



Lydia Vinton and Family Diaries

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July 25th. 1995
To
June 7th 1999

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Mrs Austin Vinton

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Friday 26. A bright still day. The barley stacking finished
+ they are stacking succotash from a field ^{south} of
the house. He has not been as well as usual to
day, something of a bowel trouble have lain
down most of the time. Thunder + lightning
during last night, + W. + the men went out
in the night to cover an unfinished stack,
but there was only a sprinkle of rain.

Saturday 27. Another fine harvest day. stacking con-
tinued. The creamery man Mr. Fisher with
his wife + baby, just drove to the door
to bring over jar of butter.

Sunday 28. We went to church. the new hired man rode
with him. This afternoon. Stiles Stoughton
his wife, mother + mother in law + two
children called were out riding + only
thought to call at the door, but came in
for a while. In these days, Herbert is having
double copies of various publications
sent to him an awful come to day. He
not felt as well to day as yesterday. W. went to see
the doctor + brought a little medicine for me.

Monday 29. Raining this morning, but it soon cleared up,
and the stacking went on again at noon
a little before. W. + Mary from the ^{night} field are being
drawn in, + as they are so near, it takes but
a little while to get a load, than been feeling
better to day.

Tuesday 30. One more good harvest day. The stacking
goes bravely on. Will + Mary Clement
from Parka, called this afternoon, a
little later, Mrs. Dunn + daughter Mary
called. Letters to H. from R. + Julia
more sample copies of papers and
periodicals, came to Herbert.

Wed. 31. The man who has worked since last
Thursday morning, went away after
breakfast to work for Mr. Dunn. W. is
not feeling well to day, but is stack-
ing wheat the man + Herbert drawing.

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Thursday

August 1st

The last wheat stack is being finished. W. has not been well, but has felt obliged to continue the stacking. Rain is needed, so that it would come to night, & compel people to leave the rest of the work of stacking till next week.

Friday 2

Another bright day & very warm 98°. The stacking is all done, finished before supper. W. has felt much better. Letter to R. post at to Will. mail from Mr Dunn's. Letter from Nettie Lane, ~~from~~ Evanston. Another lot of sample papers to Herbert. For a day or two, have made some additions to my picture book.

Saturday 3

W. & John have just gone to town, half past ten a.m. Took a load of old wheat. Herbert is mowing millet. Bright and dry, very dry weather.

Sunday 4

A little thunder & rain with some wind. We rode down in the field, north field & out towards Mr Dunn's drove into the old Clement place.

Monday 5

A good day. Herbert mowing the others, putting up the millet cut Saturday. Looking like rain to night, washing down a portal from Will saying they were to move to Watona by Sept. 1st.

Tuesday 6

Came a two showers of rain last night just before dark, but pleasant most of the day. The hay cut yesterday, raked & put up this afternoon. W. has gone to take a load of creamery butter to market, or to the R. R. to send to market. Letter to Nettie Lane, & from h. to sister Julia.

Wed. 7

The men have been busy all day in the haying, are putting up a stack in the field north of the road. Mr & Mrs Case called on their way to visit

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his son. A little girl was with them the daughter of Mrs Fisk. Mrs Case's niece, who lives in Iowa. Mr Case called this afternoon at the door on his way home. Mrs C. & the little girl stayed over, & will visit us tomorrow.

Thurs. 8

Mrs Case & the little girl came early in the forenoon, stayed till middle of the afternoon, when Herbert took them to the station. W. went over with them. Thunder, lightning & rain during ^{night} last.

Friday 9

Herbert & the men helped B. S. in his barley thrashing this forenoon. W. went to town quite early. Home again about noon was hindered in town by the horses breaking the buggy tongue, where they were hitched. The afternoon has been rainy & some quite hard showers, stopping hay drawing, & all other work. Wrote to Mr Stevens, Letter from R.

Saturday 10

The man has plowed all day. W. went with the milk to the creamery. Herbert started at noon to Watona to stay till tomorrow would stay at Mr Case's. Wilfred's room cleaned.

Sunday 11

A pleasant & cooler day. Went riding this forenoon. W. H. & J. Lizzie went with us & we left her to stay the day with an aunt who lives in a neighborhood three miles away. John went to the station to his church this afternoon. It is nearly time for Herbert's return.

Monday 12

A good day & the most has been made of it. The men got a very early start this morning in their hay stacking. The millet finished & a load of other hay drawn besides. People about the country have thrashing & steam machines at work in night.

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miles away but in sight.
 Tuesday 13. Very warm again this afternoon 91° -
 Looking now, at six p.m. like rain
 Another stack of hay finished + W.
 + man are now putting up the
 hay H. cut this forenoon, Mr. Hawley
 + his two daughters Annie + Julia came
 early this afternoon + have just gone home
 There is thunder + lightning out of the
 north where it looks black + is already
 raining there doubtless.

Wed, 14 The man helped Mr. Dunn thresh flax
 W. raked + put up hay ^{that} H. mowed
 this forenoon. H. has plowed this
 afternoon, John came home before
 night, + helped put up hay. A
 letter + paper from Mrs. Stevens at the
 sea side.

Thurs, 15 Another fine day for the haymakers,
 + another stack put up. Casper Wood
 came to visit Herbert rode a bicycle
 Letter from R. + more sample copies
 to Herbert. Letter to R. + to Edson

Friday 16 H. finished mowing in the north field
 + raked up the hay, + W. + man have
 put it up ready for drawing. One
 load put into the barge. Thunder
 + lightning now at dusk. 98° this
 afternoon.

Saturday 17 A good day. The last mowing done more or
 less rain during last night making
 the hay too wet to draw a stack.
 More plowing. W. went to town after din-
 ner, + has gone this evening to a
 creamery meeting, several days ago -
 more sample copies of magazine, etc. to H.

Sunday 18. W. H. + H. went to church. Kate Danie's rode
 with them. A letter to R. cool, last ^{night} to
 night. Field corn is big enough to eat, useful

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in a hurry for it to get out of the way
 of foot

Sunday 19. A pleasant day but looking rainy tonight
 The haying finished tonight except toppling
 out of finishing a stack to make it secure.
 H. has been plowing in the north field.
 washing done

Tuesday 20 No rain came + the day has been very pleasant
 Herbert is plowing with the sulky plow +
 is delighted with it. The sun is just going
 down, + he is still in the field. Drives
 the big horses, Gumbo + Blaine.

Wed, 21 Another nice day. H. plowing, man
 drawing out manure this afternoon.
 Looking like rain again as it nears
 night, + evening, seeing to things.

Thursday 22 Good weather. Continues above 98°
 part of the day. W. went to town, took
 R. S. Crook of butter, brought back a
 pump for H. Drum Letter from
 R. + Letter from Mrs. Calhoun to R.
 More samples for Herbert. Two or
 three little chickens at the barn
 we have raised only two this
 year.

Friday 23 A whole cloudy day, but no rain.
 Plowing + clearing out the
 stable yard the work of the day
 outside.

Saturday 24 W. plowed this forenoon + Herbert to the
 woods to get wild plums, brought home a
 few quarts but few can be found
 small + not yet fully ripe. After coming
 back with the plums, H. got ready + with his
 horse + cart went to see his friend Casper Wood.
 + was also to go to town to get the mail.
 W. + man both working at the stable yard
 cleaning this afternoon. Weather pleasant
 Mr. Dunn, + Drums drawing hay - Stewing a

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pumpkin to day first one of the season but it was hardly ripe enough. Letters to R. + Will.

Sunday 25. Two German girls came to see Lizzie stayed to dinner. Late this afternoon Mr. & Mrs. South old called. We had our first watermelon

Monday 26. A cloudy forenoon. bright latter part of the day. Man went to the creamery. Herbut plowing on south part of farm. The weeks washing done. Put up six quarts of plums.

Tuesday 27. Same work as yesterday, plowing + drawing pot manure. Two men from Owatonna marble men. came to look at some stones we had selected for our lot in the cemetery at Waraca. It seems quite cool weather. 70° now at six p. m.

Wed 28. W. took R. to Waraca to attend the con- state vention of the W. C. T. U. Two letters from R. letter from Will + one ^{from home} to Wilfred also.

Thurs, 29. W. went to town after dinner + brought R. home. Put up a few more plums.

Friday 30. Sent yesterday a little package of views + postal. to Mrs. Stevens. W. has gone to Owatonna, will probably go to Steele Co. fair. Allen + Charles Hawkes with their sisters Annie + Julia + two other young ladies. sister Lewis, called at the door this morning on their way to Owatonna. A stranger called inquiring for "the man of the house".

Evening, half past seven, we have had quite a little rain. late this afternoon W. has not yet returned from O.

I am expecting to go to Minneapolis to morrow, if weather is favorable

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Tuesday 8. All the month of September, I spent in Minneapolis. Went there on the last day of August and came home last Saturday the 5th of this month. Much of the September weather was very hot + dry. While in M. most of my time was spent staying quietly with sister R. who with Simon her son are living in a pleasant flat. saw a few other friends + visited a few places of interest. Was there during the state fair + when Westminster Presbyterian church was burned, + Chamber of Commerce tho the latter was not wholly destroyed. Came away during the great Episcopala convention. Matters here at home have gone on about as usual. Herbut comes + goes to school as he has been in the habit of doing. home Friday night + away again early Monday morning. The corn crop matured without frost, our garden did very well. There was an abundant crop of melons. W. + man have just cleaned up seven or eight bushels of beans, raised on a little piece of breaking as was two or three loads of turnips. Potatoes ^{90 bushels} are dug + in the cellar + W. is getting ready for the annual tragedy of threshing. It is a much dreaded visitation. + a time of rejoicing when it is over. Some days in Sept. heat, as hot as 96° - twice over 100, in Minneapolis. Letters from Gordon, Heeler, Will Emma + from home while I was in M. Today has been quite cold. 44°. The men have been busy cleaning up bean picking corn + doing work about the barn. Letter from R. + letter to her.

Wed. 9 The coal stove set up + started, Mr. + Mrs. Woods from Waraca stay with us

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to night. Letter from R.

Thursday 10. Mr. & Mrs. Woods went away early, Wilfred went to town. Had the big Kerosine can partly filled. Brought home a bushel of onions for which he paid only 25 cts.

Friday 11. Mrs. Preston & her daughter, Mrs. Lenthold came this forenoon. went home before four. Letter from R. man thrashed yesterday & to a day. In this forenoon, at Mr. Dennis' evening, Will & Herbert came just before night.

