, the following November. Was brevetted major for gallant services during the campaign of 1864, before Richmond, Va., and lieutenant-colonel for gallant and meritorious services at the battle of Five Forks, Va. While on recruiting duty at Boston, Mass., in July, 1877, he was relieved, at his own request, and joined his regiment in the Department of the Columbia, participating in campaigns incident to Nez Perces and Bannock Indian wars in 1877-8. In June, 1882, he was promoted to major 14th infantry. Was acting inspector-general for department of Columbia until June, 1885; transferred to department of Arizona in same capacity, July, 1885; relieved January, 1887. Promoted to lieutenant-colonel 12th infantry in December, 1886. In August, 1888, Col. Drum was appointed acting inspector-general for the department of Dakota, on Gen. Ruger's staff at department headquarters in St. Paul, where he was stationed until October, 1890, when he was relieved and assigned to the command of Ft. Yates, N. D. To Col. Drum's vigilance in watching the movements of Sitting Bull and his renegade followers, which led to their arrest on the eve of their departure to join the disaffected Indians at Pine Ridge agency, during the Sioux campaign in the winter of 1890-1, was due, in a great measure, the early termination of that campaign.

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Tuesday 13 a pleasant day- Yesterday being an unfavorable day- Katie put off her washing till to day. Mr Bear, an old man living two miles west of us & who has been ill for several week, died Saturday night & was buried to day.

Wed. 14. Alternate snow & sunshine- a small stack of hay put in the barn, Ironing done- mending &c.

Thursday 15- W. went two or three miles to a Mr Peterson who is a blacksmith to get the grey horse shod while he was gone a young man came to hire out for a year to do farm work. He will probably come to work the first of March as W. decided to hire him. H. finished a pair of leggins for W. Letter from Willy

Sunday 18 Have neglected writing since Thursday. W. went to Wauatoma Friday the 16, after with C. Gustafson to help killing & dressing two pigs. He went to the court house on business for his aunt K. saw Herbert, who was going with his class, that evening out in the country to a party, & found out at the market a butcher, the price of dressed pork (5½ cts) disposed of the eggs he took to market 10. doz, 12½ cts, a doz, & reached home before eight o'clock- Yesterday, Saturday- he went to Waseca took the pigs, & sold them for 5½ ct. weight 370. Mr & Mrs Daniels & Winnie, & Mr & Mrs McConnel spent last evening with us- not very good sleighing but bright moonlight evenings. Letter from Gordon Friday, & Letter to Willy from Wilfred. W. went to church & heard Col. R. E. Kolb a lecturer. Fire went out in the coal stove just afternoon, but Katie soon made it up again. K. sister Emma came to see her.

Monday 19- 12° below 0 this morning & it has been a cold day to be out. W. drew a load of sand for the icehouse at the new creamery Letters to Hatten & to Gordon.

Tuesday 20. Wilfred drove over south to a Mr Peterson's, to see a girl about coming to work for us. She could not come,

Wed. 21. W. drew a load of sand & a load of stone for the creamery. Katie for the last two or three days has been cleaning pantry cupboards & bathroom Pour sleighing & wheels are beginning to be used.

Thurs. 22. Wilfred drew a load of ice from Clear Lake to the creamery this forenoon, came home middle of the afternoon went to town to a supper given by his brother masons, Have been doing some scrapbook work yesterday & to day, with a little mending.

Friday 23. Ca letter phone R. last night. W. came home last night at half past eleven. We drove to the station to night thinking Herbert might come on the 6 o'clock train but he did not. B. S. took the milk to the creamery this morning.

Saturday 24. W. went to Owatonna with Mr Dann, man did the chores, & ground feed H. D. called at the door on his way to town

Sunday 25. A pleasant thawing day. The little snow we had is nearly all gone. Bob & girl both went away this morning & have not yet returned noon seven o'clock. a letter from R. to W. Harpers mag. & other reading matter.

Monday 26. Allen came back in the night. Katie came this morning & did the washing. & the weather was pleasant enough to dry the clothes, W. went to Mr Daniels this afternoon. Had an hour or two of palpitation this morning

Tuesday 27. Mr Case called on his way to see his son, brought a package from Herbert. W. went to town & drove to Mr Hawkes to get a load or part of a load of barley for seed.

The Evans brother came to see him & is staying here to night, Our man Henry Schelinske, goes away tomorrow to work for a Mr Eaton who came to day & engaged him.

Wed. 28. The new man, Alvin Concenauer, came, & the other one has gone to work for a man William Eaton by name, wrote to Emma,

Thursday March 1st. a bright pleasant day, W. & man cleaned the barley for seed. & the man chopped away some of the old plum trees. The reading of the life of George Elliot continued,

Friday 2. W. went to the station & brought Herbert home just about dark. sent Emma's letter,

Saturday 3. W. went to town after a load of sawdust for the creamery ice house. Herbert went with him. Mrs McConkel & Miss Nelson the school teacher called. Warren Smith, an old resident of this county died at his home in Waseca last Thursday, and is to be buried next Monday. H. Drum called.

Sunday 4. Thunder showers this forenoon. man went to see some of his friends. a quiet restful day,

Monday 5. colder this morning & freezing. W. went early to take Herbert to the station, stopping on the way to leave the milk at the creamery, came back. & about eleven o'clock went to Waseca to attend the funeral of Mr Warren Smith. Mr Charles Baker came home with him to see about painting our buildings. a postal from Willy. Worth Katies help papered this inside, & repaired a trunk. this afternoon.

Tuesday 6. W. took Mr Baker back to Waseca after dinner. a letter from Helen, Mr B. painted the trunk & papered yesterday.

Wed. 7. A pleasant day, An engine & apparatus for well boring

was drawn by this morning on its way to the new creamery. W. took milk for B.S. this morning to the creamery or skimming station, went late this afternoon to Waseca to attend a concert this evening may not come home to night.

Thurs. 8. W. did come home last night about twelve o'clock. Hay drawn into the barn, Henry Dunn helping two or three hours this afternoon. Dr. Young is very ill also Fannie Leslie. The district school closed.

Friday 9 A little sprinkle of snow last night which disappeared. A postal to Herbert. W. has very soon

Postal from Herbert, worked about the barn. Letter from Julia Winton

Saturday 10 Letter to Mrs Stevens & to K. Both Wilfred & man have worked about the yards picking & burning up brush & raking leaves taking banking away from the hen house & cleaning up stumps & opened the front door which has been fastened up since fall

Sunday 11. Yesterday just before night we had high wind & later snow & feared a blizzard but the snow turned to rain & not much of that the wind went down, and this morning the sun came up bright & we have had a pleasant day, Katie went home this morning.

Monday 12. Washing done, K. came back this morning W. & man have been loading & driving about the Blain colt. Seed grinding cleaned up. Neighbor Reuter took the milk to the creamery this morning. first time.

Tuesday 13. W. went to town meeting. A letter from

Postal from W. & K. telling us to expect a visit from her

Letter from next month. 15 doz eggs sent to market, 11 & 6 cts

Herbert. another big can of Kerosine oil. 10 cts. per gal. Dr. Young & Mr Leslie are getting better.

Wed. 14. Mr B. Case & H. Lower, here to dinner, came on creamery business, W. took with ours, milk from H. Dunn & Mr Reuter. more plum brush carried into the road to be burned. The trimmings of the trees, & some of the old trees cut down to give the young trees a better chance to grow. the last mince pie for dinner.

Thurs. 15. Afternoon. John Dunn just came to the door, to ask if we had mail to send to the office. took Letters to Cols. High. R. & Julia V. Later W. & man have been breaking or driving the Blaine colt & Jumbo, & later, the man with Jumbo & one of the greys harrowed, in the cornstalk ground. The small bedroom up stairs cleaned & (ing) done up stairs, Fred grinding this forenoon.

Friday 16 W. went early, rather, to Owatonna. started about seven. man has been plowing in the cornstalk field south of the house. Lounge in my room, moved from the west side of the room to the northeast corner & other changes made. A pleasant close to a day not very bright to begin with. Later W. & Herbert came sometime before dark.

Saturday 17. Afternoon, W. took the milk this morning came back & went to Waseca is to bring back a load of lumber for the creamery H. went with his father. The man plowed the forenoon is burning brush since dinner Katie washing windows, a bright drying day. Head hallucination a couple of hours this morning. Later, Mrs Daniels, Mrs McConnel & Winnie called.

Sunday 18. Wilfred & Herbert went to church. & heard Col. Wolfe preach. Rainy coming home. Kate went to the German church toward the station where several children were (road) carrying

Monday 19. Afternoon, W. went this morning five miles to a Mr Reuter's a carpenter to bring him & his tools. didn't

find the man. but brought the tools, Mr R. coming soon after. He is now tearing down our front porch & is to build a new one, & do some work on the back kitchen, W. has gone to Wascca for lumber &c. Herbert plowed a couple of hours this morning till the man could take his place. Evening. Wilfred came just at dark. He took a small load of wheat to market. 52 cts. Rain threatened all afternoon but none fell.

Tuesday 20. Afternoon. A rainy day so far. The carpenter finished ceiling the back porch, but owing to the rain has not been able to go on with his work. K. is taking up the carpet on the front stairs, but the weather is discouraging for any kind of housecleaning.

Wed 21. Not stormy but a gloomy day. The carpenter & Wilfred have worked all day at the back kitchen straightening it up putting on new clapboards & new window sills &c. Herbert has helped what he could in the work. The man Alvin, has taken the sawdust & banking away from the house. K. has washed more windows.

Thurs 22. Another gloomy day, & cold. Washing done clothes froze when hung out. The work on back kitchen finished, or nearly so, & they are now putting down the floor of the front porch. Scattering flakes of snow in the air.

Friday 23. A good day for the carpenter work, cold but not stormy. The porch nearly done. Katie's brother came over. No- being Good Friday so many of the Germans have worked.

Satur. 24. Such a hard cold wind the whole day, that it was impossible to work on the north side of the house. consequently the porch which was to have been finished to day, remains as it was last night. 10° above this morn

more or less frost on the windows all day. Mr Reudy the carpenter, went home after dinner to come back when the weather improves. Mr Reuter took the milk but had to bring back part of it- owing to some complications- & we are to get what cream out of it we can & churn it. Lucy Dunnsroad closes to day, & her father has gone after her.

Sunday 25. A cold day but not so cold nor so much wind as yesterday. W. & K. were to have gone over to church for early Easter services, if roads & weather had been favorable. Katie went home & the man went away to see some of his friends. Mail this morning from Mr Dunn's- letter from K. & Julia. Postal to K. from Mrs Core.

Monday 26. Forenoon. Bright & cold. W. has been over with the milk, & is now helping the man draw hay into the barn. The ground is frozen very hard. K. has not yet returned. Mr Reudy came back.

Tuesday 27. Not a bright day. but the work has gone on, & the porch is done. & the carpenter ready to go away tomorrow morning. Herbert went back to school this afternoon. was obliged to ride his horse, the roads being too rough & hard, for his father to take him with wagon & horses. Herbert took to the office. letters to Gordon & Hill, & one from K. to Mary Lee. A churning done.

K. came back during the day.

Wed. 28. A little snow fell last night & this morning we found the wind blowing the snow in drifting fashion. The wind went down somewhat, & a little before noon W. took Mr Reudy & his tools to George Woods & was to go on to town. The afternoon has been bright & there is not much wind now at five o'clock. W. went with a sleigh tho there must be a good deal of bare ground.

Letter from Mary Stevens

Thurs 29. W. & I have spent much of the day in

driving the colts Blaine & Jim. The coal stove moved back towards the west side of the room wrote to K.

Friday 30. Soap making our ashes having been made from poplar wood, we got part of a barrel from B, S. & a few more at the schoolhouse & with our own shall make out enough perhaps to finish the work. The weather is warmer & it is looking like rain. The snow has disappeared. H. had on hour & a half of calisthenics this morn

Postal from Herbert. pine forest, I believe. Sent letters to K. & to Mrs Case, K. has put down the matting which was taken out yesterday, in the hall upstairs

Saturday 31. Soap making satisfactorily out of the way. Leaches taken away, & things cleaned up. The men have been driving the pin colt again this afternoon The weather cold & windy. Tho' not so much like the historical last of March lion, as we had feared

Sunday, April 1st. A pleasant day. Katie walked home.

Monday 2 An auction at C. Gustafson's & W. has been there most of the afternoon. There is a strong wind & an appearance of rain. A raw cold day men wearing fur coats, a washing done.

Had an hour & a half of calisthenics (Swing) this morn

Tuesday 3. A hard cold wind. old day, W. went to the station with a load of hogs for neighbor Reuter. This afternoon, Killed & dressed a pig with the help of H. Daeum. Papers to Mr McCoy. The district school began yesterday.

Wed 4. A gloomy day. W. went to town, took the pig killed yesterday to market. Letter from K. & W. to Herbert. Letter to Mary Stevens, 6 x dz eggs sent to market. A little snow fell during last night, making the ground this morning look like a heavy white frost. Alvin is

(The price of pork 5 ct. & eggs, 8 cts a doz.

plowing with Pet & one of the greys. W. drove Jumbo & Blaine to town. Letter from Willy.

Thurs, 5th Noon, W. went to get a load of sand for the new creamery. a bright day. tho' there was a little snow again this morn, same as yesterday. which soon disappeared. men plowing.

Friday 6. A new girl came this morning, a young girl. Lena Altenburg has come on trial, is learning the ways of the house, from Katie, who is to go away tomorrow. W. broke something about a harrow & was obliged to go to town for repairs, or to get something new about it, We are looking for Herbert about this time after five o'clock. tho we do not know that he intended to come. W. & men both plowed this forenoon

Postal from Willy.

Saturday 7. A good day for work on the land. Katie's father came for her to night & she has gone away to come no more as she is to be married in a few weeks & go to keep her own house. Mrs McConnel & Miss Nelson called. H. came before dark. (Drums from station.) rode with the

Sunday 8th It is raining this evening, & it has not been a pleasant day. The girl Lena went to church W. & Herbert would have gone to church but for a very strong & disagreeable wind.

Monday 9 This noon W. took H. to the station & came back & has gone with the milk. It was raining last night at bed time & later. This morning, there was a show of snow, & a sprinkle of snow continues to fall. but it is not cold. owing to the damp disagreeable weather, we do not have the washing done. Letter to Will & letter from H. to K. Lena has just brought from the cellar two steele traps which were set close together with a rat caught in both

a fore leg in one, & his hind leg or legs, in the other. Letters from R. & Gordon.

Tuesday 10. Another windy cold day & a little snow on the ground in the morning. Too windy to hang the clothes out to dry. W. has sold the Polly mare to Mr Dunn & gone to lead her down over there. No work yesterday or to day, on the land. Letters to Will. & Herbert from W.

Wed. 11. Still another gloomy day that is, most of the day has been lowering & cloudy. The sun has broken through once or twice, but didnt stay long. W. & men have made a bridge or way, into the stable at the barn, It is made of stone & earth & they have drawn several loads of hay into the barn this afternoon. The clothes washed yesterday dried & ironed, German C. Shrader, brought the new girls trunk.

Thurs 12. Quite a pleasant day. Men have been getting ground ready for seeding. a busy day in the house. We are expecting R. to come to morrow & Bessie Simpson with her. Herbert will also come home again tomorrow night.

Friday 13. W. went to town to meet R. & Bessie. found them at the Grant House. got home before two o clock. Herbert came in good time.

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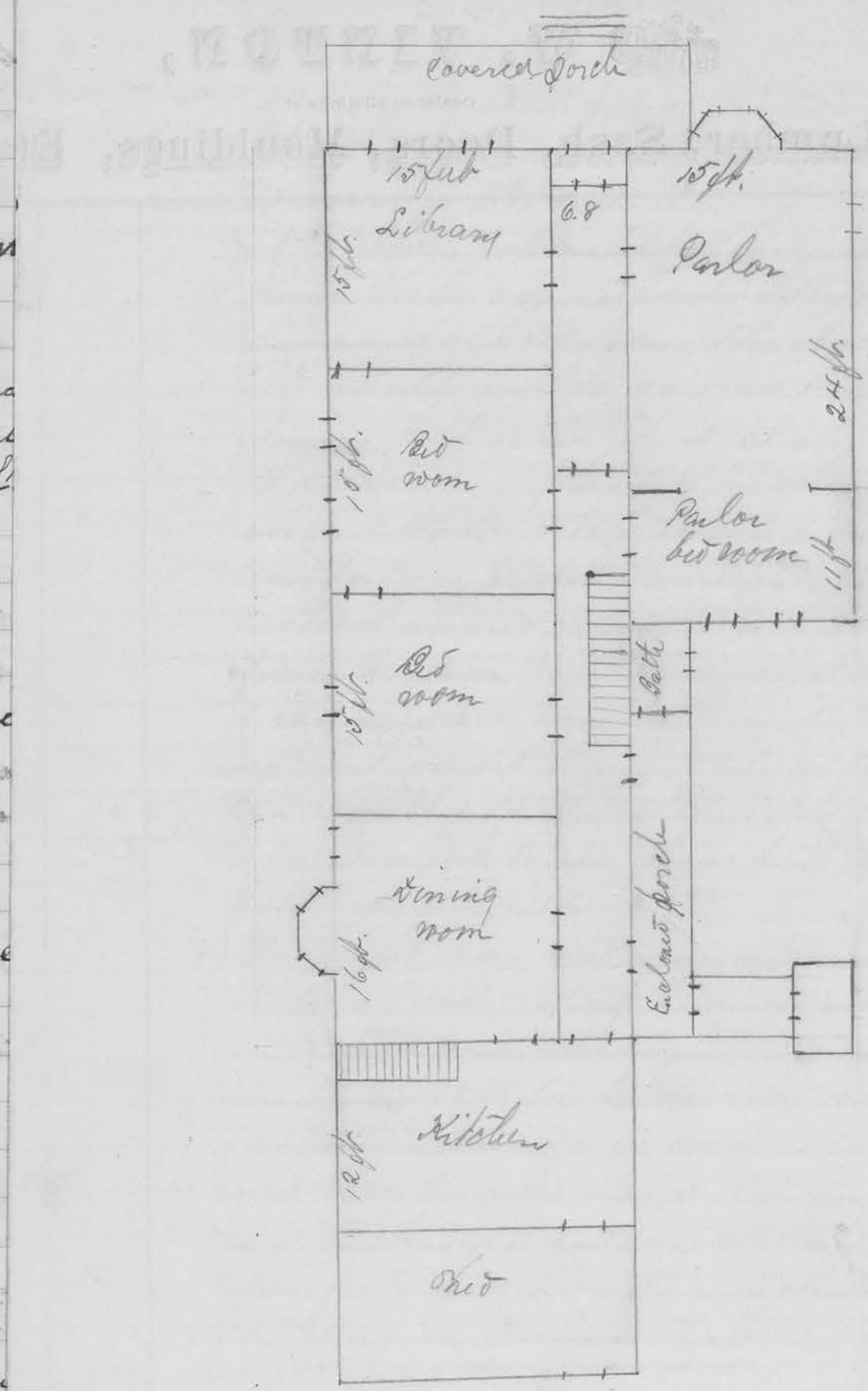
Sunday 15. a cloudy day. a Canadian man



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Henry Scholinsky here to day. Two or three shocks of palpitation this forenoon. L. Drum went back to resume school, where she taught during the winter.

Monday 16. W. went to town. John Scholljegerdes went with him. Willy came soon after & Wilfred went away. Walked from the station. Have not felt at all well to day. We have had a little sunshine. but now quite at night it is dark & cloudy. as most of the weather has been for many days. B. has been working on an old dress of mine, black bunting. Herbert went back to school about seven this morning.
Another girl baby at H. Drums.
Letter from Gordon, nine acres wheat sown last year not harvested

Tuesday 17. A hard rain. some hail & thunder & lightning during last night. Rain this afternoon since Wilfred started to the station to take Willy to the four o clock train. Have lain down most of the day. more palpitation.

Wed. 15. A partly bright day but rain again in the night & it is now at six o clock P.M. sprinkling & very cloudy. Katie came over to see us & will hardly go home tonight, it looks so very much like rain, & is thundering. W. went to town & has not returned two Germen neighbors went with him. Bessie is making or cutting & fitting gingham aprons for R. & me, Mrs Daniel & Mrs McConnel called. Letter from Bennie to Herbert.

Thursday 19. Rain to day. & the mud is deeping up fast. W. took Katie home this morning, Sena did a little washing. R. walked to H. Drums to see the new baby. R. & Bessie are getting ready to go to Minneapolis tomorrow, on their way to Dakota.

Friday 20. Another cloudy rainy day, that is, more or less rain. W. took R. & Bessie to Aurora

starting about noon. They are to go to Minneapolis on the four o'clock train, Letter from Will & postal from W. K.

Saturday 21 Sunshine part of the day, but gloomy this afternoon again & we shall be thankful if it does not rain, W. & man are putting in oats I believe.

Sunday, 22 at last a whole beautiful day, man & girl have been gone all day & have just returned

Monday, 23 A very fine day. A washing done & dried. The men have been putting in grain all day. tho' the ground is very muddy.

Tuesday, 24. Letters to Helen, Willy, & Gordon, postal to Herbert A good day but clouding & looking again like rain, more grain sowing. Ironing & colored (done washing) Mrs Daniels & Mrs McConnel drove to the don

Wed. 25. Another good day for getting in grain Sena did a little raking in the front yard Dandelion greens for dinner, first time.

Thurs, 26 a nice day. There is a young colt at the barn but the mother is ailing & it is doubtful if she gets well. W. is away since five P.M. & Wilfred has just gone to Wawaca to see a horse doctor & may bring him home with him, Tommy Dunbar is staying to take care of the mare while W. is gone. Sena has been raking the yard & burning the dead leaves, with which the ground is covered. man sowing grain, Mr Clement called with his little daughter Emma, Hairpins mag. to Gordon, Letter from Mary Stevens,

Friday 27 The horse doctor came last night, but could do little for poor Bess, W. stayed at the barn all night. tho' it was little he could do, & tho she is still alive. there is no hope of her being any better. The little colt is very brisk & takes the milk given it readily.

Note from Herbert came about five. A sprinkle of Bessie, from rain about noon. The grain sowing finished Cannon Ball except some barley to be put in next week in Dakota. More raking in the yard. Garden plowed.

Saturday 28. No raking. Dandelions for dinner. several men came to the barn to see the sick horse, Wilfred has gone to Owatonna.

Sunday 29 Forenoon. Thunder & lightning last evening. but Letter from very little rain. as she could not get well Bessie from it was thought best to put an end to the Simmons school, sufferings of the sick horse last night. The little colt is being fed with cows milk.

Monday 30. A hard rain yesterday late in the afternoon with a good deal of thunder & lightning. W. has gone to Owatonna to take Herbert back to school. Herbert has what they at the school call German measles & we were in doubt about it being best for him to go back at present. He may come back home for a few days. The sun is shining this morning, but the ground is very wet making it impossible to work on the plowed land, the 4th day one would suppose. Seven o'clock P.M. W. got home before five o'clock, has now gone to Mr Daniels to get a jar of butter N. rode over with him, Sena is helping the man do the milking. Cloudy most of the day Letter to (Gordon)

Tuesday, May 1st. Another storm during last night & a gloomy misty day. W. took up an arbavitae in the front yard, & set it out east of the house. also set out some peonies which he brought yesterday from Mr Cases, Five little chickens, three a day or two old. Put up Herbert's Photos to send to Mrs Stevens. Gordon & Julia Taylor, Letter to Will. The stove taken out of the parlor.

Wed, 2 A bright pleasant day colored clothes washed

Wilfred took a load of stone to the creamery & went on to town to get Mr Baker the house painter, if he can come. May baskets were hung on the door last night. W. took the nail prepared yesterday.

Thursday 3 Things looked very wet this morning from the rain during the night, but most of the day has been pleasant. The potatoes planted, south of the road on the hill.

Friday 4 A good day. W. & man have been putting in barley, tho' some of the land was very muddy a little seed is lacking, & W. has gone to sky if he can get it of J. Scholljegerdes.

Saturday 5 A good deal of rain fell again last night with much thunder & lightning. The afternoon has been bright at least after part of it. The last of the barley put in, planted in. W. sent a postal to Herbert. W. was kept awake part of last night by the pain in a bruised foot, treated it with hot water & laudanum, with good effect. Letter from Gordon.

Sunday 6 Rather cool & windy, but no rain. Mans girl went away. Lena just returned, five o'clock. Letters from R., Julia B. & Willie, also letter to W. from Herbert.

Monday 7 A cool day, a cold wind, sun & wind fast drying up the mud. W. went to town this morning to get Mr Baker the house painter, came back about three o'clock, bringing the man with his paint, ladders &c. Washing done. Allen & Charles Hawkes took dinner with us. Another colt at the barn last night. The Belle mare this time, & all seems well. H. Drum called this morning.

Tuesday 8 A pleasant day. The painter has been busy at the house, scraping off the old paint, & making ready to put on the new. The first seeds put into the garden, morning, north of the road, ground to be planted to corn.

Wed. 9 Another hard rain, with thunder & lightning. W. bought three young hogs of H. Drum.

Thurs. 10 A good day, tho' a cold wind. Part of the carpet taken up in my room. Had an hour of palpitation, about noon. A letter from a Miss McCall, a teacher in Minneapolis, asking board through the summer vacation. W. found a several months old calf this morning dead, under a tree which was struck by lightning yesterday.

Friday 11th A very windy day, but the painting has gone on & the plowing & harrowing of the corn ground. Lena has been in the cellar part of the day sprouting potatoes. Letters to Will & to Miss McDell. Herbert came about five o'clock.

Saturday 12 A fine day instead of rain as we feared. The plowing & harrowing across the road, finished. After dinner W. went to town, Mr Baker went with him. Herbert went to see the new creamery, came back & helped grind a little feed. Mrs Daniels & her sister Mrs McNevins with her baby called. W. drove Rob & Jim, R.'s horses.

A letter from Bessie to H. & postal from Will

Sunday 13 W. & Herbert went to church. Mr Baker came back with them. A letter from Mrs Stevens. A pleasant day. The apple trees are in blossom.

Monday 14. A very warm day, nearly 90°. We let the fire go out in the coal stove & W. set up a little wood stove in my room. Herbert went in good season back to school this morning. Washing done. Forenoon cloudy & looking like rain, but the sun came out instead, & the afternoon has been bright. House

painting going on, & work on the corn ground getting it ready to plant, a few more seeds put into the garden. First sweet corn planted & cucumbers.

Tuesday 15. Thunder & lightning during last night & we expected rain all the forenoon. The afternoon has been bright but the wind has been high & very confusing, & it is very warm, 90° in the shade.

Wed. 16. Another very warm day, a little rain this morning about daylight & cloudy & looking like rain through the forenoon. Mrs Daniels & sister drove to the door. J. Schollenbergers brought this corn planter over for W. to use.

Thurs 17. The corn planting begun this morning & has continued till now, at four o'clock the rain has come & the work had to stop,

Friday 18. A fair day, & W. has kept the corn planter going tho' he said at noon that it was rather sticky work. There has been a cold north wind all day & we fear a frost. Mrs Daniels drove over to bring us a crock of butter. Mr K. Dealled a letter to Herbert sent to Mr Dunn's.

Saturday 19. A little frost last night & more is feared tonight. The rain & wind Thursday afternoon, injured some of the fresh paint & it took Mr B. the forenoon & more, to make it good again. This has been a good day, only cold & windy, not so bad as yesterday. W. has just driven to the barn with the corn planter, so I suppose that work is done, except a little to be done with hand planters.

Sunday 20. It continues cold & windy. This morning about daylight W. got up & built smudges along between the house & barn. I noted

the apple trees from frost, mercury 36 at that time.

Monday 21. W. went to town with a load of wheat, brought back a load of coal for the creamery, wheat 52 cts. Owing to extensive strike, there is said to be a coal famine, our tomatoes & beans are killed by frost either last night or night before. Letter to Bessie & postal to Herbert.

Tuesday 22. W. took another load of wheat to market & I suppose brought another load of coal to the creamery. Postal to Julia Linton & paper to Emma. Mr Baker has worked all day cleaning the ceiling of the dining room from the old Kalsomine, getting it ready to paint. All day it has looked like rain, but none has fallen, still cold enough to keep a little fire, & has been since last Thursday.