Saturday 12. This morning at five o'clock, Willy started to Oustonsville drove Jenny & Pat, went home for a few minutes then took Mr. Byrne the marble man & the stones which had been prepared, & drove to the Mareca cemetery where the stones were placed & returned here about six o'clock. Mr. B. going back to O. on the train. Now at nine o'clock the thrashing machine has come ready to go to work Monday & the men have gone home. They have been at work to day at Mr. Daniels.

Sunday 13. W. & W. & H. went to church. An Apple the pastor had gone away to attend the National Convention. Letter to - il. & Mrs. Brown read a sermon. Mr. & Mrs. Lenthold drove over just before night.

Monday 14. There was a slight rain this forenoon enough to hinder the thrashing about an hour. but work was resumed, & now we hope they will get through early tomorrow forenoon. Twenty three or four men to dinner & nearly as many to supper. about eight to breakfast. Will & Herbert went to O. soon after six, this morning.

Tuesday 15. Thrashing finished a little after ten. a dozen men besides our own family, & took 1850 bushels of grain.

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Wed. 16. A good deal of wind. a large washing done. Mrs. Daniels & Winnie drove to the door. The thrashing machine went from here to B. Lotbini's yesterday, where they have had bad luck with high winds, & to day a break down, & all the men had to go home before noon.

Thursday 17. A whole pleasant day, Wilfred went to Oustonsville with a hayrack on his wagon to move some hay from a barn to one where Hubert keeps his horse also took a calf which he sold for veal. He has now gone to Mr. Daniels to a creamery meeting got home from O. just at dark. Letter from R. to H.

Friday 18. A very windy day. The machine came to Mr. Daniels but could not thresh, & the men all went home. We sold three cows & is to drive them to the station next Wednesday. It is now dark and Hubert has not come.

Saturday 19. W. went early to Mareca to take the seven o'clock train to Oustonsville was to come back on the noon train & then home as he went, with Jenny & the cart. Thrashing machine at Mr. Dennis, Herbert has gone up there since finishing his essay, on the Washington monument. a cloudy afternoon & cold, 38° above. Letter to Maggie Dailey. He came at dark last.

Sunday 20. Mr. one went to church but read and rested.

Monday 21. A washing done. man went to the creamery in the morning then husked corn with W. Letter to Gordon. Have written to Helen. wind blowing hard this evening.

Tuesday 22. Henry Mad died Sunday, & was buried to day. W. & H. went to the funeral & in the procession. W. sold three cows the other day & took them to the station this forenoon \$90.

Wednesday 23. A good day & not much wind. a short letter to H. from R. enclosing one from sister Julia

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Brought to the creamery grinding feed & corn husking, filled up the day. In the house R. has been getting ready to go to Owatonna tomorrow, Lizzie doing the usual house work & washing windows, cleaning up Wilfred's room & getting the work done expecting to go in two or three days, here to stay a couple of weeks. I have been busy mending.

Thurs. 24. The fourth anniversary of my husband's death.

Evening, Wilfred & R. went to Owatonna this morning. R. to stay a few days. coal, \$8. a ton. W. came a little after dark bringing a load of coal, a small washing & ironing done. Letter to R. & Helen.

Friday 25. Herbert came home & he & his father went to Waseca to a concert.

Saturday 26. Lizzie's mother & sister came for her & she went away with them about three o'clock. Three of the Drums children are sick with typhoid fever. Dr. Young calls it. Herbert finished a piece of plowing the north field.

Sunday 27. W. went to town, to Owatonna to church & brought R. home. The day windy & cold. snow in the air at times. Dr. Young visited the Drum children, said they were a little better.

Monday 28. A sunny day. W. & man in the corn this afternoon. Took the milk to the creamery. This morning moved the cook stove into the dining room from the back kitchen, set up the stove in the parlor, & did work about the farm. Herbert started back to school at just six this morning. Had two hours of palpitation this forenoon.

Tuesday 29. The third anniversary of Adas death. A pleasant fall day. The men busy all day husking corn. Mrs. Daniels, with Winnie

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and Miss. Women the school teacher drove to the door. The little Drums better. Finished making over a blue woolen shirt for R. & made another pair of Canton flannel mitten linings.

Wed. 31. More husking the W. had to spend most of the forenoon going to the creamery. Bed dles yesterday & to day. Have spent part of the day repairing a silk quilt of R's, which I brought home for that purpose.

Thurs. 31. A good day for the huskers, a man came to the door to sell onions, bought a bushel of nice ones for 20 cts. Have worked on the quilt.

Friday November 1st. Two men came to talk about buying the farm, Leman Pallas & his son in law. Herbert came at dark. worked on the quilt. The country is very dry & tho' rain would be no help to corn husking, it is to be hoped we shall have a good rain before the closing in of winter.

Saturday 2. Cattle turned into the small cornfield where the corn has been husked. W. went to town to get flour & to do various errands.

Letter from brought home a sheep bought of C. Doney to R. Kill. worked nearly all day on Herbert's military school coat lengthening the sleeves changing over the buttons, &c. a very pleasant day.

Sunday 3. No one went to church, warm & cloudy this afternoon.

Monday 4. Herbert went away to school before it was light this morning. There was a little rain during the night. Mrs. Daniels called at the door on her way to Owatonna to take Mrs. McKinley to the train. Winnie came from school to wait here, her mother's return, which was before dark.

Tuesday 5. W. worked in the corn till noon & then went to Owatonna tho' he did not

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start till half past one, & will not get home till late probably. Dark & cloudy & just at dark a little sprinkle. Yesterday & to day warm, about 60°. Letter to R. Paper to Mrs Leach. two days ago.

Wed. 6

Mr & Mrs Hawkins came about eleven & went home after four. worked on the quilt yesterday, & this forenoon weather cooler than yesterday & day before.

Thursday 7

Found the ground somewhat whitened with snow this morning for the first time.

Friday 8

a gloomy day. men husking this afternoon. ground feed drew in stove this forenoon. A short time of halpitation this morning.

Saturday 9

a little more work on the quilt yesterday & to day. Wilfred went to town & brought Lizzie back to night. She went away two weeks ago.

Sunday 10

R. W. & H. went to church. Fore part of the day cloudy & threatening snow, afternoon bright & clear. no wind. Letter from R. Roady good.

Monday 11

A good day. men in the corn, Lizzie did not wash. baked instead. R. worked on the quilt & I on a pair of Herbert's trousers repairing them.

Tuesday 12

Another nice day. The washing, done.

Wed. 13

A cloudy day with some snow & some rain. W. went to the creamery, & rain prevented husking this afternoon.

Thurs. 14

A fine afternoon a much better day than we expected, from the weather last night. Made two dozen quattron tallow candles, men have husked corn most of the day.

Friday 15

A heavy white frost this morning almost like snow on the corn & made husking very wet, disagreeable work & had for G. H. N's tooth ache. afternoon has been brighter, neighbor Reuter has been

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down grinding a load or part of a load of feed. an extra washing of blankets. nearly time for Herbert to come. Have been busy making cloth mittens for the men.

Saturday 16

a snow squall this morning, but the day has been a very good one for the corn work & so. has had two more men. Mr Reuter's man, & a young Fitter, & Herbert went to the creamery & has been helpful about the barn, saving a man's time.

Sunday 17

Willie's birth day, Wilfred went to Oronotona to church, & will come home with him.

Monday 18

Will went back to O. this morning with Herbert starting before six. Wilfred went to Waseca with Peter Daniels, came home a little after noon. Alvin & Mrs. Stevens came this afternoon to see about renting the farm. It is now at dark, snowing. The two men who were here Saturday, have been husking corn again. Letter to R. also a paper.

Tuesday 19

This morning there was two inches or more of snow & there has been no husking corn. The young man or boy who stayed over night to work to day, went home after breakfast.

A Mr Ankstrom from Waseca called to see if we had a sewing machine needing repair. we let him clean the "New Home" machine for which we paid him \$1.00.

It has been a very gloomy day. Had the parlor closet door taken off the hinge, & a curtain put up instead. Two baskets of seed corn put up stairs to dry.

Wed. 20

W. went to the creamery with a sleigh. After he came back he got ready & went to town. John went with him to have a tooth taken out, which has been troubling him for several days. Letter from R. & Helen.

Thurs. 21

A snowy day. W. & man worked about the

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Barn the silk quilt sent yesterday to R. by express. Postal also. Lucy Drum called this evening.

Friday 22. W. went to town to do some errands for Mr. Drum drove Mr. Dr. horse Frank, with Pet, went to Mr. Hawkes to dinner, Herbert came in good time, man spent most of the day grinding feed. Very good winter weather, & very good sleighing rather discouraging for husking the remainder of the corn.

Saturday 23. Last half of the day bright & pleasant. Wilfred & man covered the big water tank for the winter to keep it from freezing. Man W. was looking for who talked of renting the farm, did not come.

Sunday 24. W. & H. went to church. Good sleighing. Andrew Drum rode home with them. He goes to school in Masuca.

Monday 25. Herbert went to school at daylight, altho it is good sleighing, there is not snow enough to make it bad wheeling, a little bank-ing done round part of the house, man drawing out manure. Letter from R. Have been looking over & burning old letters.

Tuesday 26. This morning, 14° below zero, a pleasant bright afternoon. Double windows put on, white doors taken off, & window screens put away. Two chickens or hens killed & dressed. Hen house banked up & more chaff straw put about the water tank, moonlight night.

Wed. 27. My seventy third birth day. The man made 10 gal. Afternoon beam came again to talk about long vine renting the farm, Herbert came of sugar 10 lbs. from Jas there is to be no school till Monday tomorrow being Thanksgiving.

Thursday 28. Thanksgiving day, warm thaw day. A very quiet time no company, wrote to R. W. & H. drove to Swede Fodenglor's & have gone this evening to Mr. Daniel's.

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Friday 29. W. went through Wilton & on south to where August & Ida live. The man & Herbert husked some corn & did the barn chores. Letter to R. from Isaac, & Julia B. mended old rags.

Saturday 30. Corn husking. Herbert went to town after dinner a letter to R. from R. a small rain for a while this afternoon, a new sprinkle. Spend some time in making & mending cloth ^{in three days} mittens for the men to husk corn in. Mr. Dibble of Masuca died last Sunday night. Letter to R.

Sunday December 1st. Very but not very cold, no one went to church, two of Talmage's sermons read. Pulpitation for an hour or more this morning.

Monday 2. Herbert went early as usual to school. H. Drum called. more husking. Had head ache after helping W. fix horse blankets to keep on the horses while standing in the field during the husking.

Tuesday 3. W. lent his sleds to Harry D. to draw wood from Blooming Grove. He broke down on the way home & left his load. Lizzie took up different corners of the carpet in my room cleaning carpet & floor as best she could & we are to move the coal stove on to the cleaned front & do the rest of the room, when the stove is moved.

Wed. 4. Ironing done & the rest of the carpet & floor cleaned in my room. more husking.

Thursday 5. Every ^{thing} out of doors covered with a heavy ^{this morning} white frost, no husking done till this afternoon. noon time the coal stove was moved to the north side of the room. the pipe & blacked, mended more mittens.

Friday 6. August & Ida & her sister Hannah, came this afternoon, A. & I. to talk about renting the farm. & A. thinks that is decided that they are to take the farm. They did not go home till dark, Herbert did not come to night.

Saturday 7. Wilfred took a small load of wheat to town.

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Price, 47. etc. Have filled a box with old magazines + other reading matter, to send to Charles & Anton. Letter to Gordon.

Sunday 8 wrote to R.

Monday 9 Frosty morning. Mr + Mrs Daniels came soon afternoon, he, to help husk corn which he did till nearly dark. W. is going this evening to see if he can find help to finish the corn. Washing done.

Winnie D. walked up from school to ride home with her father + mother.

Tuesday 10 A good day for the husking. W. did not find a cow. My help last night. Drove to Mr. Sold to Carl + Ann's to night + on a mile or two going, for to see about a girl to take Lizzie's place when she goes away. W. hopes to finish the corn tomorrow if the weather is favorable.

Wed. 11. Wilfred's fifty second birthday. The standing corn all husked at last. There is some to be drawn to the barn that was cut up while it was green. The windmill is out of order + John + Harry Drum have been on the top of it, but it is too dark to see how to fix it tonight.

Thurs. 12 Harry D. + John went up on the windmill this morning + succeeded in getting it in running order in a short time. August came + took home two calves W. did not wish to keep. W. went to town after dinner to get flour + to do other errands. Letter to R. Helen + Charles Vinton. Letter from Gordon. Two men here to look at stock.

Friday 13. Herbert has not come to night as we fully expected, John has gone to Mr. Dunno to see if there is any mail. He has come + brought a postal from H. saying he will not come home till next Wednesday. W. sold a calf to a Mr. Ruddy for \$15.

Saturday 14 W. went to Orono + Julia Vinton came home

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with him, a fine day.

Sunday 15. Another clear, and day. We thought of going to church, but couldn't get started early enough and so it has been a day of rest for Julia + the family. I had an hour of palpitation in forenoon.

Monday 16 W. took Julia to the station this morning to take the half past nine train to Orono + Acadia. Letter from R. day, + misty + sprinkling this afternoon. The washing done. Have been looking over old pictures, photos etc. destroying many.

Tuesday 17. Wilfred went to town to meet August + have the papers made out about the renting of the farm. went to Mr. Hawkes + did other errands. Letter from R. to R. Herbert came in good time. No mail school for two weeks + more. A busy day mending.

Wed. 18. W. went to the creamery. cattle turned into the large canfield. a load of the cut up corn drawn to the barn. A small washing done. Have been busy mending, again. Old man Doney died yesterday.

Thurs. 19. Moderate weather. W. went to the funeral of the old man Doney ^{which was} conducted by the Methodist minister of Waseca. More of the unhusked corn drawn + stacked near the barn. A beggar came in asking for food + fire. Herbert went this afternoon to blacksmith the Hockings to get the Pat. mare shod + shoring. + pumpkin pie made.

Friday 20. The last of the corn shocks drawn in + some ^{hacked} corn which was under the snow when the husking was done. Lizzie has been busy, sweeping, cleaning windows etc. getting ready to go home to stay till after the holidays.

Saturday 21. Wilfred + Herbert went to town. Herbert stopped to go skating with Cooper Wood. Lizzie has gone home to stay two weeks, with her father + mother at Waseca. Letter to R. + paper to Mr. Leach in Nebraska. Received a paper from Mrs. Leach + letter from Mary Stevens.

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We had the present of a dressed goose from Lizzie's mother, Mrs Platt.

Sunday 22. W. thought of going to church but an appearance of rain kept him at home. Just at night Mrs Dunn & Belle, came in for a few minutes & brought the mail. Letter from R. & a book for ^{Bessie} the Bonnie Brier Bush.

Monday 23. The men have been sawing & splitting wood in the back yard. Herbert went up to see B. D. as his corn shredder took his gun & shot two large grey squirrels. W. R. & H. have gone to Mr Daniel's this evening. & I have been reading, Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush.

Tuesday 24. Two beavers killed & W. has sold most of the beef to the neighbors. has spent most of the afternoon carrying it to them. A German butcher living on Mr Kent's place, by name Haman helped or rather did the work. A man wanting to hire out, is staying here to night. Parboiled & prepared a goose for washing.

Wed. 25. Christmas day. Had our little Xmas dinner & the goose was pronounced a success. W. is getting ready to go to Owatonna tomorrow.

Thurs. 26. A pleasant day. Wilfred started to O. at half past nine. is not to come home to night. It is a still moonlight evening. A letter to Mrs Stevens.

Friday 27. Herbert & the man drove straw into the barn. did the chores & worked at the woodpile. Wilfred came from O. a little after dark. a quantity of liverwort made.

Saturday 28. W. & H. went to town, drove the bay horse on the covered buggy, took a crock of butter to send to R. A letter from R. A booklet yesterday from Mrs Leach, & a few days ago a paper from her. Sent Mrs L. an Owatonna paper.

Sunday 29. A windy morning, but a very good day. no church going. Reading & a quiet day of rest.

Monday 30. Day & stream frozen into the bank, a stream bed filled. It is a very bright moon light evening. Harry & Andrew Dunn

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came down to see Herbert. we have been reading aloud from the Bonnie Brier Bush. Tuesday 31. we look for Mr & Mrs Case but they did not come. W. is to go to Owatonna again tomorrow.

Wednesday January 1st. Wilfred went to Owatonna this morning starting at seven o'clock. Herbert went back to school starting about noon with his horse & cart. Letters to Mrs Dailer, R. & to Gordon. B. Case drove into the yard. Thursday 2. A cold, windy afternoon. John Moeda the hired man is to go away tomorrow morning his time being out. A faithful, quiet, respectable man.

Friday 3. Much colder weather. 20° below 0 this morning. a little warmer part of the day. Harry Dunn took John to the station this afternoon to take the four o'clock train to Rochester, a little scrap book work done. W. is alone in his work, hopes to find a man soon. Expect Lizzie back tomorrow.

Saturday 4. W. went to town expecting to bring Lizzie the girl home. but she had decided to get married instead of coming back, that is what her mother said, and W. also failed to find a man, & so we are very much alone at present. 18° below 0 this morning. 10. to night. Letter from R.

Sunday 5. Not quite so cold. 11° this morning below, & to night, 5° above 0.

Monday 6. W. went away this forenoon to find a man to take John's place, one Frank Leslie came home with him. son of a farmer living three or four miles west of us, he also found a girl who is to come Wednesday. The weather is much more mild, 20° above 0 to night.

Tuesday 7. A good day. The new man & W. drew loads of straw & one of hay or millet into the barn. Later, W. went to the Smiths shop to get the horses shod, & the man fixed the barn floor.

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Letters to R. & Will, waiting to be sent to office
+ paper to Gordon.

Wednesday 8 A warm enough day to thaw the roads
somewhat. W. is getting ready to go
to Oueatonna tomorrow with a load of
hay. He went to the home of the girl
we were expecting, & brought her home
this afternoon. Her name, Fannie Radiker.
Sent my letters to Mr Denny, to go to the office
this afternoon.

Thurs. 9 Wilfred started to Oueatonna in good season
with his load of hay. came home at half
past seven to night. A washing done, Letter
from R. & Will. Papers to Gordon.

Friday 10 Follow from the two beavers killed sometime
ago, tried out, Herbert came after dark.
Two loads of hay put into the barn.

Saturday 11 Mild & warm till afternoon, then high wind &
20° colder. Man & girl, both gone home till
tomorrow. W. took them two or three miles on
the way. He is helping his father do the chores.

Sunday 12 A quiet day. The hired help, both man & girl have
failed to come back & it is now after dark.
Herbert thought of going to Mr Case's to night
but decided to wait till morning.

Monday 13 Neither the man or girl came back last
night as expected. but they came about ten
o'clock this morning. W. went to the creamery
this morning. again, B. S. being sick & three
of his horses were lame & his little ^{girl} ailing
from a fall. & we have packed a barrel
with books, ready to send to Oueatonna
when the team goes, as we expect to
move there in the Spring. & must be
gradually getting ready for the change.

Tuesday 14 Wilfred took B. S.'s horses to the Smith to get
them shod, our neighbors Altenburg took
their child to Muskegon to a doctor to have
a bean extracted from its nose. A washing

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done + pumpkin pies made.

Wed. 15 The Blaine horse is very sick at the barn & will

probably not get well, was taken suddenly with what W.
thinks may be spinal meningitis. The weather has
been cloudy & a little snow. we have begun making
mince pies this afternoon.

Thursday 16 Middle of the afternoon, Wilfred went to Oueatonna
this morning. drove Pat & a horse of Mr Denny's came
back on horse or two, bringing a horse doctor & they
were using some remedies. when the horse died, &
W. has gone to the station to take the doctor man
to the train. Only yesterday W. was using the horse
with his mate from Mr. Blaine was a large fine
horse, & now he has dropped out suddenly & he will
be a great loss if horses are cheap. He seemed alone
- at one of the family. It is snowing again a little,
this afternoon. Letter to R. with some stage. Letter from her.
Finished making the mince meat for pies.

Friday 17 W. went to Muskegon with Fred Altenburg, stopped
on the back to attend a creamery meeting at
Henry Leers. A box of magazines came by express
from R. & S. & a book to W. from West Newton Mass.
Chimnie Fadden, &c. - A letter to R. from R.
Herbert has not come to night, made half a dozen
mince pies.

Saturday 18 4° below 1° ^{this morning}, Last night 3° above. Annie, the girl, has
gone home, W. took her home this afternoon. so come
now & then, a day or two at a time, as her family
could not spare her from home all the time.
made five dozen candles.

Sunday 19 Man went home this morning & came back at dark
moderate weather. There is a little snow but not
enough for good sleighing.