Wed. 23. A good day for farm work, or any other. There was more frost last Friday night than we thought at the time, our tomatoes & beans were killed, & it may be the fruit is injured more than we think. Reports from various parts of the country have been published, of serious injury to crops. & of snow from two to eight inches deep, in Ky. Parsnips planted in the garden. & sweet corn planted in field & small field of other corn. The dining room ceiling painted one coat.

Thurs 24. Herbert's fifteenth birth day. He will come home tomorrow. This has been a fine day, the first really comfortable day since last Thursday. The last stack of hay put into the barn. The first milk taken to the new creamery. The rest of the carpet in any room taken up. A few more tomatoes from Mr B. Casis, set out. More brought from Mr Clements, having been killed by frost.

Friday 25. Another nice day. W. went to town & stopped at the cemetery to do some work. Alvin the hired man went with him. Mr & Mrs Case called. This morn

+ went on to Mrs Plumers, came back + Mrs Case stayed over till tomorrow, Herbert came about five o'clock.

Saturday 26 This morning, Herbert went to the creamery with B.B. after dinner W. took Mrs Case to Waseca to take the train home Mr Baker + H. went with them, we had a sudden win a storm late this afternoon just before W + H. drove in.

Sunday 27. A pleasant day, man + girl both over away, W. has gone over to church this evening, expects to bring Mr Baker back with him, cool enough for a fire.

Monday 28. Herbert went in good season this morning to school, Field peas sowed. Letter to Bessie from H.

Tuesday 29. A beautiful day. Mr Bailey + Mr Powel from Waseca, + Mr Woodman from Owatonna, took dinner with us. They were in the neighborhood to lay out a new road on the county line. Mr B. is painting the barn.

Wed. 31. Decoration day, Mr B. went to the cemetery + to Waseca this morning with Wilfred, we sent snow balls + what few other flowers we could get, were sorry the apple + plum blossoms were gone, + the wild roses not opened yet. The day has been very pleasant but cool + again we fear frost. Have written to Gordon.

Thurs, 31. The last day of May + a beautiful day, Three loads of gravel drawn + put about the house + barn. The cook stove moved into the back kitchen, making ready to paint the dining room floor, Dry weather, rain hoped for + badly needed for the calf killed by lightning. W. receives

Yesterday

twenty dollars insurance,

Friday, June 1st Another dry pleasant day. Mr B. is painting the dining room floor, W. + man worked part of the day making a line fence, up in what used to be the woods, Been busy mending rag carpet + helping get things cleared out + arranged in the kitchen for taking our meals there till the paint is dry.

Saturday 2 A very warm day, W. went to town took Mr B. with him a Christian Endeavor convention is in session at Waseca. Herbert is there went up on the train this morning, Letters from K. + Gordon, also papers from G. Man plowing corn yesterday + to day.

Sunday 3 W. went to church, + has not yet returned. thought of staying to the evening service, no rain.

Monday 4 Another dry day. We put on the window screens. He + Mr Baker came some time before midnight. The dining room floor to have the second coat of paint this evening. Letter from Will.

Tuesday 5 Letters to K. + Will. W. + man + team worked on the road. The floors of the porches + cellar door painted also the roofs of the porches.

Wed. 6 Mr Baker went home last night to stay two days. Agnes D. spent this afternoon with us, is to be married + came to invite us to the wedding, which is to take place next Tuesday the 12th. Had an attack of palpitation this morning. Received Mary Humphreys graduation cards, finishes her course at Smith college Northampton Mass.

Thurs. 7 Annie Hawkes graduates to day from the Waseca

high school. W. has gone to town to bring Mr B, & his brother, who is coming to help him finish painting the barn, & paint the windmills.

Friday 8. Another sunny day. The carpet put down in my room & a busy day generally. W. & the two Bakers stayed last night to attend the graduating exercises of the high school & did not get home till twelve o'clock.

Saturday 9. Now at six o'clock, it is looking very much like rain. a strong south wind all day. W. has been at work at the creamery most of the day, came home late this afternoon & went to plowing corn, man plowing corn with the Bell mare. The barn painting finished and now I believe that kind of work is done except the windmill which is to be done next week. Later. W. has gone to take the Bakers part of the way home & the rain has gone another way after a few sprinkles, hurl.

Sunday 11. No rain came & the day has been bright & very pleasant. Wilfred stayed at home & has had a long day of rest. Man & girl have been gone all day.

Monday 11. W. went to town thinking Gertie Darby might come on the train but she is to come Saturday. The two Baker men will soon be through with their work

Tuesday 12. A wedding at H. Drum's. The eldest daughter Agnes married to a Mr Remuns of Blooming Grove in this county. W. & H. were among the guests. Mrs Daniels, Miss Thompson, Miss Nelson & Kate D. called on their home from the wedding, which Miss T. had come into the neighborhood to attend. Beet greens for dinner

Wed. 13. The hot dry weather continues. Wilfred went early this morning to Owatonna to attend the closing exercises at Herbert's school & bring him home for the long vacation. In a letter from Godon yesterday, we have the sad news of the serious illness of our old friend Dr. Ware, also a letter came from an old acquaintiance. I have not seen for more than forty years. a Miss Emeline Robinson, 92 or about.

Thurs 14. Hot dry weather continues. The last rain, was four weeks ago to day, W. & H, came last night about ten o'clock. They have done a little work in the garden with a hoe, & H. has planted beans. Greens for dinner, a small washing done, vegetation is drying up, but there is more greenness than one could expect.

Friday 15. Still hot & dry. this we have had thunder & other signs of rain this afternoon. men working in the corn. Herbert helping.

Saturday 16. a rain at last gentle & slow. So, put the boy team Rob & Jim on the carriage & drove them about to get them used to the carriage. Came up to Mrs Drum's & brought Mrs D. & baby down. & after driving about a little took them home again before starting to Owatonna to meet "Gertie" at the train. They came about four o'clock. Postal from Will to Wilfred.

Sunday 17. a pleasant day. more quiet train during the night.

Monday 18. a good day. Washing done. Peas green put on the potatoes, corn plowing. Letters from R. & Ina & R. Received Mary Merrihew's photograph.

Tuesday 19. corn plowing. looked like rain but none came. Book agent called. Ironing done.

Wed. 20. wrote to Helen Mary Steven. & Mary Humphrey very warm. W. getting ready to go to Cwatonna tomorrow. Strawberries for dinner from our own vines, had thought them dried up beyond recovery, but the rain of the other day gave them a little start. W. took the milk to the creamery, & brought home a jar of butter. 91° above.

Thurs 21. Wilfred & Herbert went early to Cwatonna took a load of oats, expected to attend a circus. a warm day 80° + more thundery + threatening. Letter yesterday from R. + from Bessie.

Friday 22. W. is getting ready to go to Waseca tomorrow. He has had the light buggy repaired. Gustie + R. have made a new box of rubber cloth to put under the seat. W. has been to the blacksmiths shop over by the school house, east. to get some thing more fixed about the buggy.

Saturday 23. Morning. W. started on his trip before nine o'clock. The men & Herbert are working in the corn. a letter to Mrs Case + to Gordon postal from R. to Mrs C. papers to her + to Emma by W. He went yesterday to a picnic at the school house, the last day of the term. Have just been to the garden to get beets for greens for dinner. weather very warm. Rain this afternoon.

Sunday 24. Rain thunder + lightning during last night but this has been a nice day. man went to see his friends. Lena has also been one this afternoon.

Monday 25. washing day, a swarm of bees came out, which Herbert put into a hive which apparently

did not suit them, as after staying in and around it awhile, finally went off.

Tuesday 26. W. + Herbert went to town, took a load of oats to market. price, 36 cts. Bees swarmed yesterday & after Herbert had put them in a hive, they went off. To day another swarm came out & Alvin put them into the hive the others had left, + they are still there. The horse W. sold to Mr Baker, which has been kept here in pasture, was found with a badly cut foot from having got onto a wire fence, & Mr Bunn came up + did what he could, gave it proper treatment. Very fine growing weather. W. got home from Waseca last night, some time before dark.

W. brought home some fresh picked (virgin) peas caught at Waseca for dinner first time

Wed. 27. A windy day. W. went early to Waseca to bring Mr Baker to take care of his horse, + to take it home which he did after dinner. To taking a load of oats, Mr B. riding with him + leading his horse. very warm + looking like rain.

Thurs. 28. Warm weather + windy, W. took another load of oats to Waseca, brought home blank for a new bridge into the barn. Green peas for dinner again, we are using fresh mutton in these days. half a sheep from Mr Drumm.

Friday 29. A very hot day, 91° above. W. sold a fat cow + took her to town in a rack on a wagon. Herbert went with him. The bridge into the barn was made this forenoon, Nan has mowed weeds about the house. a small washing done.

Saturday 30. The hot weather continues. August & Wilfred went to Cwatonna this morning, have not yet returned. Helped Herbert get a hive ready for another swarm of bees but they did not swarm. The hive we prepared was full of old

which we burned
comb + moths. The washing done yesterday - ironed to day. a little dish of rasp berries picked + ripe currants for tea.

Sunday July 1st — a beautiful day. W. + H. went to the station to a meeting in the school house this afternoon

Monday 2 — Another good day. Haying begun, Gustie is making the gingham dress. Bessie cut + fitted for me, so long ago. The washing done.

Tuesday 3 — Still dry + pleasant. Four loads of hay drawn into the barn. Mr Miller (from Seneca) + another man, came to see the gin horse with a view to buying him.

Wed 4 — Independence day but no celebration near us. + our folks stayed at home only the man went to Owatonna.
Fine weather still, a little cooler,

Thursday 5 — Thund clouds. + threatened rain. The county is in a state of excitement owing to railroad strike, all over the country!

Friday 6 — another good day for the haying. but we are needing rain very much again.
Lena has gone to Owatonna with hay for the Reuters.

Saturday 7 — Same bright dry weather. Four loads of hay drawn into the barn this forenoon. W. + H. took Gustie to Waseca to take the four o'clock train to Minneapolis, wrote to Emeline Robinson

Sunday 8 — A wonderfully pleasant day. Wilfred + Herbert went to church. Gil went to see her friends. Letter from Will. First cucumbers,

Monday 9 — Instead of having the washing done, currants were picked. The chickens + birds having already destroyed a large part of them.
Put up four cans. No rain or sign of rain.
Had an hour of palpitation this morning

Postal from Mrs Stevens with news of the safe arrival of their daughters in Liverpool on the 2nd_

Tuesday 10 — Hot + dry. some signs of rain. + a slight sprinkle this morning. Good hay weather, wrote to Willy + to Bessie. Four cans of currants put up. W. + Herbert have gone to the creamery to get a crock of butter, very warm + the flies are a great annoyance to the horses. in these days not very bad in the house yet.

Wed, 11 — a very hot + windy day. washing done. some hay drawn in. in spite of the wind. many of what few apples we had have blown off. W. + H. have gone to Maplewood Park for the evening. sent the letters written yesterday + before to E. B. + W.

Thurs 12 — Still no rain. haying going on. W. + H. came at half past eleven last night. The last of the currants picked + canned, also several quarts of the wind fall apples canned. Going down we nothing encouraging about the strike, as yet.

Friday 13 — Somewhat cloudy the fore part of the day + we do hope it would rain but no rain came + the afternoon has been bright as usual. a stack of hay begun, several loads drawn, about five o'clock W. + H. went again to the Park for the evening. Letter to Gustie from H. to which I added a note. papers to Emma. a few more green apples canned.

Saturday 14 — another hot dry day. when will it rain. A few raspberries for tea. A letter from Gustie several days ago. + from Godey, + Nursey's magazine + (from K. + American)

Sunday 15 — no change in the weather. W. + H. went to church Letter from Will. Julia went to Cleveland Tuesday 16.

Monday 16 — 94° above. No rain, or rain. + not wind enough to pump water for the stock W. + man have to do it by hand. Of course it is good hay weather. many farmers have finished haying

Tuesday 17 — Same weather, 94° above. Mowing + mending_

the widow of a peddler called to sell goods her husband had left. most of the haying done a pint of raspberries picked from the Gordon bushes.

Wed, 18. 94° with a little sign of rain to night Barley cutting this afternoon. the binder broke down & W. must go to town in the morning for repairs, wrote to Mrs Stevens & to Gordon,

Thurs, 19 W. went to town to get extras for his binder. A gentle little sprinkle of rain.

Friday 20. The binder after a good deal of trouble, made ready for work again, but does not work satisfactorily.

Saturday 21. Herbert went to town this morning to get something more for the binder. drove Jenny & Pet on the top buggy. Letters from Gordon & from Julia Stevens Day from Scotland, where they are now traveling. The great R.R. strike seems to be nearly over tho' there is more or less trouble in different parts of the country. Postal to Will.

Sunday 22. morning. another bright morning cool & still day. We are intending to go to church, it's communion day in our church & for some reason the services are to be in the afternoon, Herbert is to unite with the church. Letter from Will, from Mr Dunn's.

Monday 23, [illegible] we went to church yesterday afternoon. There was no sermon, just the communion service, the pastor, his wife, & Herbert united with the church. We, R. & I went in to Mrs Bennett's to rest a few minutes. They live near the church,

The barley cutting was finished Saturday & the wheat cut to day, & just as it was finished something about the binder broke again & W. has had to go to town with the broken

iron. Hot & dry. The pastures are drying up, & cattle will soon have to be fed hay, if the needed rain does not come soon. The grain has ripened so fast this hot dry weather, that it is getting over ripe all about the country, & suffering to be cut, & every body is working with might & main.

Tuesday 24. No change in the weather. This we had thunder & lightning last evening & had strong hopes of rain, but were again disappointed. Mr Case & his daughter drove to the door this morning on their way to his son's home, Mr C. called on his way home, having left his daughter at her brother's for a longer visit. W. is cutting oats. the binder holding out but not doing as well all the time as he could wish. wrote to Mrs C.

Wed, 25 Smoky weather, making it seem like gathering rain, wind in the south. Herbert drove one over to Mrs Daniels' but we found the house shut up & nobody at home. called at Mr Dunn's on our return. W. & man have kept steadily at cutting & putting up grain. the binder behaving pretty fairly.