Monday 20 W. went to the creamery for B. S. who is still
quite unwell. W. & man have been breaking
a colt to drive. Mrs Daniels & Mrs Mc Connell
called, a postal to R. made two dozen candles.
Let out the seams & repaired a pair of trousers.
weather very mild.

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Tuesday 21. We went to Waseca to take a woman & her three children with a load of her things. She is a relation of the Sotbeer family, lately come from Duluth, husband to come to morrow, are to live in Waseca, & sold them an old stove & some chairs. Letter from R. made two doz more candles. H. D. called.

Wed. 22 Finished the candles, eleven dozen in all. W. & men drove the colt about again. Mr. Daniels came to the door. The doctor came over to see B. S. thinks he has grip, & will have to stay in bed a week more perhaps. A Mr. Ector, & another man by the name of Seyler are said to be sailing, the latter living three miles away & more. Moderate weather continues.

Thursday 23. W. & men drove the colt & set to the Leslie's & round about. Have not been feeling very well.

Friday 24. Letter yesterday to Mary Stevens & note to R. in A. S. letter to her. Wilfred & man went to Waseca after an early dinner, driving the colt which seems to be pretty well broken steady. We are looking for Herbert to night.

Saturday 25. A pleasant afternoon. W. went to the creamery, has been getting up a little wood this afternoon with the new horse. Herbert did not come last night.

Sunday 26. Good winter weather with very little snow. Man went home, & has not come back.

Monday 27. Men drew hay into the barn, man came back this morning. W. went after Annie this afternoon (& brought her to stay two or three days). Letter to W. from R. C. Gustaffson called to see W. He is visiting in the neighborhood.

Tuesday 28. Wilfred went to Owatonna. drove the colt & set on the double buggy. took three boxes of books, is to stay over night. Annie washed & ironed & baked bread. The day has been pleasant, & the moon is bright to night. Have been using a little varnish this afternoon on some of the furniture, chairs &c.

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Wed 29. A warm day. roads thawing & quite muddy. we have had carpets but rooms cleaned, or floors cleaned, & it's like spring weather. Mr. Daniels & her sister in law Mrs. Robertson called. It is hardly time to look for Wilfred from O. Have been busy mending, & seeing to things.

Thurs. 30. Warm weather continues. Not a spot of snow to be seen. W. has gone to a creamery meeting went after dinner. Annie the girl went with him. Was to walk home from the creamery.

Friday 31. It has been a gloomy foggy day, rained during the night. not much snow, & a little this morning, & has been warm all day & the roads are muddy, but freezing again now. Ground of course entirely bare but we are hoping for snow. Herbert came a little after dark. Man went home late this afternoon to stay till Sunday night. Had palpitation this forenoon a half hour more.

Saturday.

February 1st Pleasant most of the day. W. with some help from Herbert did the chow & ground feed for a while. Herbert wrote an essay, ready to take his teacher first of the week. Has gone to the Dunns this evening for the mail. Have letters ready to send to Mrs. Dailey & R.

Sunday 2. Warm weather still. The man has not come back to night as expected. Herbert will go back to school early in the morning.

Monday 3. Man came back at nine o'clock. W. has just gone to the creamery. Herbert started this morning at about six. He took my letters to Mrs. D. & R. postal & paper to Gordon. Hog buyers at the door.

Tuesday 4. We went to town to take a load of butter from the creamery. August came with some of his farm machinery. Two letters from R. & a postal from H. to his father. The warm weather continues. Have been busy looking over rolls & bundles of pieces & getting them into smaller compass -

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- Wednesday 5 Wilfred went to Orono this morning, walked to the station & went on the morning train. Mrs H. Drum called this afternoon. Postal to K.
- Thurs. 6 About 20° above 0 during the day. Wilfred came home just at dark, walked again from the station.
- Friday 7 No snow yet, a little colder than yesterday. A couple of boxes packed with pictures & other things picked up & put together. men expected to look at stock & but they did not come. Hogs taken by the station, which were sold for \$8.90.
- Saturday 8 August came with more machinery & some goods. The roads are hard & frozen making it difficult hauling, every body is wishing for snow made & baked four mince pies.
- Sunday 9 A pleasant day. man went home this morning & has just returned, 7 o'clock.
- Monday 10 A windy day, a dust blizzard all day, not cold but very disagreeable. W. & man have been clearing out the cellar & a corn crib for Aug's corn & potatoes, when he brings them. Had two hours of palpitation this forenoon. Letter from Gordon & one from Will to Wilfred. Letter yesterday to K. from Maggie W. & Iona.
- Tuesday 11 Wilfred went early to the Blacksmith's shop to get the horses shod. Dolly the new horse & colt, & Pet, then got ready & went to Orono, to be gone over night. The day has been very pleasant. 16° above 0 to night. Letter to Helen.
- Wed. 12 A flurry of snow now & then. but very little has fallen. W. came home from O. early. has secured a house in O. & will soon begin to take our goods there. Lizzie Drum came in this afternoon.
- Thursday 13 Mrs Daniels & Winnie came in from an hour or two. August came with a load of corn. The Belle mare sold the other day for \$20, was

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- taken away, by the German who bought her, Engenambly name. Hay drawn into the barn.
- Friday 14 A pleasant day. W. went to the creamery, neighbor Hamer the butcher, came & helped Frank, the man, kill & dress a small hog, & he has come this afternoon to cut it up ready for salting. we are to try out most of the fat part, for lard.
- Saturday 15 Letter to K. Wilfred went to town. Letter from K. to W. Sunday 16 Man went away & W. could not go to church as he wished to. A very pleasant day.
- Monday 17 A cold wind from the south nearly all day, W. went to the creamery, & has since been kept pretty busy with the barn chores. Wind in north west to night.
- Tuesday 18 Another day of hard wind & dust, but not cold. we have taken up most of the day trying out lard. have put down a fine gallon crock for salt pork, the rest, except the lean meat & hams & shoulders, we have made into lard. tho we are to have a small quantity of sausage made.
- Wednesday 19 A windy day again. Rick Middaugh came to look at cattle. bought four cows, & W. is to take them to Waseca on Monday next. Last of the lard tried out. 19 doz. eggs packed in oats to send to market tomorrow, most of them have been kept in salt since last fall.
- Thurs. 20 W. went to Waseca. took the eggs, 11 doz. & also took a few pounds of sausage meat to the butcher & had it chopped & seasoned. brought home a couple of sacks of coal. a letter from Grace Stevens. August came with another load of his corn. 14° below 0 this morning, but a still, bright day. A postal from Herbert.
- Friday 21 Three hours of palpitation this morning, which has made me quite unwell all day. August came with more corn. German Pallas

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came to look at the Gumbo horse, with a view to buying him. W. sold August his new wide tire wagon, the feed mill, hay rack & hog rack all for \$85.00. Frank Leslie the man, came back to say he could not work here anymore, as the man for whom he is to work, says, wants him at once. A bright day, owing to his class party, Herbert is not to come home this week.

Saturday 22. Harry Drum went to the creamery for Wilfred & then helped him draw two small loads of millet into the barn. A gust came again about noon with more corn. A little washing ironing & baking done.

Sunday 23. Will came up last night with Herbert horse & cart. & has just gone home at 5 o'clock. A whole pleasant day, roads are drying up.

Monday 24. Wilfred took the four cows sold the other day, to Waseca, young Leslie & Harry Drum helped drive them. They were sold for \$117.50. Letter from R. A pleasant day, & roads very good. Heave a creak in my hip & back, which makes it difficult to move about. Lizzie Drum came & stayed with us while W. was gone.

Tuesday 25. Mr. & Mrs. Heawkes came & spent the day. Heave been ailing all day with the creak in my back & hip. W. finished packing a box ready for moving.

Wed. 26. August & man came last night at dark, with loads of potatoes &c. went home by moonlight & came again to day with oats. Pleasant & warm, my lameness is perhaps a little better.

Thursday 27. We made a little bit of head cheese & finished cooking the last of the fresh pork. August & his man came early with two more loads of oats. It is growing colder.

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Friday 28. August & his man came with two loads of household goods. then fowls &c. Herbert came before dark. The day has been pleasant.

Saturday 29. Wilfred went to town this morning, has not yet returned. August, Ida & man came before four o'clock. brought most of their things & cattle. Cloudy & a cold wind.

Sunday March 31st. Wilfred went to church, drove Herbert horse on the cart, went up to Mr. Hawk's after church. The day has been pleasant.

Monday 2. A good day, W. went to the creamery. August & man went after a load of hay & more things. have just got back. Baking & washing done. My back is very lame & troubling me a good deal. Herbert went back to school soon after light.

Tuesday 3. A little snow drifting now & then. Mrs. Daniels came over to cut off a dress waist & sleeves for me, has taken it home to make. Ida's sister is here to help her get settled.

Wed, 4. Wilfred went to O. this morning took a couple of boxes & several sacks of oats. August & man went to get a load of hay & barley. have just returned we in the afternoon have been busy with baking & to R. unpacking Ida's dishes &c. & a good many of our dishes glassware &c. have been packed. It is looking very much like storming & rather dubio us for the auction next Friday.

Thursday 5. A stormy unpleasant day, very little snow has fallen & it is not cold, but the wind was quite strong through the night & this forenoon. W. & August went to town after dinner & brought home supplies for the lunch tomorrow, if the weather is favorable enough to have an auction. Letter from R. & from Gordon. My lameness has been better (to day).

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Friday 6. The auction to day was thought to be quite a success. The weather ^{tho} threatening in the morning proved favorable & there was a large crowd. All the old farm machinery was sold, & many other things from the house & about the barn. Will. came & Alvin Stoughton with him. Mr & Mrs Daniels were also here & other neighbors & friends helped in the work of the day. Ida's sister has been here since Tuesday. The horse Jumbo was sold for \$82.00. Willy went home before night, a little. Letter from Mrs Christie.

Saturday 7. A quiet & pleasant day after the auction August went to the creamery & on to the Otsee station. His man went after another load of grain. W. sold German Johnson 100 bushels of corn for 20 cts, a bushel & a small stack of hay. Have written to R. Ida's sister went home.

Sunday 8. A pleasant day. Wilfred went to C. to look probably for afternoon services, may not come home to night. August, Ida & man went to Swede Younglons, & R. & I have been alone most of the day.

Monday 9. A bright pleasant day. W. took a load of things to C. is to stay over night & go to a concert to night. The other men went after more hay & grain. Ida has washed & found no trouble in drying the clothes. I have painted a few small articles or pieces of furniture & varnished others. Letter from R. Two or three men have been here to take away tools & machinery bought at the auction. Sent R. a letter.