Thurs 26. The afternoon has been terribly hot, 104° in the shade, for our thermometer has gone wrong. The wind itself seemed hot enough to ruin vegetation, & now at sun down, it is but a little cooler, & no sign of rain. Our little harvesting is nearly done & the most of the grain about the country is probably cut tho' many have a little more to cut. Wrote to R.

Friday 27 The close of the assembly at Wawaseca, weather the same 100° to 104°. The grain cutting finished at noon. W. & R. went to town at three o'clock. drove Rob & Jim on the big wagon. Alvin has put several barrels of water on the garden. Sent R.s. Letter, & postals to Mrs Stevens

+ Will. papers to Emma.

Saturday 28 A few loads of hay which has been waiting for the grain to be cut, were drawn in which finishes up the haying. Mrs Daniels Kate + Winnie called this afternoon, Letter to Wilfred from Will last night, Letter from Bernie + postal from Helen.

Sunday 29 No change in weather. The same scorching withering sunshine. no sign of rain. It was cool for a while this morning. But at night we rode up through the fields past B. Bs. place + house came back + drove to N. Drums; did not get out of the carriage.

Monday 30 A fine gentle rain is falling now at 11 o'clock a. m, will it last. Stacking which is going on is nowhere in comparison with the importance of the blessed rain.
Five o'clock p. m, The rain proved only a sprinkle of an hour or two, most of the afternoon has been hot + sunny. but is at present especially cloudy, in the north which is better than sunshine. W + man have a wheat stack nearly done

Tuesday 31 Two wheat stacks done, + part of a stack of barley. This afternoon we had quite a sprinkle of rain with thunder, + again greatly hoped for a good shower of rain. Last evening a Mr Shoultz, wife + three children stopped + stayed over night with us. Their horse had tired out + could go no further, They went away very early this morning. Postal yesterday to Helen in Janesville

Wednesday Aug, 1st Two months of the summer gone. The stacking goes on, barley finished + one load of oats drawn. wrote to Emma.

Thursday 2 Same weather. a stack of oats to-day. It has been cooler.

Friday 3 Mercury down to forty something last night + the day has been cool enough for a fire part of the time, another stack of oats, still + clear, no sign of rain. Men here looking for beef, others wanting a horse trade. Letter from K.

Saturday 4. More oats stacked. W. went to town between four + five o'clock. Alvin had pump water for the stock. not wind enough to run the windmill. Herbert has been grinding feed since his father went away. H took the milk to the creamery. Sent Emmas letter + two papers. Letter from Will to Wilfred.

Sunday 5. Once more there is an appearance of rain. W, R + H were getting ready to go to church this morning when the cattle broke into the cornfield. + had to be seen to. which made it too late to go. Mon + pit went away to spend the day.

Monday 6. There was a sprinkle of rain last night + again this morning. only a mere trace of rain, + the clouds cleared away, + oat stacking has gone on. The wind has been strong most of the day + a bushel + a half of apples perhaps have blown off. have put up several jars. washing done.

Tuesday 7. Stacking finished. cloudy again. but we no longer feel hopeful of rain, when we see clouds, R. + Herbert drove to Mr Daniels. Letter from Mrs Stevens.

Wed, 8 Half past two, p. m. 102° in the shade. I was just out in the yard under the apple trees + picked up two or three apples which were so hot it was with difficulty I held them in my hands. one side of them seemed cooked. no + no sign of rain. Herbert has been ailing with bowel trouble, since yesterday morning, seems better, Peas from the field

for dinner, but owing to the drouth, they were inferior
Later- W, & H, have driven down to the creamery
& to Mrs Plumis- W is drying up the sows, as he
expects them to be fresh in a few weeks, He has
been feeding them green cornstalks for a few
days, the dried up pasture, making it necessary
to feed them.

Wednesday, September 26- 1894-

I have been ill since the seventh of
last month & unable to write letters or
in my journal. Am well enough
now to walk a little by using a cane
& holding on to chairs. In all these
long weeks until last Friday evening
the 21st we had only one or two slight
sprinkles of rain & despaired of
raising any kind of crops, but to our
amazement the corn grew, & ours &
many other fields at least in this local-
ity, will it is said yield more than
Half of an average crop, & the small
grain was good. Many gardens dried
up- we had cucumbers, radishes, lettuce,
good beets- good melons & Hubbard
squashes- Strawberries were a failure,
currants good, not nearly so many
apples as usual, but the greatest quan-
tity of plums- wild plums the owing to
my illness none were canned, During
the first week of August, Helen came
to make us a visit & stayed & took
care of me till last Monday the 24
when Wilfred took her to Geneva to visit
her brother, Last Friday evening the 21st
where we had our rain, a cyclone struck
a town two or three miles from here

(known as the Canfield town, Andy Dunn living on it)
tearing the buildings to pieces &
twisting off large cotton wood trees, at
Wahoo, Dodge Co. where Will lives, a
good deal of damage was done, Will's barn
entirely ruined & many of the goods de-
stroyed. no lives were lost. Th Johnson
steam threshing machine is here at work
Lizzie Reuter is here to help in the house

Thurs, 27 Threshing done, at noon, & the machine
went to B. Satterlees. We had 224 bushels
of wheat 995 of oats, 161, of barley- Total, 1380-

Friday 28 noon. We went to the creamery this morning came
came back & got ready & went to Wesley &
to the Co fair. Letter to Will & postals
to Gordon, & Nealon at Geneva,

Saturday 29 The man Alvin went to Waseca this
morning. Lena did a washing as we
didn't think it best to wash Sunday
as we are looking for our Dakota friends on
Tuesday. Herbert came in good time last
night & a little rainy this afternoon, W.
says the grass has grown since the rain
of the 21st & feed for the stock is much
better The weather has been warm & favorable
W. & H. are fixing fence, Leaves are falling.

Sunday 30 Man did not return last night.

Monday Oct, 1st Threshing machine at N. Drews, Cloudy,
& this afternoon a little rainy. We went to the
creamery this morning with B. S. to a
business meeting, Herbert went off early to
school- Palpitation for a while in the morning
the first time since the first day of my
illness, nearly two months ago. Ev. is having
trouble with his teeth, jumping tooth ache.
perhaps neuralgia-

Tuesday 2 a pleasant day after our rain of yesterday. They are finishing the threshing at Mr Dakens, which the rain stopped yesterday. W. went before noon to Waseca to bring the friends from Dakota. has not yet returned.

Wed. 3. W. went to town. brought trunks &c. carpet taken up in the parlor. Simon has a very bad cold.

Thursday 4. morning, Lowry & cold. W. has gone to station he & Bernie were going to town but the wind is too damp & cold. W. wears his buffalo coat this morning. R. & B. both have colds, & I am afraid W. has another, & he had only just gotten over one. Sundown. W. has been away looking for a girl. has engaged one to come next week on trial. Maud has begun to dig potatoes. The colds in the family seem to be better. The girl Sena, is to go away Sunday.

Friday 5. a gloomy day. More potatoes being dug. R. Fr. & B. are up stairs, the old paper torn from the walls in the parlor. & samples of new paper sent for by Lucy Drum

Saturday 6. Herbert went to Waseca, Bernie with him, & brought Helen & Edwin, her husband who had come down from Janesville, where they had gone from Geneva to visit E.'s sister. Bernie brought paper for the parlor which she will put on Monday. another wagon load of potatoes put in the cellar. Had a rabbit for dinner. Mrs Daniels & Mrs Thompson called. Letter from Gordon.

Sunday 7 a dark gloomy day. The girl has gone home & we expect another in two or three days. Have a sore throat for the first time for many months.

Monday 8 Julia Minton's twentieth birth day a fine day. Bernie is papering the parlor & Edwin is helping her about moving things about. R. is helping K. in the baking &c. Simon making himself generally useful. H. got off to school at six o'clock. W. has gone to the station with a load of barley, man digging potatoes. Have not been feeling quite as well as usual to day. have a cold.

Tuesday 9 a pleasant day. W. took Edwin & Helen to Waseca to take the four o'clock train to Minneapolis. The potatoes finished yesterday & Bernie finished papering & regulating the parlor & is to day making night shirts for W. & B. Had two hours or more of palpitation this afternoon. Letter to Julia Minton

Wed. 10. Simon went out shooting & brought in six prairie chickens. W. went after the new girl, Laura Larson by name. Wrote to Mrs Stevens.

Thurs. 11. W. B. & S. went to Owatonna this morning. Sent Mrs Stevens letter & postal to Gordon. Not a bright day, but it has not stormed. Have not felt as well as I do some days.

Friday 12 a pleasant day. Simon just brought in two woodcock. Fried prairie chicken for dinner. Bernie is making a grey outing wrapper for K. Herbert is to come home to night. The new girl is doing very well

Saturday 13 another good day, Wilfred went to town with a load of wheat. The Drum boys, Simon & Herbert have gone out shooting. K. is making a little green tomato pickle.

Sunday 14. W. & S. B. & H. went to church. Charles &

Hannah Hawkes came for two or three hours this afternoon,

Monday 15 Still another pleasant day W. went to the creamery with the milk & stayed to a business meeting, came home & went to town for a load of coal, & to take R.'s trunk. Mrs H. Drum called, more hire to see about fat hogs. Washing done. Simon gathered the pop corn & cleaned the garden ready for plowing

Tuesday 16 W. took R. & Bessie early this morning (six o'clock) to town to take the eight o'clock train to St Paul, on their way to Alice, Simon went with them to town, They brought back part of R.'s freight from Dakota, which came in last night after W. left town, S. is unloading the coal brought last night into the cellar, Our new girl went home last night a messenger came, saying her mother was sick, & she had to go. This is a beautiful Fall day.

Wed. 17 Fine weather continues men are husking corn, wrote to Gordon. Letter from Helen yesterday.

Thurs, 18 Men husking in the corn. Beautiful weather, The Belle mare treated for colic, Have been waking on an old carpet, & finished a night shirt for S. that Bessie had nearly made,

Friday 19 Another good day & the cornhusking goes slowly on, more help is needed Letter to Will. Harry Drum has gone to town took, & will bring our mail Letters also to Gordon & Bleeker.

Saturday 20, Somewhat windy & not as pleasant as the last few days. We want to have & perhaps beyond, to look for a girl & he

not yet returned, now at twilight, & it is raining slowly. Yesterday one of the store hogs died

Sunday 21, We did not succeed in getting a girl yesterday, but one is here to night from a family living a mile or two away back in the slough as it is called, She will stay but a short time probably, Mr Leuthold & Josephine Pierton called this afternoon They are to be married on the 30th.

Monday 22 Herbert went early to school & his father went to the creamery. after he came back, husked corn till 2 o'clock. S. helped the girl Lizzie about washing before going to the cornfield with W. The clothes are dry, & in the house, & we are very glad as it is beginning to sprinkle, now nearly four o'clock p. m. Later, W. has gone to the station & taken three hogs. & is to take three more in the morning, It is still raining slowly. weather warm & still. Letter from R. at South Point, Ohio.

Tuesday 23 Foggy this morning as was yesterday morning but the day has been pretty pleasant. W. took the other hogs this morning. Peter Daniels killed a hog & brought half of it to us & we are to return as much, in the winter, W. took the big oil can to the station & had it filled. 10 gals, 10 cts a gallon, Have been mending this afternoon,

Wed. 24. The third anniversary of our Vinton's death and how many of his, & our friends have passed away since his death among them, Col. Drum, Maj. Dailey, & Dr. Ward,

Thurs. 25 Rain in the am, Fine weather, The little land we had tried out,

Friday 26 A perfect Fall day. Men in the cornfield, Fred grinding this forenoon, made over a pair of cuffs for Herbert & did them up.

Saturday 27. Herbert came last night just at dark Andrew Dunn brought the mail this morning Letter to Simon from his mother, Letter to W. from Evelyn Ware. Wrote to Mrs Christie Snow continuing & good weather.

Sunday 28 A sprinkly gloomy day, very dark & misty this afternoon, rainy in the morning.

Monday 29. The second anniversary of Addie's death. A dark & part of the time rainy day. A Mr Davis & his son from Wasioja. Took dinner here, I did not see them, Mr D. is agent for selling a book. W. went to town, brought a letter from R. to S. & one from Gordon. The washing done, but not dried. Began a new scrap book. Herbert started at 7 o'clock,

Tuesday 31. Miss Josephine Preston's wedding day, is to be married this evening to Mr Charles Leuthold, of Waseca. Like the last two days this has been damp & gloomy but not so wet but that the men have husked corn most of the day & a new man has helped since in the forenoon. Wrote to Emma this morning, & sent the letter by Mr Dunn. Have mended, most of the afternoon, R. is mending an old carpet for Simon's room.

Wed'y 1. The sun has come out two or three times for a few minutes, but most of the day has been cloudy & sombre. Mrs Peter Daniels called, bringing Mrs Nelson Daniels, who is there on a visit. R. put down the carpet she has been working

on for several days. W. & the two men are getting out the corn as fast as possible, fearing snow any day. Mending again. Lucy & Harry spent last evening here. The girl has finished the colored washing & ironed a few of the white clothes, she has succeeded in getting dried. Simon is watching the cattle which are in the field, to keep them out of the unhusked corn

Thursday Nov. 1st The day is ending with an appearance of snow, dark & lowering. A letter from Julia Vinton. The girl Lizzie Enders, has gone home but may come back to night. Last night was cold & frosty. A faint chirk.

Friday 2. Rain during at least part of last night. A good day for work in the corn. W. went about noon to town to meet R. on the one o'clock train. Wrote to Julia Vinton, sent papers to Will & Gordon.

Saturday 3 A pleasant afternoon, & working half a day. The new man worked till noon, W. thinking it best not to hire him any longer. The coal stove started, & the cook stove brought into the dining room. S. shot two squirrels.

Sunday 4 W. went to church, & brought R. who came on the evening train & stayed at Grant's.

Monday 5 A good day, but cold last night & the ground frozen very hard. W. & man have been busy in the corn. & Simon has watched the cattle. It is nearly night & there is but little more corn to husk.