Tuesday 10. W. came home about noon. After dinner, he & August went to Wasco, to town meeting. It has been somewhat snowy to day, & is blowing to night. Ida did her own washing & baked bread. R. did most of our ironing. Postal to R.

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Wed. 11. W. was to have gone to C. but the Dolly mare has the distemper, & was not well enough to use. The other men went again for loads, & came back in good season. W. has packed more goods & will take them tomorrow if he can.

Thurs. 12. The men came with their loads early. W. came on hour & more afterwards. He had a horse of H. Drums to drive with Pet. this morning took a good load, the organ among other things. we are slowly getting things together & it begins to look as if we should finally get every thing ready to move.

Friday 13. Another load of goods. Mr. Herbert came back with his father Jerry & the cart hitched behind. A pleasant day, but cold tho' warm in the sun too. Letters from sisters Alice & Roxie.

Saturday 14. W. & H. went to C. after dinner. took a load & are to stay over night to attend the Watterson lecture. & come home tomorrow.

Sunday 15. Another pleasant day. The family in the other room stayed at home, & no one has been here. a little snow fell last night, enough to whiten the ground. but soon disappeared. It is five o'clock. W. & H. have not come.

Monday 16. Two more loads of goods packed & put on the wagons ready to be taken tomorrow. August has helped instead of going away. & Ida has washed & dried the clothes. Harry Drum came & helped about getting the coal stove out & loaded. We heard that Mr Daniels was sick & W. took Jerry & the cart & went over to see how he was, & found him much better. B. S. came & took a load of stove wood for us to C. Pleasant weather continues.

Tuesday 17. Another good day. W. Herbert & Harry D. went early with the two loads, & R. & I. have been busy picking up the last things & it seems as if all more

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load, would nearly clear the house of what we are to take home. There will be wood grain & hay yet to be taken away. W. may not come back to night, we are using a wood stove in place of the coal stove. but it does well kept the fire through the night, but the weather is mild. There were two bright sun days this morning - & we thought perhaps it indicated a change of weather.

Thurs 19. August brought a load of things yesterday for us & W, K, & I came to Quabtown in the afternoon in the carriage. found the new horse warm & comfortable & were not tired or cold. To day a man came & repaired the cistern pump which was out of order, pipes frozen up &c. Another man came to see about cutting a door through a plastered wall, W. got paint - & painted the inside of two small cupboards.

Friday 20. W. went back to the farm to get another load & the cow will not come back to day. The carpenter came - cut the door through & finished it all nicely. Will come in now & then & it all seems strange as yet.

Saturday 21. We are having another dust storm to day the wind blows hard & the air is filled with dust. Wilfred came early this afternoon with a load, & Jerry & the cart hitched behind & Henry Dunn with a load of hay with the cow hitched behind. Miss Jennie Andrews called, & her brother in law, Mr Raymond came to get things they had left here in the house & cellar. A letter from R. just received tells of the partial burning of the flat in Minneapolis where our friends the Daileys live. No one was injured & only part of their goods burned but most of them injured by water & smoke.

Sunday 22. A still, pleasant day, a contrast from

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yesterday. W. & H. went to church this morning. Sister N. & W. have gone this evening. Herbert drove out to see his aunt Case this afternoon. I can hear in the distance the drumming of the Salvation army.

Monday 23. Another good day. Something done towards regulating the window shades I put up all over the house. The furniture man came to help fit them, & some other things have been done. Mr & Mrs Case called. Will come in & help W. & H. get the folding bed up stairs.

Tuesday 24. Wilfred went out to the farm. brought back a load of wood & some potatoes. sold his hogs. a little more regulating to day. Another dust storm. Letter from R.

Wed, 25. John Schollygudis brought down a load of corn. Harry Dunn came down with a load of wood. W. went about noon out to the farm to take the hogs sold yesterday to Meadon station. will not come home till tomorrow. Letter to R. Mrs Mary Stoughton called, a chest of dishes unpacked. Letter from Gordon a sociable at our church to night.

Thurs, 26. A bright, still day. It is nearly time for Wilfred to come. Have done very little to day - not feeling very well. Herbert has come from school. K. has been up stairs working at a carpet, getting it ready to put down.

Friday 27. Four p. m. we had a rainy forenoon. & can have no more dust for a little while at least. Wilfred came before dark last night. had taken the hogs to the station in the forenoon with Mr Reuter to help him. brought a load of wood, & the corner cupboard. is working in the barn here, changing the oat bin &c. making things more convenient. Have been feeling rather better. made doughnuts this forenoon.

Saturday 28. A stormy day raining now & then all day. W. & H. put a few bushels of coal in the cellar & worked in the barn getting a few

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boards from the lumber yard. Carpet put down in the parlor chamber. Letter from R. Postal to Mrs. Stevens day or two ago.

Sunday 27. W. & H. went to church this morning & W. has gone this evening to the Baptist church to hear Mr. Jones. Mrs. Bemis called this evening on her way to church, sun shine this afternoon, cloudy forenoon.

Monday 30. A man came & helped put down a carpet in the dining room & W. & H. put down one in my room. Looking like rain again, Herbert has gone out to Mr. Case's, to stay all night.

Tuesday 31. An unpleasant, rainy day & this evening we have had thunder lightning & hail & rain. This morning another man came & put down the new parlor carpet & to night we have hung some of the pictures, we were expecting Sister R. tomorrow, but a note from her to night says she is not to come owing to the bad weather.

Wednesday April 1st. We are having real winter at last. Last night about dark we had thunder & lightning and a shower of rain & hail. Snow fell to make the ground white, & all day to day it has snowed hard much of the time & the wind has kept up most of the day, making the only real blizzard day we have had this winter & this is April. W. has worked in the house doing various things in the way of settling. Letter to R.

Thurs, 2. The snow has thawed & the sun has been bright but the ground is still covered with snow. The stair carpet put down & the hall nearly done. Two shelves put up, up stairs, & more pictures hung. A little churning done, two or three pounds of butter. Expected a man to clean

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out the cistern. but he did not come, W. went out to find a washer woman, but did not succeed in getting one.

Friday 3. A pleasant day & the snow has thawed a good deal. Mrs. Peter Daniels our old neighbor came in on her way to Medford. Stayed till nearly four when the hack came & took her to the train. we took up some meat, shoulders & joles & tried it out for lunch.

Saturday 4. A pleasant day & sunny day, but the roads are very muddy. The man came to clean the cistern but W. decided to wait till a pump could be procured to help in the work of getting rid of the water. W. & H. went with a horse to help deliver goods from Wills store. a shelf or two put up in the closet down stairs. Mrs. Stiles Stoughton called also Mrs. Case.

Sunday 5. Easter Sunday. The family went to church leaving me alone. a beautiful display of flowers they paid. It is very muddy. Communion service this afternoon.

Monday 6. A pleasant day. we had a pleasant call from the Rev. Mr. Tanner. and Emma came for the first time. Wilfred spent part of the forenoon, returning flowering plants which had been borrowed for the church Easter Sunday.

Tuesday 7. A rather pleasant day, but now at six o'clock it is quite cloudy we are expecting sister R. on the six 30 train, I think it is. W. & H. are just getting out the carriage to go to the train. we have been very busy to day. The man came & the cistern was cleaned this morning. a broad shelf put up under the window in the pantry. carpet put down in the hall up stairs & various other things done.

Wed, 8. Sister R. came last night. brought two peck-ages of magazine.

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Thurs. 9. A fall of snow during last night of six inches or more & every tree, fence, line or other object was loaded ^{the morning} with snow. A woman is here doing the washing. Mrs Whitney, a near neighbor, called. Mr Case called at the door. is not feeling well. W. is making a sort of rough wardrobe to put up stairs, to be contained.

6 o'clock p.m. Mr & Mrs Chamberlain called this afternoon, cloudy but not stormy. The snow is all gone from the trees & that on the ground is very wet.

Friday 10. A sombre day. Thunder & lightning this morning early, & some rain, a drove of cattle are going along Cedar street & the streets are very muddy. Gay Wood called to see R, a half hour of palpitation this morning.

Saturday 11. A warm day. The snow must be all gone. Sister R, & Wilfred went out to some of the stores & called at Will's, a girl came to see about work for her sister. came again & said she or her sister would come a week from to day, to work for us. Mrs Bemis called this afternoon to see R, The family have all gone ^{this evening} full to hear Powers the impersonator. subject, David Copperfield.

Sunday 12. The subject of the reading last night was David Garrick. & gave great satisfaction. Neither R. or R. went to church.

Monday 13. Thunder & rain this forenoon. R. & W. went out & got curtains & carpet sweeper. Evening. Mrs Lorin Town called. It has rained at different times through the day. R. & W. spent the evening at Will's & Mrs Henshaw's.

Tuesday 14. The anniversary of Lincoln's death.

R. went home on the four o'clock train. window curtains put up in the parlor & my room.

wed. 15. a pleasant day, Peoplebury House cleaning

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W. has begun cleaning & clearing away in the back yard. men are coming to morning to help about it. The roads are fast drying up. Farmers all busy getting in their crops. Went up into the garret first time was quite surprised to find it so roomy.

Thurs. 16. The men came & did the work in the back yard. The fire went out in the coal stove yesterday, & to day W. had two men come & take the stove to the hard ware store, to keep through the summer. a little wood stove has been set up in the parlor which will warm my room sufficiently. Letter from R.

Friday 17. A thunder shower during last night & rain again to day. making the roads very bad again. Letter to R, & Gordon, a postal from W. to August on the farm. W. & R. have gone to the dumping ground with a load from the back ^{yard}. Every body is busy cleaning up their yards, when the weather will let them have a chance. The grass is very green already, between the street & sidewalk. W. was to have gone to the farm. but being very well & the rain & mud decided him to wait till next week.

Saturday 18. A little sprinkle once to day. Besides being in the store a part of the day, or delivering goods, W. took another load from the back yard to the dumping ground & brought back a load of boxes & barrels to be broken up for fuel. The girl we were expecting to day has not come.

Sunday 19. W. R. & R. went to church. Mrs Case came in from church a few minutes. Mr Case has been ailing a week or more. but is able to be about again. W. has gone to church again this evening.

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- Monday²⁰ The girl came this morning & has done the washing & a little cleaning. We went out to the farm to come back tomorrow. Letter from R. to W. & me.
- Tuesday²¹ A whole good day. Theresa washed & ironed this forenoon & is ironing this afternoon. It is nearly time to look for Wilfred.
- Wed. 22. A fine day. Theresa raked the yard & the grass is fast growing green. Letter from R. She is to start on her trip to Ohio to night. Wilfred came last night just at dark. Went out riding first time since we came to town, called at Emma's & took her with us ^{W. & H.} riding. After we came home Bill came & brought Dr. Sawyer to call. He, Dr. F. is one of the pension examiners, & comes to Ouatonna at stated periods.
- Thurs. 23. Very rainy this morning beginning in the night. bright this afternoon, more window washing & cleaning. A curtain put up across the south chamber girls room. W. not feeling well this afternoon.
- Friday²⁴ Another good day. W. went out on the street & found a colored man to come & clean out the cellar & a hen house on the place. Another load of barrels & kindling wood brought from the store. Went into the attic with Theresa & had some much needed sweeping & regulating done. back kitchen also somewhat renovated. a small churning done.
- Saturday²⁵ Pleasant all day till late in the afternoon when it clouded up & is now raining. W. went out to the farm this morning & came back with a load of hay just in time to get it unloaded before the rain came. Theresa helped W. & H. get it "mowed" away, or the rain would have caught them. made a wash stand of boxes

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- & took the one in my room, upstairs. A call from Mr & Mrs Keys formerly of Waseca, now living in Tenn. Mrs Whitney came in this evening.
- Sunday²⁶ A pleasant day after the rain of last night. The family all went to church except myself the girl going to her Catholic church.
- Monday²⁷ A warm, bright day. A man was to come this morning to put up a tin skinney on the back kitchen, for that reason we did not have the washing done, as we hoped to get the stove moved out early, but the man did not come till this afternoon & is now at work. W. & H. have gone out riding, were to call for Emma & Julia. People all about us are cleaning house, beating carpets, airing bedding & a campaign of scrubbing, brushing & dusting. W. has spaded up a small piece of ground in the back yard & will put in a few garden seeds. Theresa has made a book case for the attic in which to store away old books, magazines &c. we make the waste boxes from the store, useful in many ways. Later After W. & H. came back I went out, & we drove a mile or less, on South Cedar St & I was surprised at the extent of the town out that way. There are really many very nice houses & grounds, some of them exceedingly well kept smooth lawns & many trees.
- Tuesday²⁸ Morning, it is raining. Wilfred was to have gone out into the country this morning with Mr Inverdel if the weather had been pleasant. The cook stove was moved into the back kitchen last night. Mr & Mrs Inverdel called last evening.
- Wed 29. Heavy showers this forenoon. a washing done, & dried the latter part of the day.

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W. finished, & put up stairs another homemade wardrobe, is putting up a shelf to answer for a kitchen table.

Thurs. 30 Wilfred went out into the country with our friend. Letter from R. from Springfield + one to her. Went last night to hear the Slayton jubilee singers, at the Methodist church Mrs Whitney called. R. has gone to the Episcopal church to night.

Friday

May 1st A rainy day.

Saturday 2 A pleasant day, & every body busy. Mrs Raymond & Miss Andrews called. Herbert at the store most of the day. Dandelions for dinner second time.

Sunday 3 A pleasant day went to evening service at our church the first time since we came here, & many, many years since I have been to church anywhere in the evening.

Monday 4 Another fine day. Mr Peterson & his son came this morning & repaired the ceiling of the dining room & the pantry. There has just finished putting things back in their places. I have in some way taken cold & have a hard cough & Wilfred also has a cough & cold, & has not been well all day. Herbert has gone botanizing since school closed to night.

Tuesday 5 Still another pleasant day & this afternoon, very warm. Mr & Mrs Case called, also Mrs Whitney. Wilfred's cough is bad & he went to consult Dr. Johnson, who treats him for asthma. The girls mother came to see her.

Wed. 6 Herbert went this morning with his horse & cart out to the farm (as his father was not well enough to go) to see about getting the colts out to pasture. W. has been feeling somewhat better this afternoon.

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Later. Herbert has just come. brought the bird asparagus & strawberries for supper.

Thurs 7 Still good weather & very warm. W. feeling quite better this afternoon. Looking a little like rain & rain is needed already.

Friday 8 A hot day. went out riding. W. & I. called at Mrs Bentis' at the Stoughton's, Mr Chamberlain's. Mrs Towns, & at Wills. we are hoping it will rain, Wilfred is feeling much better. drove us to day, but could not leave the horse to call, with us.

Sat. 9 Dry weather continues. went out riding. Just at night with Wilfred stopped & took Emma Julia with us. Hot weather Mrs Whitney called. Made & put sash curtains in dining room & a cover for the carriage saddle.

Sunday 10 It is raining now at half past nine, & it is a blessed rain. W. R. & H. are at the church. Herbert came home & has gone back with rubber & overcoat. Mrs Case came in this afternoon after church & stayed till Mr C. came for her. before the rain. wrote to R.

Monday 11 There was more or less rain during last night. The day has been pleasant & still. A washing done. H. is having sore throat & cold & cough. W. coughs, but is feeling better than some days last week. A. C. B. convention was held here beginning Sat. eve & closing Sun. eve.

Tues. 12. 11 a. m. a bright day. some rain fell again during last night. Evening. Rain has seemed imminent all the afternoon. H. went out with his class this afternoon to the springs. drove his own team. has not yet returned. A letter from R. who returned from Ohio last Saturday.

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Wed. 13, A cloudy day + now + then a sprinkle
a call from Mrs Dr. Johnson, Mrs Case also
called. Mrs Whitney came in, Dr. not feeling well
a head ache, besides his hard cough. R. & W.
have gone to call on Mrs Garver who is at
Will's. I wrote to R.

Thurs. 14. A rainy day. Mrs Garver + Emma spent
the day with us. Will + Julia came to
dinner. W. took Mrs G. to the train at six
to go home to Dodge Center. Had two
hours of palpitation middle of the day.

Friday 15. A rainy afternoon. W. got some Tomato
plants of a neighbor & set them out, men
came & cleared out the stable yard.

Saturday 16. More rain. a good deal of rain + we
fear a frost when it clears off. A letter from
R. wrote to her, + to Gustie Dailey, Theres
mowed the yard again + part of Mrs W's garden
Mr. + Mrs Kelly called last evening.
Herbert has been at the store all day.
We are having strawberries in these days
Put up a can yesterday.

Sunday 17 a pleasant day but cool enough to make
one fearful of frost. Mr. + Mrs Case came
in after church + stayed to dinner.
Herbert went home with them + Mrs C.
brought him back.

Monday 18. Will's went out to the farm this morn-
ing + will not come home till to-
morrow. The day has been bright +
pleasant tho' cool. Will came after
the young horse to take Julia out
botanizing a while this afternoon, we
had a call from Mr Ben + John
Chambers, men coming in from the
country wear fur overcoats.

Tues 19. Another fine day. W. has not returned
from the farm. The Episcopalians have
a seaper to night. Will took Julia out

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botanizing again this afternoon, had
the horse + cart. A letter to Mrs Stevens
+ to Grace Stevens in Ky.

Wed. 20. Cloudy since early forenoon + for some
hours looking as if it might rain at
any time, but we hope it will not, till
W. gets home. It is now four o'clock. A
little extra washing done. + a small churning
a letter to sister Alice.

Thurs 21. It did not rain yesterday. + to day has
been bright + pleasant. Rod about town
after W. got back from Pratt a little
town six miles away, where he went to
meet a traveling man. A letter from
Gustie Dailey. The little bit of garden back
of the house spaded up + some potatoes, peas
+3 put in. we have other peas up. also butts.
W. returned last night from the farm
in good season brought a small load
of hay. grain + other things. Miss Thompson
called a few minutes at noon.

Friday 22. Very pleasant, for part of the day, but for
several hours now, it has been cloudy +
looking like rain. W. went to the farm
this morning to stay over night again.
The buffalo robes brought down from
the attic put out + thoroughly beaten
to free them from dust, + bagged & put
away again. Man just called to see
about making over a pair mattress
nice strawberries for tea. Letter to R. + G.

Saturday 23. A letter each from R. + G. A hard rain during
the forenoon. The ditches each side of the street
were full running, muddy water. W. took
Emma out the stores + she called here before
going home. The girl went home on the train
to night, or to Pratt. I suppose she will go home
and to come back tomorrow.

Sunday 24. This is Herbert's 17th birth day, + Mr + Mrs Case +

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Julia Vinton were here to dinner, altho the girl is gone. The Co. S. D. convention has been in session meetings through Sat + to day.

Monday 25 Some rain during last night none to day. The girl came back early this forenoon. The wire screens put on the front doors. W. + N. have gone out to get a few last botanical specimens for K. but. W. ground a scythe to cut grass in Mrs Whitney's yard for her horse + ours. A call from Mrs Carlton Rice.

Tuesday 26 Letter from R. went out riding this morning N. + I. After driving a while we stopped at Will's store, + while Wilfred went in to talk to an old soldier + old acquaintance Will came out + drove about with us. It was a beautiful morning.

Wed. 27 - Noon. W. started early this morning to go to the farm by way of Menden station. It has been raining for several hours, perhaps did not begin till W. got to the farm.

Thurs. 28 - Mrs Raymond Sloughter called last evening. It has rained again to day, but in none at four o'clock pleasant + has been through the afternoon. Wilfred some two hours ago perhaps, said it had not rained on the way down from the farm.

Friday 29 Rain threatened + a sprinkle came but clouds cleared away + the after part of the day has been bright + pleasant. Mrs Preston from Waseca came + spent the day with us. Mrs Lenthold her daughter was also here coming over from Mr Henry Lenthold, where she was spending the day, brought their baby, leaving it with her mother here, for a while. W. has taken Mrs P. to the train N. went with them. Mrs Case has been in, waiting

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for Mrs Monroe, her neighbor, who was to call for her.

Saturday 30 Memorial day. W. had intended to go to Waseca, this morning + go out to the cemetery there, but thinking she was needed here in the store, decided not to go. The morning is pleasant + bids fair to be a pleasant day for the memorial exercises. We are going out to the cemetery this morning, + come back before it is time for the crowd.

Noon, we drove out to the cemetery W. N. Emma, Julia + I. All over the beautiful grounds, people were putting flowers on the graves of their friends. The weather is all that could be desired. Berny Dotebinke, just driven in with a load of wood from our farm.