Tuesday 6 Election day. W. has been gone all day for just dinner time, & gone to the table man has worked in the corn & S. watched the cattle.

Wed, 7 a little snow on the ground this morning. but it soon melted away. This evening a little rain & snow together R. is getting things settled for the winter in his room, which is to be the parlor or what has been the parlor. The corn done except enhauswork

Thurs, 8 The husking finished this morning, & the watching done with. Man has been plowing. Simon went to town with Lucy D. brought news of republican victories every where. wrote to Will.

Friday 9. A light snow on the ground. men have been covering the water tank at the barn. Herbert has just come in is eating his supper

Saturday 10 We went to the creamery this morning & has been very busy all day, drawing straw into the barn &c. Simon & Herbert have spent most of the day in hunting & have been quite successful, bringing in several squirrels, quail & partrid

Sunday 11 Wilfred, Simon & Herbert, spent last evening at Mr Dunns. Several of the neighbors were there. A quiet day. Letter from Julia R.

Monday 12 An unpleasant day. We went early as usual. Wilfred went to town & has not yet returned. A postal to Gordon from Simon.

Tuesday 13. Sunshine part of the day. gloomy enough this afternoon. We haul home a load of lumber last night & today is making a fence through the barnyard.

Wed, 14 Men busy with chores & fence making cloudy & dark very early to night & snow

Thursday Simon husked corn for Mr Dunn. Lizzie Enders the girl we had two weeks or less

+ not long ago, came back, & will stay with us through the winter.

Friday 16. Alvins plowing stopped by a freeze last night. A bag & package of R.s. opened, & the things some put upstairs & some put in her room. We have been looking for Herbert but he has not come now, at seven o'clock. Letter to J. R.

Saturday 17. A part of a washing done. We went over to Lizzies home, & brought her trunk. Herbert did not come last night

Sunday 18 No snow yet. Roads too rough for going to church Having a head ache, have read very little to day. Letters from Will & Gordon, S. went with Lucy & Harry Dunn last night to spend the evening at Mr Daniels. man went away to see his friends.

Monday 19. The house banked up especially about the back kitchen & cistern. Double windows put on the pantry & bathroom windows, wire screens taken off all the windows. In the house. Baking mending & the usual house work, washing put off owing to having had a washing done Saturday.

Tuesday 20 We went to the creamery to help do some work about the icehouse, & also drew a load of coal there from Waseca. After he went away, Lizzies father came & got a sack a two of corn. Simon went to town with Harry D.

Wed, 21. A washing done. We took a load of wheat to town. Price 52 cts. brought home a load of coal. Henry Schelenski stayed here last night.

Thurs 22. Letters to Will & Gordon. or G. will go in the morning when We is to go to Austin to a calf killed for veal. H. Dunn came in to sign & witness the signing of some papers, an ironing done & lounges moved around, R. changed from using the folding bed to a couch or lounge.

Friday 23 Wilfred went early to Owatonna, came back after dark. Herbert came with him & is not very well. has been ailing several days, thinks he is getting better.

Saturday 24 Herbert has not felt very much better yet. this we hope he will be well again in a day or two. we have been making mince meat for pies. Mrs Daniels called. W. & man have worked in the barn most of the day.

Sunday 25 We went to church. Lizzie went home & came back before dark. Herbert seems quite better to night & thinks he will be well enough to go to school in the morning. we are not so sure. The roads have become quite good again. Oysters for dinner, both cooked & raw. & mince pie

Monday 26 Herbert did drive to school this morning. his father took him to the station to go down on the train.

Tuesday 27. My twenty second birth day. A pleasant day & no snow. Wilfred went late this afternoon to Waseca & will be late in getting home K. made a half dozen mince pies, a pumpkin stewed, my room swept & the usual housework. Postal from Will.

Wed. 28. Wilfred went to Owatonna & up to Clinton came back to O. & Herbert rode home with his horse & cart being hitched behind. The men are out this evening burning the prairie over, north of the house. Pumpkin pies made & the turkey stuffed ready for roasting tomorrow

Thurs. 29. Thanksgiving day. We went to the station about 9 o'clock & brought Will & Young McLeod & Paul Hallorgan. We had dinner at half past one o'clock. Will & Simon took the young men back to the station for the five o'clock train to Owatonna. They are students of Pillsbury.

Friday 30 Wilfred took Will to the station this morning to go home on the 10 o'clock train. Simon & Herbert went with them & went on to Waseca. S. to stay at Mr Hawkes a day or two. Herbert & his father got home before dark. Mr & Mrs Case called on their way home from Mrs Plumer's, & their son's. where they had spent Thanksgiving. A man by name Thompson from Owatonna. called at the door.

Saturday Dec. 1st W. & Herbert went to the creamery. H. drove there again this afternoon to return some borrowed tools, A night shirt for W. finished, made of heavy cutting.

Sunday 2 W. K. R. & H. went to church, & Simon came back with them from his visit at Mr Hawkes a bright pleasant day, but cold.

Monday 3 Pleasant all day. Late this afternoon W. & Simon went to town to see "Uncle Tom's Cabin" A washing done & dried. but cold enough to freeze the clothes at first quickly

Tuesday 4 Another pleasant day. W. & K. went to town after dinner. George Collins came home with them. Pat.

Wed. 5 Pleasant weather continues. George C. has stayed over with us to day.

Thurs 6 The cistern under the dining room cleaned out & found to need a new coat of cement. Rainy towards night making three new coarse sheets for the extra bed. G. C. went to H. Drums this forenoon.

Friday 7 W. H. & R. went to town to attend a church fair this afternoon & will not get home before 10 o'clock.

probably. R. is to stay in town for a few days,
Mrs Daniels & Mrs Blain with her two youngest
children called. Herbert came just at dark.
G. Collins called to day. Letters to Will, & Gordon
Two coarse sheets finished washed & ironed.
cloudy most of the day but warm.

Saturday 8 a little snow, Simon & Herbert went out shooting
two grey squirrel & a prairie chicken brought
in. W. & R. came early last night, between
nine & ten. Letters from Will & Bessie B.
G. C. here again. A little washing & ironing for Herbert

Sunday 9 very mild weather,

Monday 10 A cloudy day. W. went with Alfred Wood & B. S.
to Mr Abel's on creamery business. Herbert
went as usual to school. Four chickens &
a prairie chicken dressed.

Tuesday 11 Wilfred's fifty first birth day. warm weather
for the time of year. ~~Yesterday~~ & to day W. & man
have made three new fences in the barnyard.
Letter from Helen. Simon went to town with
H. Drum.

Wed. 12 W. was to have gone to Owatonna to attend
the Dairymans Association a meeting of
that bo day, but owing to a severe cold could
not go. Mild weather, but freezing to night
Washing done. Roast chicken, cranberries, mashed
potatoes & baked beans, apple pie, for dinner,

Thurs, 13 A fine day. W. & R. went to town after
dinner. R. did not return with them,
Simon went to the station with Harry
D. just at night.

Friday 14 Pleasant weather continues, Simon went
this afternoon with Harry D. to town, shot a
jack rabbit after he started, between here
& Mr Dunns. W. has had a cold for several
days, & doesn't seem to get over it, coughs a

good deal. Had palpitation an hour &
more this morning.

Saturday 15 Simon started this morning to Owatonna,
Harry D. took him to the station, W. sold
about the same. It is raining this evening,
Letter from Gordon. Portal to W. & letter from Orville
Herbert

Sunday 16 This morning we found the ground white
with snow a thin covering but it has remained
tho it seems warm. W. was to have gone to church
& brought R. home. but owing to the snow &
quite a high wind he thought best not to go.

Monday 17 W. went to town & R. came home with him
mild weather continues.

Tuesday 18 a headache all day & a good deal of a cough.
S. came home from Owatonna, Lizzies mother & sister
called to see her. Wilfred continues to cough
more often, wears pork on his throat & lungs,

Wed, 19 W. went very early to Owatonna, is to come
home to night & R. with him, It is a very
bright day. Have coughed more than
usual especially early this morning. Still
wear pork on my neck. Yesterday was warm
& thawing. this morning the roads frozen &
rough. No snow only in little thin spots.

Thurs, 20 Wilfred & Herbert went to town. came
home a little after dark, the roads are very
muddy. The wind is rising & we look
for a change of weather. R. made candy
last evening & again to day. made mince
pies yesterday, Christmas is coming.
Letter from Mary Stevens in, Germany.

Friday 21 Christmas preparations going on. Turkey
prepared for the oven. Lemon pies made
& sponge cake.

Sat. 22 This morning, W. went to the station to

ment Julia Vinton & her friend a Miss Emery, Paul Halloran, & young Inwood. Theo Pillsbury student, They are to stay till Monday morning, The roads are very rough. The weather pleasent & not very cold

Sunday 23 Roads too rough for going to church, cloudy & gloomy all day.

Monday 24 W. took the young people to the station to take the morning 10 o clock train home, & came back with a severe headache, went to bed where he stayed a good part of the day. is much better this evening. Did up a few Christmas cards to send away

Tuesday 25 A pleasant Christmas day. bright all day but colder than it has been no snow. Simon & Herbert took dinner at H. Drums. Christmas package from Mary Stevens; views of buildings in Weimer Germany

Wed. 26 Letter to Helen & to Gordon, W. went to town late this morning, It is slowly snowing now at one o clock, sent cards to Gordon, Helen, Mrs Leach & Mr Case, & the other day, to W. & S. Evening, W. & S. have gone to Mr Daniels. The man, Alvin has not yet returned, went yesterday to visit some of his relations, W. brought from town a Christmas package for us all from Mrs Dailey & family, a box of candy from Mrs Preston & Josephine & other christma things to K. from some of her friends.

Thurs 27. We have been expecting a visit from Alice night, but received a telegram to night saying she had been summoned home, on account of the illness of her sister Elizabeth, & was to go at once. 12° below 0 this morning, coldest weather we have had.

Friday 28, 2° above 0 this morning, The Drum boys

here last evening. Double window put on north window in my room. S. gone to Mr Drum's this evening.

Saturday 29 Wilfred & Herbert went to town. Letter from Will, & a booklet from Helen. an embroidered mat from Mrs Stevens, & the usual papers. The big oil can filled. or ten gallons, for $1.00.

Sunday 30 owing to rough roads W. did not go to church, the day spent in reading & writing. The girl went home came back before dark. Snow in the air several time. Jenny Drum is at home from school, & has measles.

Monday 31 The last day of another year, has come & gone. no snow, & the weather not very cold. Young Casper Wood came to see Herbert & is staying all night.

Tuesday Jan'y 1st W. & H. went to town, Casper W. went with them to his home, Letter from Gordon, & Julia P. Portal from Mrs Stevens.

Wed. 2nd a bright day, The Drum boys cut the tops off some of the cottonwood trees near the windmill, which obstructed the wind. Two chickens killed & dressed. Mrs Daniels, Mrs Jno Connel, (who is at home on a visit) & Winnie, called.

Thurs 3d a slight fall of snow last night, 10° below 0, to night. Simon went out to hunt wolves, Alvin saw two yesterday. H. has a hard cough from a cold, a man here to look at the farm with a view to buying.

Friday 4. W. went to town & Lizzie, went with him. Dr. Young came over to see the Drum children, & W. asked him to stop here to see Herbert who has a bad cold & a hard cough. Had palpitation about noon, lasting less than an hour. The Drum children are not getting on well with the measles, W. has gone to Mr Daniels this evening

Sat. 5th H. has not coughed as much as he did yesterday, but has

not improved as we had hoped tho he seems to feel better to night. Dr went over to see the doctor again this afternoon. Fire in the coal stove went out. he restarted it again without much trouble,

Sunday 6 Herbert is about the same. though there are no signs of measles, at least no breaking out. He was exposed on Christmas day, & by tomorrow, measles may develop if that is what the trouble is.

Wed. 9 Wilfred has not been well for several days, & as Herbert doesn't get on very fast, & I was not well yesterday, with a pain in my side & which is still troubling me, we thought best to send for the doctor, & are now looking for him. Mr Dunn was going to town & would tell him. H. has shown no more signs of measles, & does not cough quite so much. Later, Dr. Young came & prescribed for four of us, W. H. R. & myself. I believe we thought & we were all grippy & that H has a measley cough, & tongue.

Monday 21, I have been sitting up more or less for several days. Dr. Young has not been here since last Thursday 17th. H. has not been able to sit up much yet. does not improve as we thought she would. has been in R's room & up stairs since she was sick, is to come down to my room to day.

Herbert went back to school last Saturday W. stayed in the house a few days, his cough is better & he has been helping the man do chores at the barn since Friday. We are having our first really blizzardy day. People have been using sleighs about a week not more than two. Possibly three inches of

snow at any time. Herbert did not have satisfactory measles, no breaking out, but the doctor thought there were plain indications in his throat & tongue. He did have a bad cough & was ailing ten days & more with grip or something. Dr. G. came four times besides calling on his visit to the Burns.

Have had letters from Mrs Leach & from Mrs Stevens, & before from Gordon, & several from Willy,

Tuesday 22. a beautiful day after the blizzard. Harry D. helped Alvin put several loads of hay into the barn. Mr Dunn is to take R's share to keep till Spring.

Wed. 23. 16° below 0 this morning. clear day. Harry D. came again & helped put straw into the barn, Simon also helped us about it. We, R, & I, are getting better we hope but it is very slowly. The white clothes washed. R. sees to the cooking & housework & does a good deal of it herself.

P. Daniels called,

Thursday 24. another good day. Have written to Julia Linton. Last night, W. received letters from Will, & from Gordon & postal from Herbert.

Friday 25. A gloomy day. somewhat snowy. W. made a pair of cloth mittens, I washed woollen cloth. Have sewed a little. helped Co, with his mittens

Saturday 26. W. went with B. S. to a meeting of the creamery folks. Sent Julia's letter & W. a postal to Mr. 14° below & Postal from Mrs Stevens with the good news of the safe arrival of her daughters from Europe. also postal from R. to W.

Bright & windy.

Sunday 27. A bright cold day. 24° below 0 this morning.

Monday 28 (28. 16° below 0 this morning. Letter to Mrs Leach. Wilfred went to town. Mr Dunn rode with him. Simon has gone to Meriden this evening with the Dunns.