Sunday 31 - Yesterday, early in the afternoon we drove over to Will's house, + N. + I. staid there on the porch to see the procession go by, the Academy boys, the G. A. R. etc. + then came home. The day continued fine throughout. This is a beautiful morning. The family are getting ready to go to church.

Monday June 1st - W. went to Waseca, + was to go from there to the farm. It is another pleasant day. weather cool, we do not expect W. to come home to night. Children's day yesterday, at least at the Baptist church. W. + N. went to the services there in the evening.

Tuesday 2 - Wilfred came home early brought a load of oats, B. S. brought ^{yesterday} another load of wood + oats on top of it. A letter to Gustid. Letter from R.

Wed. 3 - A good day. W. went early to the farm. Toon come back to night probably. We are expecting Will + Julia to dinner at five o'clock.

Thurs. 4 - W. came last night, just as we were through

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dinner. He was intending to go to the farm again to day but it rained this morning, & this afternoon he has gone to Pratt to bring in a traveling man. Julia has just been in on an errand. The flowers in the back yard are in bloom just now & looking very pretty, different colored peonies, spring as yellow & red roses, spectabulous &c. A letter from Grace Stevens. Later a call from Mrs Plumer, who is visiting at Mr Woodman's. A Mrs Gamm called yesterday.

Friday 5. We had a thunder shower last night early in the night but W. went to the farm this morning. Doubtless finding very muddy roads. It is now ten o'clock a.m., & bright & pleasant. Letter to R.

Sat. 6. Wilfred did not come home last night & Herbert went out to the farm this forenoon to help his father about coming home with his load. To night there might be a horse to lead besides a load of grain or hay to see to. A call from Mr. Hall last evening. A sister of Theres's, the girl, stayed here last night. It is cloudy & thunder now & then, & I fear rain before W. & H. get home. H. called at Dr. Johnsons last evening. Julia came in for a few minutes. Later, W. & H. have just come leading two unbroken young horses, leaving Jenny & the cart at the farm.

Sunday 7. A beautiful day. The family went to the Baptist church to hear Dr. Fard preach the Baccalaureate sermon. Will has just begun in for an hour. A hard storm last night about ten & eleven o'clock. Mrs Case came in a few minutes after church.

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Monday 8. A rainy day. W. went early, (six o'clock) to the farm & may have been nearly there before the rain came. There did the washing but could not dry her clothes. It is now 5 p.m. & tho' it is not raining it is dark & cloudy & the ground & sidewalk is very wet. H. W. & H. went to the Baptist church last evening to hear a Mr Hobart. Letter from Simon to Herbert.

Tuesday 9. No rain, but cloudy most of the day. Pleasant to night but cold & frost is feared. Heard to day of the death of Austin Corbin of New York, but do not know the particulars. Letter from R.

Wed. 10. Commencement at Pillsbury Academy. I did not go with the rest of the family to Herbert's oration or Salutatory, but it was thought to be quite satisfactory. That the boy did well. Mr & Mrs Daniels Kate & Winnie, Lucy, Harry & Fannie Drum came down to attend the exercises & were here to dinner. Mrs Thompson Herbert's old teacher was also here. Mrs Chamberlain & Mrs Stultz called. Mrs Kelly came in & brought Herbert a beautiful bouquet of morning glories. Letter from Gertie. The weather perfect.

Thurs. 11. Rainy this afternoon. Letter from R. enclosing a slip from a paper a notice of the Corbins death, caused by his horses running away & throwing him from their carriage.

Friday 12. Herbert went away about one o'clock this morning with a party of boys of his age to go fishing somewhere near Fairbault. They are to come back to night. Went up town this morning with W. called for Emma & Julia & went with them to a carpet & furniture store. W. has gone this afternoon to Medford to take a travelling man. Mrs Whitson our near neighbor is having a new kitchen built. is to rent a part of her house.

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Saturday 13. A beautiful day, Wilfred went to the farm & brought back a load of hay. Mrs Nelson Daniels came in for two hours & more lives in Medford. Had some in to town with her son in law on business. The girl has gone home to stay till Monday. Julia D. came in this evening. Herbert came home from his trip last night about ten o'clock. They caught a few small fish. Letter from R. Sent away numerous copies of the Westport Journal, the Commercial edition. We received a Boston Transcript containing particulars of Mr Corbin's death. The girl went home this afternoon.

Sunday 14. Another fine day. R. went to the Presbyterian church. (The funeral of an old resident of the town was held at the Baptist church. A Mrs Town, eighty six years old, came here in 1855. Mrs Berks came in after church. She is to go tomorrow on a visit to Wisconsin. Will has just been in for a while. He & Wilfred have gone over to the church to the evening service.

Monday 15. A hot day. Wilfred went to the farm & came back with a load of hay at about six o'clock. The girl came back about ten, this morning, too late to do the washing. He has been in the store part of the day.

Tuesday 16. A noon, not so hot as yesterday. cloudy, with sunshine now & then. Herbert & his S.D. class, a party of ten, went off very early this morning to Beaver Lake for a picnic near the lake. H. drove Jimmy & Pet. on a fine seated Buckboard. The washing done. Letter to Mr. Stevens.

Wed, 17. A note from Maggie Daily saying that she would come to visit us on the evening train

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she came about six o'clock. W. came from the farm not long after.

Thurs, 18. Letter from Gordon to Hubert. & one from Martha Humphrey yesterday. all went out riding just at night. Will came in this evening & told us that McKinley had been nominated at the St. Louis Republican convention. It has been a very hot day. Rain is needed.

Friday 19. Went out riding. visited some of the stores. Mrs Sawyer came in to see Gertie.

Saturday 20. A little rain enough to well lay the dust. went riding, W. G. & I, & we drove round & took in Emma & Julia, while we were gone, Mrs Kelley & her mother Mrs Gibbs called. & a Mrs Johnson, to see G.

Sunday 21. All the family went to church, except myself. Mrs Johnson G's friend called to see her.

Monday 22. Afternoon, another clear rather hot day. Will came in with Charles Dinton, who with his wife is visiting some of their friends here. G. has cleaned the skirt of a black silk to make over for me. Letter to R. Later. W. took G. & one out riding called at Mrs Town's door & saw her daughter across the way & engaged her to come a day this week to sew. called at Mills. did a little shopping & came home.

Tuesday 23. Herbert began work for his uncle Will, in yesterday in the store. a little rain.

Wed, 24. Three o'clock p.m. we have just had a very hard thunder shower. There is a circus in town & the crowd had just collected to see the show & may have been drenched. The ditches were filled with water & must have overflowed some of the streets. They were running over full here both sides of the street there. August & Ida, her sister & their hired man came down from the farm, were

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here to dinner. Letter from R. G. is spending the day with her friend Mrs Johnson, we went over to Wills to see the circus parade pass their house, Mrs Town called.

Thurs. 25th A pleasant day. A call from Mrs Agnes Seab & her sons wife, Mrs Dr. Seab.

Friday 26th A pleasant day. Went out riding. Mr. G. & I. G. called on Mrs Winship & we both called at Mrs Heall's while W. drove about. Herbert has gone to spend the night at Mr Cases, Letter to R.

Saturday 27th A little shower but a good deal of blackness towards night. Miss Sarah Town came to sew, made a basque ^{black silk} to wear with the skirt G. has been making. W. went to a reception last night at Mr Robert Johnsons for Dr. Thoms.

Sunday 28th Afternoon. G. & R. went to the Episcopal church this morning. W. & M. to tea Mrs. Chamberlain. The day is cool & pleasant. Will, came in a few minutes after church. Later. W. R. & G. are going to the Baptist church this evening. Herbert went to our church to the young peoples meeting.

Monday 29th A pleasant day. Went out with G. to do some shopping. R. & G. have gone with W. out riding since a little before eight o'clock.

Tues. 30th We spent the afternoon at Wills. Wed & Thurs. Mr W. Kelly & Mrs C. Chambers called in our ^{absence}.

July 1st We were all invited to tea at Mrs Towns. G. R. W. & I. met a dozen or more pleasant people among them Mr & Mrs Chamberlain Mr & Mrs W. Lock. W. took G. to call on Mrs Chambers & Mrs Seab.

Thurs. 2nd Afternoon. A very hot day. Miss Town is here making over a silk for R. G. is helping her. W. has gone to Pratt again to bring in the travelling man. Later. The Misses Morris

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called. G. called at Mr J. Kellys. also called at Mr Crandels, or went to the house. The family were gone. Mr C. ill at St. Paul. but better on the way home.

Friday 3rd Forenoon. Went early to the cemetery & to the springs with W. & G. came back to Mrs. W. Kellys, where we left G. & came to the store, then home. & W. went back to Mr R. for G. Evening. W. G. R. & I, drove out to call at Mr Cases. Stopped at Mrs Bolls, & left my bonnet to be trimmed over. Another hot day but cooler towards night.

Saturday 4th Cloudy in the forenoon & cool warmer & bright the afternoon of the day. A celebration & a good many people in town. Two girls from Geneva, granddaughters of Charles Binton, called. G. finished my dress. W. & G. walked out to the millinery & brought home my bonnet, cool enough this morning for a fire in the parlor. Letter & paper from Sadon. We were all made uneasy & miserable last night by fire crackers explosion &c. during the night. Girls relations here to day. Mother & sister.

Sunday 5th Wilfred, Herbert, and I, united with the church, by letters from the Wareca church. Mr Chamberlain with his family is camping at Maplewood Park. but came home for to days services, there were fine works till late into last night.

Monday 6th Another pleasant day. A washing done & the Mrs William girl has gone home. Went up town to do a little shopping. after which W. drove to Mrs Towns, & took her & her ^{children out} ~~daughter~~ ^{granddaughter} to the

Tuesday 7th Gustie started home this morning, going with her to Wareca. to come back on the seven o'clock train this evening. The day has been cool. we had a fire this morning in the parlor.

Wed. 8th A beautiful day. A game of base ball between the new Owatonna team & the Austin team.

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Thurs. 9. Call from Mrs Bradford + Mrs Burch, half past five p.m. We have just had a call from Mr Chaney, our old pastor, He + Mrs C. are visiting at Mrs Towns, W. went to the farm this morning will soon come probably. Miss Thompson a former teacher of Herberts, + Lute Ruston from Waraca, were here to dinner. another pleasant day. we would like to have a good shower of rain. People complain of the dust. another ball play this afternoon. Letter from R

Friday 10. A hot afternoon. Mrs Daniels + Kate called! went early this morning ^{7.45} to see Mr + Mrs Chaney at Mrs Towns, W. took them to the train. morning train home. W. went to Medford with his traveling man. Saturday 11. another hot day. went just at night to take Mrs Stoughton out riding not finding her at home drove to Emma + took her + Julia with us. drove about + called at Mr Bernis. tho we did not get out. saw the two young girls Myrtle + Susan. Letter from R.