Tuesday 29. A blizzardy afternoon. Wilfred went to Cavalanna this morning to come back to-morrow. drove the grey team to get them shod. is to go to Elinton to-morrow. Alvin has just come in & says something is the matter with one of the fat hogs, & has gone to Mr Dunns to see him about it. Later. The hog had to be killed, it having been smothered or nearly so by the other hogs. H. Dunn helped Alvin take care of it.

Wed. 31. W. returned from C. about four o'clock. It is looking stormy. 26° below 0 this morning.

Thursday 31. A rough day. W. went to town & to the lake to get a load of ice for the creamery. many dropped in to-day. Letter to Mrs Stevens.

Friday Feb. 1st W. went to Clear Lake for another load of ice for the creamery. Letter to Helen, postals to Will & Hebert. failed to send a letter ready for Mrs Dailey. A quiet still day, very cold this morning 37° below 0. W. is greatly troubled in these days with short breath & cough, & there seems to be no remedy. The doctor has given him remedies, but with little apparent effect.

Saturday 2nd A wintery day. Simon went to town with Harry D. 12° below 0. sent the letter to Mrs Dailey. & a note to Mrs Hawkes. Some of the mail lost in bringing home. no letters lost.

Sunday 3d. 28° below this morning. A bright still day. Lizzie's brother in law came for her to go home & is to come back to-night.

Monday 4. 18° below this morning. W. drove to H. Duncans, & to Mr Daniels. Have done a little mending.

Tuesday 5th A beef killed. Henry & Harry D. to help. W. took a quarter to Mr Daniels & one to Mr Schuler. & B. D. is to have another quarter, we are to keep but one. a stormy afternoon, this morning 26° below 0. Postals from Will, Mrs Case, Herbert. Letter from Helen.

But sold for 5¾ & 6 cts a lb.

Wed. 6 An unpleasant day. more snow last night with a northeast wind. Mr Daniels here this morning. & W. has been there twice seeing about selling their hogs. They, the hogs are sold I think & to be taken off to-morrow. It doesn't look now as if it would be a good time to go on the road. Letter to Herbert.

Thursday 7 weigh prop. Morning, 22° below 0. A bright still morning. Evening. W. & man, took two loads of hogs to the station. Thirteen in number. It has continued very cold all day. The wind not much. Weight of hogs, 3210 @ 5½.

Friday 8 morning, mercury sunk out of sight in our thermometer somewhere between 35 & 40 (40 or more) probably. bright & still.

Saturday 9 About 28° below 0 this morning. but has been much warmer through the day. W. went to town, has not yet returned. Letter to Mrs Case & papers to Emma. W. took a calf to sell for veal.

Sunday 10 A fine day. 26° below. another fine moonlight night. man went away & has not come back, now at bed time. W. having all the barn chores to do alone. Girl went home late to come back to-night.

Monday 11. Girl did not come back till late this morning. 16° below 0, a fine, still day. W. & man put half a dozen loads of hay into the barn. Snow melted for washing for the first time. water

the cisterns giving out, Is father here for more
Tuesday 12 Snowy this morning, & weather quite moderated, W. & men busy at work about the barn, The little rough tallow from the leaf, tried out, & a small washing done Had a shot time of palpitation this morning
Wed. 13 a mild day, mail last night by Lucy D. & her father, Letter to W. from Will. W. has just driven to Mr Daniels.
Thurs, 14 A hog killed, weighed 280 after it was dressed Fred Altenburg helped in the killing. Mr Case called. Milder weather.
Friday 15 Wilfred went to the staton & brought Herbert home.
Saturday 16 Still quite mild weather W. R. & H. went to town. Letter to Gordon sent a prescription for cough (Dr. Waves) for Mr Martin Smith, R. brought a new thermometer. Wilfred has gone this evening to a meeting of the creaking directors at Germania Lewis rode with B. S.
Sunday 17 Not a pleasant day, snowing at times & this afternoon blowing & is quite blizzardy, W. intending to go to Wauzeka tomorrow,
Monday 18 Wilfred & Herbert started this morning at six to go to the station, H. to go to school, & W. to go on to Wauzeka. The day has been fine 10 & 20° above 0.
Tuesday 19 Another good day, Alvin went at five o'clock to the station & brought to home from his Wauzeka trip, 31° above 0, Pair of ducks for supper.
Wed. 20 Thawing with the wind in the southwest, W. has cut up & salted the pig killed last week, Washing done.

Thurs, 21 Wilfred went to town, Alvin went with him & drove the team home, W. staying to attend a masonic banquet, this evening weather mild, Lard tried out. K. prepared & stuffed a turkey & made loaf cake. Had two or three hours of palpitation Postals to Will & Herbert. A present from Simon of a whole set of Dickens works.
Friday 22 W. came home just at night, walked the last two miles, stayed all night at Mr Hawks
Saturday 23 Mild thawing weather, W. went with the milk Alvin did some grinding
Sunday 24 Thawing thawing snow left in spots. Postal from Herbert Girl went home.
Monday 25 More thawing snow water brought & drawn up from the run to wash with washing done & clothes dried. Lizzie came back this morning wrote to Emma. W. went into the Jennah neighborhood east, to inquire about a hired man, sleighing & pickle wheels used most.
Tuesday 26 Still warm & the snow, except the little drifts has disappeared. Alvin went off to a wedding last night. has not returned. Harry & Lucy Dunn are here this evening.
Wed. 27 a cloudy day. mail sent to Mr Dunn's & mail received from there. Alvin returned from the wedding about noon or a little after, & retired for several hours to make up lost sleep.
Thurs 28 W. went to town not for from noon to get some boards to fix the hog house floor. The back cistern cleaned.
Friday March 1st This morning we found that the weather was several degrees colder & for a while twas quite like a lion with wind & snow, but the after

noon has been pleasant & sunny, W. & max put a new floor part of one in the hog house sawing wood part of the afternoon, letter from Will.

Saturday 2 A pleasant, spring like day, W. went with the milk this morning. The & the man have drawn hay into the barn this afternoon. R. has been ailing since noon with pain in the bowels & later, with nausea.

Sunday 3 Colder. Man went off before breakfast, mail from Mr Dunn's Post at from Mrs Case R. much better

Monday 4 A good day for out door work, W. engaged a German neighbor one Henkenriken to come this afternoon & help Alvin out doors & saw up, two large cottonwood trees, a load of ice drawn from the "run", & Lizzie has melted enough for tomorrow washing We are rereading "Great Expectations" aloud,

Tuesday 5 Wilfred went to town, brought home two packages of malted milk. Alvin has finished his years work & gone away, W. has hired another man who is to come in a few days, Washing done

Wed. 6 The district school closed. We had what seemed for a little while this afternoon, a blizzard, a fierce snow storm with wind, but it left off as suddenly as it came lasting less than half an hour, a man came to hire out, & W. liking his appearance, was sorry he could not hire him.

Thursday 7 Flakes of snow in the air now & then. W. being without a man is kept very busy, Simon has been splitting the basswood up trees, into stove wood. A few days ago W. found that the bees were all dead, & took out what honey there was, & commenced making the latter into beeswax.

Friday 8 A bright day, we are eating maple syrup made from sugar bought of a Dog-eat years old, a peddler of liniment, extracts & collard

Saturday 9 another pleasant day. A letter to Will. Simon has gone to Mr Dunn's to see if there is any mail.

Sunday 10 Now at 9 o'clock, there is a total eclipse of the moon. The night is clear, no clouds in the way & we have a good view of the awe inspiring exhibition

Monday 11 The news mail, Julius came about noon Another man came wishing to get a place, Lizzie went home yesterday, came back this morning. Washing done & dried. W. went with the milk.

Tuesday 12 Snowy & somewhat windy this morning but cleared off & the afternoon has been bright & pleasant. W. Simon & R. started at eleven to Owasco R. to go to Minneapolis on the afternoon train, W. to go to town meeting & do errands, sent ten dozen eggs to market, 10 ¢ a doz. W. sold two hogs & is to take them to town to-morrow and bring back a load of coal to the creamery. A letter last night from Emma & postal from Mrs Case & May before. Letter from Fodor.

Wed. 13 W. took two hogs to town, sold for $3.60 each and a cold day, mercury at 8 all day, candlemas nine days

Thurs. 14. 19° above 0, two below this morning, men have drawn hay into the barn.

Friday 15 W. went to Owatonna & to Clinton, found Herbert who was to have come home with him down with measles, which seems to be this time, sure enough measles. W. is to go again Sunday, to see how he gets on.

Saturday 16. A postal from R. saying she would not come home before Tuesday. W. has gone to town since dinner. drove Jenny & Pet to hauling brought home Roberts sweet & cart. Lizzie's mother is sick, & she has gone home with her brother. The reading of "Dombey & Son" finished last night.

Sunday 17. A pleasant day. Wilfred went to C. or rather Clinton, to see Herbert, found him getting on well with the measles. And Dunn called this afternoon.

Monday 18. A bright springlike morning. The elder Mrs Scholljegerdes died early this morning. The Julius Jenkeman, who had been here a week, concluded he didn't care to stay any longer, & has gone away. & another man is to come tomorrow, & also a girl, or widow with a three year old boy is to come & stay a week or two, on trial with a view to staying all summer. Letter from Will

Tuesday 19. W. went to town & brought R. from the Minneapolis trip, & the new man & woman to work, if they prove satisfactory. Lizzie came back this afternoon, but will go home tomorrow, probably. Postal from Will. Mrs Scholljegerdes buried. A bright pleasant day.

Wed. 20. Another very pleasant day. W. & the man brought a load of ice for soft water, from the north field, & Jennie the new girl is melting it for tomorrow's washing. R. is sick from a cold taken while she was gone. Lizzie is staying to help R. The new girl or woman, is a widow, & has a little boy of three years with her.

Thurs. 21. W. went to see Herbert. Lizzie went with him

as far as Owatonne. It is now four o'clock nearly time to look for him. A bright, but windy day, a washing done. R. is better, but has stayed in bed. The men working round the barn.

Friday 22. Another windy day. Lizzie went home this morning. They are having measles in their day at Mr Dunns, and it seems to be in many families about the country. Letter from Will to Wilfred.

Saturday 23. Wilfred went to Owatonne & Clinton intending to bring Herbert home to night. but we have just received a note by the way of Mr B. Case saying he would not be home to night. Gusts of wind & dust.

Sunday 24. Wilfred & Herbert came about noon, And this has been still another windy day.

Monday 25. The worst windy day we have had. Mr Case & his daughter called this morning on their way to see their son & brother. Is he to go this afternoon to town to take the train to Minneapolis, Mr C. has just gone home calling here a few minutes. Letter to Gordon.

Friday 26. A pleasant day at last without wind. W. drew a load of lumber from the station, for B. Case. Herbert went back to school, started before three o'clock. A marble man, Mr. De Long, here to dinner. Simon went to town with Harry Drum, a letter from Will.

Wed. 27. W. & man, blasted some rocks in a south field. work which the Julius Jenkeman said, he had done. another whole pleasant day. Simon has been gone all day with his gun. There are ducks about, & the black birds are heard now & then. People are coming again. beginning to,

Thurs' 28 a rather windy day again & cloudy, W. is sowing wheat this afternoon

Friday 29 A warm pleasant day. 70° above. W. finished sowing wheat this morning only 8 acres in all & is putting in oats. Herbert came before five o'clock. Lamps from overhead in the back kitchen taken down & regulated, stoves put out to smoke. used a little paint, on various articles. K. beginning to pack the few things she has here. Letter from Gordon.

Saturday 30 It is softly raining & has been, two hours & more. Our folks have put in ten acres of wheat & oats, successfully. Made the last mince meat into pies, five & Jennie has baked bread, bread which we have not had for months. till she came.

Sunday 31 A cloudy day. The small rain kept up part of the night & this morning, there was ice over everything. Herbert went back this afternoon instead of waiting till morning, fearing rain & storm of some kind. Letter from Will

Monday April 1st W. went to the creamery. began working in the cornstalks. getting the ground ready for oats sowing & baking done. W. went to see Lizzie about coming to work again. District school began Miss Nelson teacher. her third term.

Tuesday 2 Wilfred went to town took the woman & her little boy & the hired man, the woman's cousin. They are to go to Dakota to their relations at least they said so. W. also took a bale of goods for K. to be sent to Minneapolis. Had a time of palpitation this forenoon.

Wed, 3 Letter to Will. Another hired man, came with W. A very pleasant day, but cold enough last night

to freeze the ground, & ice formed as thick as window glass. Lizzie came to stay with K. packing her trunks

Thursday 4 another pleasant day. men worked in the cornstalks. getting the ground ready for sowing oats. Lizzie did a little washing & ironing

Friday 5 A windy day. Wilfred went to town. took trunks for K. to leave at the depot. brought back a load of a new kind of oats for seed bought of George Wood. 37 cts a bushel. Herbert came early to night, is studying his German lesson this evening & John, the hired man is helping him. He is only about a year older than H.

Saturday 6 A cloudy day. a sprinkle of rain last part of the day. Wilfred & man getting in oats. Will came this afternoon. walked from the station.

Sunday 7 Rained a little during last night & has been sprinkly much of the day.

Monday 8 K. & Simon have gone to Minneapolis went after an early dinner, Wilfred & Will both went with them, all went in the carriage. K. has rented a house or flat, in M. has sent for her goods in Ohio & has taken her things from here & is to keep house in a small way.

Tuesday 9 Will has helped Wilfred in his work & us in the house. in the way of getting things arranged in the parlor. the room K. has occupied. It is a great pleasure to have him stay over a day or two. The washing done & dried. Mrs Plumer with her baby granddaughter spent a few hours with us, whilst her daughter, Miss Case, went to the station.

Wed, 10 Looking like rain. Wilfred took Will to the station this morning to go to Owatonna where he thought of staying till tomorrow We have been using horseradish two or three days. the first green thing of Spring.

Thursday 11 Another whole day of good working weather, & W. has been anxious to get the ground ready for the barley he is to sow, before a rain. but it looks black in the north & thunders, now & then, It is almost dark & we shall probably have rain soon, & the ground is very dry, & needing rain. Lizzie has been washing windows. Double window taken off my room (dove) win

Friday 12. A beautiful rain last night & a bright morning. & the dry earth had taken in the rain enabling the farmers to go on this morning with their seeding, tho there has been a high troublesome (a) win this afternoon. W. & man have been plowing, & sowing barley, Herbert has just driven up, found a muddy road. Lizzie has been busy washing windows R. is regulating the rooms up stairs since R. & Simon went away. Letters from Simon & Alice high. paper from Gordon.

Saturday 13. Letter from Will. The seeding done. A beautiful day. & since our nice rain, the grass is beginning to show green.

Sunday 14. Easter sunday. Wilfred & Herbert went to church. drove Jenny on the east. Letter from R.

Monday 15. Herbert went at Half past six, back to school. Two or three neighboring men came to see W. on matter concerning the road laid out last summer on the east side of the farm. A load of wheat taken to the station, 37 cts. brought back a load

of shingles for B. Case, who is about to build a barn. a washing done. Letters to R. & Will.

Tuesday 16. Afternoon. W. went to the creamery to take a load of butter to town to send off by train. took the shingles brought from the station yesterday, to Mr. Case. George Scholljegerdes, came for the calf or yearling, bought of W. yesterday. Price $22. Front Stairs carpet taken up. a little more window washing & baking done, Couch moved into the parlor. A handful of the first dandelions cooked. First chickens hatched, three days ago. only seven.

Wed. 17. W. & men both went to the creamery this morning W. has a very lame back. a man here to look for fat cattle, bought three fattening cows. man is getting the garden ready to plow, Pleasant weather. Too cold, nights, for the grass to grow much. Lizzie went home last night. said she was to go to Mankato to day.

Thurs. 18. Another pleasant day. but it froze a little again last night. W. has a very lame back. but has been driving around to find a house girl, has now gone over north, with very little prospect of finding one. has already interviewed eight specimens. O that we could be independent of them all. Have written to Gordon, Letter from him.

Friday 19. Still good weather. Grinding done, garden plowed & W. & Herbert are planting the first potatoes. His back continues quite lame, Dandelion greens for dinner. H. gets home early Friday night, & makes himself very useful

Sat, 20. Had an attack of palpitation this morning lasting twenty minutes. perhaps. and soon after another lasting four hours & more. & of course am not feeling very well. W. & H. have gone to Waseca this afternoon, H. plowed most of the forenoon. & W. put a few seeds in the garden,

sent Gadons letter. Postal from Will to Wilfred

Sunday 21. A pleasant quiet day. John, the man, went to church at the station. Letter from K. enclosing others

Monday 22. W. went to the creamery which took most of the forenoon. This afternoon potatoe planting, H. went to school at about half past six. A spark from Mr Dunn's. Rain is needed.

Tuesday 23. No rain yet. Potatoes planted. Tommy Dunn is breaking a small piece of ground in the north field. began afternoon. W. is putting peas into the garden. hope to get some field peas before it is too late. Hen has a head ache to day. Fire in the coal stove kept very low + outside door open all day. cool night, continue. Ice this morning in the yards.

Wed. 24. A pleasant day + no wind. W. + man have been making fence on the new road running South from H. Drums. Tommy Dunn breaking again in the north field. Dry warm. Between 70 + 80°.

Thurs. 25. Another dry, bright day. Tommy D. finished the breaking + W. + man finished the road fence. Have been copying my journal of 1881. have several more pages to copy. Fifteen young pigs within the last 4 days or two.

Letters from Helen + K.

Friday 26. Wilfred went to town to take the three fat cows he the other day for $125. brought home a new wide tired wagon, bought some time ago of Mr Clement. Johnny Dunn on his pony helped W. drive the cows, Herbert came home in good season, + changed his clothes at once + went into the field + plowed till time to put the team out, neighbor John Scholl's geese stopped on his way home from town + gave W. a couple of fresh fish, pickerel, I think. Thunder, lightning + a very little rain last night + this forenoon, quite a little shower

Posted to K. + sack of butter.

Saturday 27. No more rain. Man plowing. W. + Herbert fixing fence this afternoon. Warm + cloudy.

Sunday 28. Wilfred + Herbert went to church. Drove Jenny on the cart. Letters from K. + from Will. a sprinkle, + looking like rain.

Monday 29. Another small rain during last night + it was raining this morning when Herbert started to school. But we need a great deal of rain, tho' the little that fell last night + this morning is much better than none. W. has just been to Mr Daniels' to get a corn sheller, + has now gone to John Scholl's geese's on an errand. Man plowed most of the day.

Tuesday 30. Seed corn shelled in the back kitchen with Mr. Daniels corn sheller. some farmers have their corn already planted. Dandelions for dinner. a sprinkle of rain here but from appearances there has been rain all about us this afternoon + there is thunder + lightning this evening.

Wednesday May 1st. No rain. warm + not much wind. man still plowing for corn. more seed put in the garden, sweet corn + onions. Fire in the coal stove gone out, but we will not put the little wood stove up till to-morrow. A small washing of woolen things done mostly by W.'s help. The girl we looked for the first of the week, has not + probably will not come. The last hams + bacon put in a box to smoke. H. Drum came + got the Daniels corn sheller. Plum trees in full blossom, + apple blossoms not quite so fully out. Gophers showing themselves, + a few have been trapped. Last Saturday, the cattle turned out to pasture, the 21[st]s, Colts turned out Monday, 29[th].

Thurs. 2. Raining enough to prevent plowing till late this afternoon. The coal stove moved back, + little stove put in

my room, stove taken out of the parlor. man picked over potatoes in the cellar. W. drove to Mr Dunn's to get half a dozen appletrees & set them out before dinner & has cleaned out & put together half a dozen beehives which he is to let two of the distant neighbors have. Looking like rain. Last night received a letter from Mary Humphrey in Wellington Kansas with the sad news of her brother Williams death which occurred April 18th.

Friday 3 Very cloudy a part of the day & some rain. Made vinegar of some of the honey W. took from the Hives he cleaned out yesterday. It was not very good honey. Herbert came in good season considering the muddy roads

Saturday 4 Wrote to K. & Will. W. went to Wasica, & several miles north or northwest trying to find a girl. N. D. rode to W. with him. Andrew came back with them. Letters from K. & Will. More rain & a good deal of thunder & lightning. Heavy rain, Wasica, ways

Sunday 5 A quiet restful day.

Monday 6 Herbert went at twenty minutes past six this morning. No rain, only a sprinkle, with some thunder this afternoon. W. has made a corn marker to use on some small pieces of ground where is to use the hand planters. He & the manare now filling the ground. Weather dark & lowering as if it might rain at any time. Part of the milk sour this morning & could not be taken to the creamery. & we are using the cream from it as best we can, & made Dutch cheese of some of the milk.

Tuesday 7 Forenoon. So far the day has been bright & summery. W. & man are busy with two teams dragging & marking the pieces of corn ground. We have been stirring the cream saved yesterday with very unsatisfactory results, no sign of butter yet

Wed. 8 We got no butter from the cream yesterday & will use it for shortcakes. This is a beautiful day, three o'clock p.m. & no clouds or thunder yet. Yesterday we had thunder in the afternoon & every appearance of rain. W. went to Mr Dunns late yesterday afternoon & brought home Mr D.'s disk harrow & used it on his corn ground till dark & has been busy with it to day so far, using four horses, man planting corn in another place with a hand planter. The Bellemare has a colt three days old. a tick filled for the man's bed. Late a call from Mrs Daniels, Winnie & Miss Nelson. A whole beautiful day, 80° & more above. W. has finished work with the disk harrow. Charles Johnson here to get seed corn, brought his little girl with him. The mare & colt loose in the yard now & then. Put nasturtium seeds under the east windows of my room.

Thurs. 9 Past eight o'clock a.m. J. Scholljegerdes here with his team & corn planter.

Friday 10 J. S. came again to plant corn & it is nearly done. He left the planter which W. is to use to finish the field in the morning. Letter to Mary Humphrey. Herbert came at four. A little rainy this afternoon & very much colder. 42° to night, & yesterday, above 90.

Saturday 11. We did have in some places a little frost last night & it has remained cold all day. 45° & 50° & we greatly fear more frost to night. The corn is all planted I think both by hand & by corn planter & the plants taken home. Mr Dunn came for potatoes to plant & Mr Daniels got two sacks of potatoes yesterday. Herbert planted melons of both kinds. The banking taken away from the house & put around the apple trees. The remaining screens put on the windows.

Sunday 12. A severe frost or freeze last night. There was ice in the pails of water standing out, & the potatoes that were nicely up, in the garden, were black & flat this morning. We have not heard from the neighbors. but suppose the corn which was planted early & up, was killed down. A grape vine across the road & which ran along on the wire fence hangs without & dead. W. & H. began to get ready to go to church this morning, but it was so cold & windy, they decided to stay at home & rest.
It is now at seven o' clock P.m. 52°. Last night about this time, it was 45°.

Monday 13. A pleasant but cool day. dry & cold, one should say. Herbert went to school, & the man to the creamery. about six. this morning, about ten, or soon after, John got back. W. went to town & was to go on a few miles farther to inquire again about a girl. am afraid it will be as useless, as such inquiries have proved heretofore. 32° this morning early, & doubtless more or less frost. tho' we have no ice.

John is going over the newly planted cornfield, with a corn plow to kill out the weeds in season. Letter to K. postal to Will crock of butter to K. ~~15~~ 10 cts doz. eggs to market.

Tuesday 14. a cold cloudy day. now at five o'clock p.m. 44°
W. has set out cabbage & tomato plants. & planted a few more potatoes in the garden, beans & some other seeds. two men here at different times, to buy hogs offering 3.90. W. wrote to Will. The girl W. went to see yesterday is to be married!

Wed. 15° now, about sundown, it is sprinkling, but I am afraid we will get no rain & we need it very much. W. has planted more potatoes, beans & a few more peas. He is going to a meeting of some of the cream ery men to night at Mr Daniels. B. S. hired man in taking the milk to the creamery met with an accident & Mr Dunn's his team started to run, & the wagon wheel, or wheels went over him. Dr. Young was sent for, but we have not heard from him since, tho we hope he was not badly injured.

Thurs. 16. A cloudy, gloomy day & sprinkly & misty a part of the day. Wilfred went to Ewatonna starting at seven o'clock, waited a while, fearing it was going to rain, took part of a load of oats to Mr Montgomery & to Mr Lease.

Friday 17. W. took half a dozen hogs to the station this morning & as many more this afternoon has not yet returned. Herbert came half an hour ago. at half past four. It is sprinkling but will not rain much I think. The doctor was sent for again, for the young man hurt yesterday, have not

12 hogs
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heard how he is,

Saturday 18. A good rain during last night. It was raining at bed time but the air is cold, 54°, now at four, p. m. W. & H. have made a big gate for some of the yards at the barn. ark mow putting more seeds in the garden. mans sprouting potatoes in the cellar

Sunday 19. A pleasant day. Ice again this morning on pails of water standing in the yard. Leaves on the butternut trees, grape vines &c. hang limp & black. It seems impossible that there should be fruit of any kind left. the cold has continued so long. much of the grain must be greatly injured. W. went to church & H. Drum sent by him to ask Dr. Young, to come to see Harry who had a pain in his side caused by a strain. Mrs Brown his niece from Chicago & her little boy rode over with the Dr. & called here. The Dr. also came in on his return. Mrs B. is a daughter of Dr. McIntosh formerly of Geneseo.

Monday 20. Another quiet gentle rain this afternoon. We hope there was no frost last night. A short letter from Simon yesterday. & one from Will to Wilfred. Papers to Emma. W. took what bee hives he had left to Mr Hocking. three I believe. Fred grinding, & the picking over & sprouting potatoes finished. We shot at a woodchuck, but didn't kill it.

Tuesday 21. A good day. W. went to town. came home early & has gone back to a temperance meeting & lecture this evening. Letter to Mary Stevens. W. wrote to Will. Peter Daniels was to go with W. to the lecture.

Wed. 22. W. got home at 12 o'clock last night. a pleasant & not cold day. crops are growing & the grass thickening & looking very green. W. went with the milk this morning & this afternoon to Mr Hocking's to get blacksmithing done.

Thurs. 23. H. made a cake for Herbert's 16th birth day which is tomorrow. About 80° at one time. Have been busy most of the day mending winter clothes & putting them away. W.s hard cold & cough is better.

Friday 24. W. has been using a disk harrow on a piece of breaking where he is to sow millet. He came three hours ago.

Saturday 25. W. & H. went to town. W. to do some work in the cemetery, & H. to go fishing with Casper Wood. It was windy & not a good day for fishing & they were not very successful. W. mans sawed & split wood.

Sunday 26. Had a head ache most of the day, & coughed a good deal. Good weather, but we do need rain.

Monday 27. Morning. Herbert has gone to school & the man to the creamery. Looking rainy & has sprinkled a little. There was no rain but a high wind all the afternoon. We went to town after dinner. Have coughed more than I did yesterday. Letter to Gordon.

Tuesday 28. A fierce wind all day, & very hot. 93° or more for hours. We so hope it may rain. It would seem as if the hot wind must ruin much of what the frosts left. The grass on the slough is drying up & turning yellow. Oh for a good rain. W. & man drew load of gravel from Mr Daniels farm. My cough has seemed

better. R. has developed quite a case of mild grip or much like it. seems like cold in the head. Cynthia

Wed 29. we have had another windy day. tho not as bad as yesterday. 98° No rain last night as we hoped. It is just after sunset Wilfred is watering a few things in the garden. Man here an hour ago wanting to rent the farm.

Thurs 30. We have had a beautiful rain lasting all the forenoon. a slow & gentle rain no wind. & every drop stayed where it was needed This is decoration day. & W. & man were to have gone to town & to the cemetery. We have been taking for two weeks to preserve a few blossoms of our one snowball tree by covering it when we thought it necessary. but the frosts past & the fierce hot winds since, were too much for it. not one good blossom remains, all frozen & whisped to death.

Postal from Mrs Case. & one from R. to his father

Friday 31. Another windy day. W. has sowed his millet. by Rhoads & John Thurman, is harrowing it in. Mrs Dunn's sister who has been sick a long time, died yesterday. & is to be buried tomorrow. She was a Miss Turnacliffe & lived in Waseca. A letter from R.

Saturday June 1st. A pleasant morning. W. has gone to the station, & the man to the creamery, both are to go to town after dinner. Letter to Helen. papers to Emma. Letter from R. 5 p. m. We have had several nice showers this afternoon. Ella & Effie Dunn

children, have been staying with us a few hours Dinner - It is near the time for the men to come. & the sun is shining.

Sunday 2. We one went to church

Monday 3. More rain. W. went to town. took a milk box we had had for several years & sold it to a farmer for six dollars. George Scholljegerdes & Henry Buker with their families stopped late this afternoon & stayed over two or three showers of rain. W. came from town early & escaped the rain. another crock of butter to R. Postal from Will

Tuesday 4 August & Ida made us a little visit. W. talked with them about renting the farm to them. 58°. Had about two hours of palpitation this morning. Letter yesterday from W. to Will. & to Herbert, & letter to R.

Wed, 5 a pleasant day. W. finished the screens he has been making for the east windows in the dining room. sowed rutabaga seed on part of the new breaking north of the road & ground feed part of the afternoon man plowing corn. Herbert came quite unexpectedly.

Thurs 6 attend Herbert & his father went to town to the commencement exercises of Waseca High school. a new suit brought home for R.

Friday 7. W. has worked on the road. Herbert has worked in the garden helped about the chores & stayed about the house

Saturday 8. Road working again. They are going up & down the road with the plow & grader. R. went back to school this afternoon will be home again to-d, night & that finishes this term. Letter from R.

82° noon after six p.m. 86, most of the day.

Sunday 9. Wilfred brought home a girl to stay a week & then her sister is to come & stay for some time perhaps. We have had several showers this afternoon quite a soaking rain.

Monday 10. A whole cloudy day. Work for the road this afternoon. We have worked most of the day on a bed comfat. The girl Ida washed windows made bread & helped me on the comfat.

Tuesday 11. More cloud than sunshine. A washing done, men working on the road again, a little feed grinding.

Wed. 12 Wilfred started at six this morning to Owatonna to bring Herbert home. The day has been pleasant till late this afternoon. It has only sprinkled as yet, but thunders now & then. Letter from Mrs Stevens with a picture of Mary D. Letter to Martha Humphrey.

Thurs. 13. A pleasant day. W. & H. worked in the garden this forenoon. An attempt at soap making but it was not a success owing to poor ashes. The grass mowed in the yards about the house. W. & H. have gone to Mr Daniels to take home a horse W. has had for some time to work.

Lucy Drum spent the afternoon here.

Friday 14. Cloudy & threatening rain, fore part of the day. Bright & pleasant since. Man & Herbert both worked in the corn most of the day. A load of straw drawn from Mr Daniels. Fresh cut hay being fed now. The hay crop likely to be very short. Mrs Daniels drove to Mr Soule here to take the census.

the door this morning.

Saturday 15. Herbert & the man have worked in the corn all day. The girl Ida went home this morning & we expect her sister to night. W. put up the hammock in the back porch.

Sunday 16. Wilfred & Herbert went to church. No rain.

Monday 17. Wrote to R. & Emma. sent mail by Mrs Belle D. Cloudy & looking like rain till noon. Washing done, a drying afternoon. August Farber, & a Mr Hensel here this afternoon.

Tuesday 18. A good day. Mr & Mrs Case called on their way to & from Mrs Plummers. & a call from Mary Dunn & her cousin from Eyota. A pension agent here in the interest of an old soldier W. & H. went to the station late this afternoon. Ironing & baking done.

Wed. 19. W. & H. are getting ready to go to Minneapolis to morrow. It is looking like rain. W. has gone to Waseca. started at four o'clock. Lizzie has cleaned the pantry, white washing &c. most of the house cleaning has been waiting for competent help to do it. Letters from R. & Simon, & Will. Mr & Mrs Drum have gone to Janesville to attend the funeral of a relative.

Thurs. 20. Pleasant all day. W. & H. started at five o'clock to go to Waseca to take an early train to Minneapolis. Mrs Bemus & two daughters from Owatonna came this forenoon & stayed several hours, have gone to Mrs Plummers, to come again this evening, & tomorrow. Mrs B. was a member of our family for some

time many years ago.

Friday 21- Mrs' Bemis & her daughters called this morning on their return, but as it was looking like rain, concluded to go right on home fearing heavy roads if it should rain. The afternoon has been very pleasant, front stairs carpet put down & more cleaning done.

Saturday 22 A beautiful day. An extra washing done Wilfred came about five o'clock came from Minneapolis on the mid day train. Herbert is to stay till Thursday. W. came home with his horse & cart which he had left at a hotel when he went to M. August Barber called again this morning. was on his way to Anoka Tonna with some of his neighbors.

Sunday 23 Pleasant till now, just at night, it's thundering & slowly raining. A good many teams have passed. there has been a picknick near

Mr Brain's missionary meeting we hear-

Half past four. We are having a hard rain & have had quite a hail storm within the last few minutes. we hope the crops are not seriously injured but fear. Some people drove into the barn & are waiting for the storm to pass by.

Half past seven. The rain is over & gone & the sun has been shining for some time.

Monday 24 Vegetables in the garden a good deal beaten down by the storm yesterday & we hear the crops were injured in other neighborhoods more than here. W. H. & I went to Mr Daniels late this afternoon called at the door at Mr Dunns. Mr & Mrs D. not at home, Mrs Daniels was also away from home. Letters to R. & to Will

Tuesday 25 W. went to help Mr B. Case raise a barn Rainy part of the forenoon. Washing done & this afternoon, dried, sun shining the few hours the sky was lowering & dark. A girl we at one time expected to work for us, came & stayed several hours. We hear of crops destroyed by the hail of Sunday. One man three miles away, is to cut his barley & stack it for feed & part of his oats. some cornfields ruined, other farms adjoining not touched.

Busy most of the day mending.

Wed 26 A cool day. W. went to the blacksmith's Rocking, to get some work done on a hay rack. 66° likely to be a cool night. Letter to R. & postal to G.

Thursday 27 W. went to town to meet Herbert & to do many errands. came home about four o'clock. currants picked several quarts & made ready for canning. Had an attack of dizzy head & nausea. Letters from R. & Gaston

Friday 28 Another cool day. a little frost at a neighbors last night. W. & H. have worked on a new hay rack. man as usual cultivating corn. Seven cans of currants put up.

Saturday 29 Simon came this morning with a man from Minneapolis to get R.'s horses, & they have driven them to M. hoping to sell them S. & his companion, came to Monica last night on the train & drove a livery over here. took our covered buggy to go back to M. with, & will send it back by mail. W. & H. have just taken a load of hay into the barn on the new rack. Three more cans of currants put up. Yesterday received a letter from Mr Stevens & a framed picture of the "Wayside Inn", weather

warmer 74° now at 6. p.m. We have had green peas several times from the garden.

Sunday 31. A fine day, warm, still & pleasant. Wilfred & Herbert went to church. Letter from Emma.

Monday July 1st. W. working in the garden this afternoon. A load of hay put in the barn after dinner and then Herbert went to town on errands. warm in the eighties. Washing done. another can (2 quart) of currants put up.

Letter to K & postal to Mr Stevens. Letter from K.

Tuesday 2. Three cans currants put up. Herbert mowed in forenoon. He & his father worked in the garden. plowed out potatoes. and put up the hay cut to-day.

Wed. 3. a pleasant day. Hay drawing this afternoon on the new rack. Letter from Helen, & from Simon to W.

Thurs. 4. A pleasant day, rather windy. H. mowed in the forenoon. Took us riding after dinner. Wilfred & H. did the barn chores early & have gone to town to see the fireworks this evening. John went to town this morning to spend the day. A few more currants picked. Peas. young onions, cooked beets & new potatoes for dinner. We are needing rain the ground is very dry. but dread a storm, fearing lodged grain which would surely follow rain with wind. A woman peddler a foreigner, just at the door.

a letter to Mrs Stevens

Friday 5. A hot day 94°. Will came early this afternoon. drove up. Several loads of hay drawn. Four cans currants put up, making five gallons in all.

Saturday 6. Wilfred & Willy started at six o'clock to go to Geneva to visit their uncle Charles Venton. It is now half past eight & more, & they have not returned. There was thunder & a slight rain about six this evening. Very warm through the day. in the nineties. Man grinding feed & cultivating corn.

Sunday 7. The boys got home last night a little after nine o'clock. They, Will & H. & Herbert have just started to town to attend union services at the Congl. church this evening. We are needing rain. Letter to K.

Monday 8. Looking like rain all day. and cool enough for a fire 60° now at seven o'clock still cooler earlier in the day. W. & H. went to town after dinner. Another crock of butter to K. nearly the last of the currants picked. Did not have the washing done. Letter from Simon to Wilfred.

Tuesday 9. A good day for haying, & any other farm work. Three loads of hay put into the barn. Washing done. Two cans currants put up. We are to have no apples, for the first time in many years. There is now & then one on two or three trees, & a dozen perhaps have fallen off. small & green of course, but they were stewed & we had them for tea to-night, all we shall have of the kind this unfortunate year. This is the first day of the assembly at Maplewood Park, Waseca. Will went home soon after breakfast. Was to stop a while in Owatonna.

Wed, 10. Another pleasant day. Barley cutting begun. Jumbo Blair & the Belle upon the binder. Letter from R. The last of the currants picked.

Thursday 11. Letter to Mrs Christie & London Postal to Will. Wotton Same clear bright weather W. H. & Ha. are getting ready to go to the Park, for afternoon & evening.

Friday 12. W. H. & H. got home last night at 12 o'clock a wank day. above 90. No sign of rain Six loads of hay put in the barn W. finished cutting the barley yesterday afternoon.

Saturday 13. 11° several loads of hay drawn into the barn no more to be cut till after the grain is secure. W. has gone to town, went about five o'clock Letter from R. to H. F. Altenburg brought the mail. Letter to R.

Sunday 14. A good rain & no wind but now at six o'clock the wind is blowing & there is distant thunder. If rain comes with the wind, the growing grain will if it is feared, lodge badly. A brother & three sisters of Lizzie's, here to see her this afternoon.

Monday 15. A good day. W. has cut a piece of what they call succotash. The other grain is not quite ripe enough & they decided to mow this afternoon & work at haying till the grain is ripe. The washing done.

Tuesday 16. A fine hay day, W. says. & they have all worked very busily at it & have a good many loads already to draw into the barn a stack, now at six o'clock p. m, W. & man have gone to

the field to get a load. Herbert has gone to the skimming station on an errand. with Mrs Jenny horse on the cart.

Wed, 17. Seven loads of hay put in the barn, Rode a little ways with Herbert in the one rented buggy & found it hard work. H. rode to W.B.S. with Ha.

Thurs, 18. A rainy day a good deal of rain has fallen & it remains dark & gloomy The grain & oats especially lies flat but when the rain is over & the wind blows it will probably come up again There has been heavy thunder & shark lightning during part of the day, not much except for a short time.

Friday 19. Morning W. & H. have just started to town, Letter to Emma, Helen & note to R. in W.S. - letter to Simon. Continue cloudy Evening. W. & H. came home about three o'clock & have since been cutting a piece of succotash. The afternoon has been pleasant, Hea has been upstairs regulating a cupboard of old books. A letter from R. ~~Letter to~~

Saturday 20. Grain cutting the piece of oats across the road partly cut. H. Dunn called. He is still lame & sore from the runaway of a week ago.

Sunday 21. A pleasant day. W. H. & H. wants have gone to church. but owing to circumstances could not get ready in time, we rode out this afternoon as far as the Barnum church to meet the station.

Monday 22. A fine day for harvesting. The piece of oats across the road finished & another begun on the west end of the same field. succotash.

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Herbert has gone to town to get more twine for binding started a few minutes before seven. drove Jenny & Pet on the covered buggy. Letter to K.

Tuesday 23 Another gobbled day for the harvest work, but now at seven, looking like rain, at noon the last of the grain on north side of the road finished, & they have been with the binder on the south side of the farm all the afternoon.

Thurs. 25 Yesterday went with Wilfred & K. to Maplewood Park to hear Talmage's lecture — The School of Scandal also the Fourth Regt Band. Left home about twelve reached home after eight we drove to the cemetary on the way home I did not get very tired & enjoyed the afternoon very much. The assembly closes to-day — a man hired to help in the stacking began work this morning. Two stacks of barley about finished, H. Dunn called is still quite unable to work from his hurt.

I am kneeling at the threshold, weary, faint and sore,
Waiting for the dawning, for the opening of the door,
Waiting till the Master shall bid me rise and come,
To the glory of his presence, to the gladness of his home.

A weary path I've travelled 'mid darkness, storm & strife,
Bearing many a burden, struggling for my life,
But now the morn is breaking, my toil will soon be over,
I'm kneeling at the threshold, my hand is on the door.

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The friends that started with me have entered long ago,
One by one they left me struggling with the foe,
Their pilgrimage was shorter, their triumph sooner won,
How lovingly they'll hail me when all my toil is done.

With them the blessed angels that know no grief nor sin,
I see them by the portals prepared to let me in.
O Lord, I wait thy pleasure, Thy time and way are best,
But I'm wasted, worn, & weary — O Father, bid me rest.

A prayer in its simplest definition is merely a wish turned Godward — Phillips Brooks.

An old hymn, as near as I can remember it, 1892 1894

Afflictions tho' they seem severe, in mercy oft are sent,
They stop the prodigal's career and cause him to repent,
Tues Altho' he no relentings felt till he had spent his store,
His stubborn heart began to melt when famine pinched him sore.

What have I gained by sin, he said, but hunger & fear & shame
My father's house abounds in bread while I am starving here,
I'll go & tell him all I've done, fall down before his face,
Thu Unworthy to be called his son, I'll seek a servant's place.

The father saw him coming back, he saw & ran & smiled,
Then threw his arms around the neck of his rebellious child.
Father I've sinned but O forgive. Enough, the father said,
Rejoice my house, my son's alive for whom I mourned as dead.

Now let the fatted calf be slain, go spread the news around,
My son was dead but lives again, was lost, but now is found,
'Tis thus the Lord his love reveals, to call poor sinners home,
More than a father's love he feels, and welcomes all that come.