Sunday 12. Again a very hot day. Mr + Mrs Herbert went to church. W. having a cold + cough did not go. Grace Docob a girl from Geneva came to day to attend the training school for teachers, + is to stay here while it lasts, a month I believe.

Monday 13. Hot weather continues.

Tuesday 14. 90° - another ball play. Julia Dinton went to Minneapolis this morning. W. took her to the train. She is to spend the week with sister R. who with Simon will come home with her. Letter from Gerta Daily to W. The heat is very oppressive, now at six p.m. Mr Case came in a few moments. W. was to have gone to the farm, but was

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not feeling well. we had a little sprinkle two hours ago but the sun did not stop shining.

Wed. 15. Cooler weather. We went with Mr Ingersoll to Blooming Prairie gone most of the day. Mr Boice our nearest neighbor, + her sister Mrs Hanna called. Herbert has a big umbrella attached to his delivery wagon to day.

Thurs. 16. Much cooler but clear + pleasant. W. went this afternoon to Pratt to bring the traveling men to town. A letter from R. a small washing done

Friday 17. Emma has spent the day with us. Will, coming to lunch, + dinner. at evening L. + M. went with W. riding. R. called on Mrs Stultz. W. took Mrs Stoughton riding.

Saturday 18. Mrs Hastings + her daughter Mrs Slade called. weather warmer again. called at Dr. Searls, + Mr Clark Chambers, also called at Mrs J. Kelley, but did not find her at home. a letter to Gordon

Sunday 19. all went to church, + all but myself have gone again this evening. Will took dinner with us. Emma not well enough to come. Julia is expected home tomorrow. another very warm day.

Monday 20. W. went to the farm, + has just returned seven p.m. Julia came home on the morning train. Our girl Grace, went home with an acquaintance who lives in the country. it to stay all night.

Tuesday 21. Cloudy, some thunder, + a very little rain. a call from Mrs Jones + Mrs Colter, near neighbors called. At Mrs Towns to see Mrs Chambers of Minneapolis, who is visiting there. called also at Mrs W. Kelley's + to see Mr. Hatch. Emma + Julia went to Dodge Center to be gone two or three weeks.

Wed. 22. Herbert went to Maplewood Park

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To spend the day. went on an excursion in train at nine P.M. Grace's father & uncle, called to see her. Mrs Abbott of Austin formerly a resident here came to see us this forenoon. wrote to Henry Humphrey.

Thurs 23. Herbert came home last night between eight & nine, having had an interesting day. It is half past one p.m. is raining close & has been most of the day. W. intended to go to the farm, but the rain prevented.

Friday 24. W. went to the farm this morning, may not back to night. A fine day. Will took the traveling man to Medford, as Wilfred was not here. Another ball play this afternoon. Haven't heard the result. Letter to R.

Saturday 25. A pleasant day. W. came home about six o'clock. Took four loads of barley to the station yesterday & today. Priced at 6 bushels. Brought apples & cucumbers from the farm.

Sunday 26. Neither N. or I. went to church. I have not been feeling very well for a day or two, & the weather is very warm.

Monday 27. Letter from Henry Humphrey. a small working done, weather a little cooler. W. went out to Mr. Case's farm & brought home a load of hay.

Tuesday 28. A very warm day. Letter from R. W. brought from the store another load of boxes & barrels to be broken up into firewood. Neaves shod this morning. Looking like rain again.

Wednesday 29. Another hot day.

Thursday 30. W. took N. & Grace to the state school. N. to call on Mrs Bradford, not being very well. I did not go.

Friday 31. Another gentle rain. called with W. at Mr. J. Kellogg's early in the evening.

Saturday Aug. 1st. A pleasant day & comfortably cool.

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The cow sold to Mr Woodman for the academy, was taken away yesterday & we now get milk of Rhadley the milk man. a call from Mrs Brandel.

Sunday 2. A hot day. W. & W. & N. went to church. Grace went to Methodist church. neither N. or I. felt well enough to go out. Will has gone with Mr Whelock out into the country to a S.S.

Monday 3. Hot weather continues, Mr W. came in at evening.

Tuesday 4. Perhaps the hottest day we have had, W. went to Mr Case, about his pay. both yesterday & today. A little rain both yesterday & today. but it has not cooled the air.

Wed. 5. Still hot weather, 100° some of the days, & more. W. went up to help Mr Case in his stacking this afternoon. went to the train to meet Emma & Julia coming from Dodge Center. but the train was behind time & he could not wait, but went to Mr C. & E. & J. came up in the back.

Thurs. 6. much cooler this morning. but hot again this afternoon. Neaves put a few scraps in one of the scrap books.

Friday 7. As hot as usual. In the nineties. W. went to Medford with Mr Lacy. Letter from R. who is coming tomorrow.

Saturday 8. Last night was one of the hottest in our comfortable night. I ever knew. There was a little shower of rain during the night. The day has continued extremely warm. W. went to the farm this morning & took Julia Vinton with him. came back a little afternoon. They have gone to the 7.30 train from Minneapolis to meet sister R. W. brought a bag of Duchon apples from the farm, not fully ripe & rather small.

Sunday 9. R. came last night as expected. Grace has gone home & we are to try a little girl for a few weeks. A bad wind this afternoon.

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- several trees were blown down about town.
- Monday 10. Mrs Carris brought her little girl, & M. & R. she will perhaps stay till the schools walked to begin. W. went to Mr Carr's farm & brought home another load of hay. Herbert has gone up there to stay overnight. Letter from G.
- Tuesday 11. W. drove out to the Carr farm this forenoon, has gone now up to the farm expecting to stay till Thursday. Lucy Ann, her sister Jennie & two other girls called. Lucy & 9 Miss Warren were here a few days ago. Letter from Mary Humphrey, in N. Carolina.
- Wed. 12. a very comfortable day. There was a reception last night at the Congl church for Mr & Mrs Chamberlain, who are soon to go to N. Jersey.
- Thurs. 13. Wilfred came home from the farm early this afternoon, & went to Pratt & brought Mrs. Long. Mr & Mrs Dred called at the door. Also Mr & Mrs Carris, Martha's parents came to the gate, Mr & Mrs Carr stopped at the gate earlier. Have been using some of the apples from the farm, preparing some for drying.
- Friday 14. A comfortable day. Lightning & thunder & some rain last part of the night or early morning. Drying a few apples. We are having a quiet visit with R.
- Saturday 15. Miss Sarah Town came & made a want for R. is to come again Monday to do more sewing.
- Sunday 16. All went to church, Mr Chamberlain preached. is to be here but one more Sunday. W. & R. went to the Episcopal church in the evening to hear Mr Tanner.
- Monday 17. Miss Town is here, still sewing for R. W. has gone to Waseca on business. Mrs Kenyon & her son's wife called this afternoon.
- Tuesday 18. A letter from Gordon, Will & family went to Faribault, & Wilfred has been with store all day.

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- a call from Mr & Mrs Winship & Mrs Warren, R. has gone to call on Mrs Harsha, & R. has gone over to Will's, a little washing done.
- Wed. 19. W. went to the farm & brought another load of oats. Mr Tanner called. & Mrs Harsha spent the evening here, very nice weather.
- Thurs. 20. A little rain this afternoon, W. has gone to Medford, we have been putting a part of the fine apples we have to dry & canned a few. W. brought them from the farm, being Duchers variety, they will not keep. R. & R. called at Mrs Town's yesterday, & R. called to see Mrs Mary Stoughton who is ill.
- Friday 21. A rainy day.
- Saturday 22. A pleasant day. August & Ida came before dinner. a letter to Gordon. Mrs Whitney came in for a while. Herbert had a little accident with his load. broke a peg filled with syrup which made it necessary to wash his wagon at the hydrant. & then there was a run away. a horse dashed into the alley, & R. thinking it was Herbert's horse. was very much frightened.
- Sunday 23. Cooler weather. all went to church. The little girl Martha, went home with her mother from their church (Catholic), & has just returned. W. & R. have gone over to Will's.
- Monday 24. Called on Mrs Bernis, Mrs Winship, Mrs Birch, Mrs Kenyon, Mrs Harsha, Mrs Rice & Mrs Crandall. R. spent the evening with Mrs Harsha. W. & Herbert went to hear a colored man lecture & sing. Our bird died. & Martha buried it with some ceremony. Mr Chamberlain, our pastor made us his last call, before leaving for New Jersey. His family went away some days ago. an attack of paralysis this morning.
- Tuesday 25. Three of the Misses Bernis called this morning. Mrs Agnes Deauls this afternoon, Mrs Adair

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came & took R. to see her mother, Mrs Davidson.
 W. & R. took R. to the train at four o'clock
 & she is now at home perhaps and it is after
 seven. Put up a few peaches & cut up the rest
 of the Dachs apples for drying. Mrs Case came
 Wed. 26. Forenoon. W. intended to go to the farm this morning
 but Mr Ingersoll came to see him & wanted
 him to go with him to Chico, which he did
 Herbert was quite ill in the night with a
 bilious attack or something like it, but seemed
 well this morning & went to his work. Later Mr
 & Mrs Hawkes came before noon. After dinner
 Emma & Julia with Miss Gabner Es.
 cousin from Ohio, drove to the door &
 took Mr R. home with them, a couple of hours
 later W. & I drove to Will's, where we met
 Dr. Garver & took Mr & Mrs H. out riding.
 called at Mr Bernier's, but did not get
 out. came back in time for tea. after which
 they drove to Will's, & then home. Mr
 Thurs 27 Ephraimbulain was telegraphed for &
 has come back from Wisconsin to attend
 the funeral of a Mrs Murr, who died
 away from here, but whose mother lives
 a letter from
 Simon, here, a Mrs Smith. There is a S. S. picnic
 out at the Springs & W. has gone to take a
 carriage load of children. A little washing
 done. Later W. went to Pratt this afternoon.
 Letter to
 R - Called at Mr Borer's this evening. Herbert
 has gone up to Mr Case's to stay all night.
 Friday 28 W. went to the fair & came home an hour
 or two ago with a load of oats. A little ironing
 and a little baking. a few crab apples with
 pickle made. R. called at Mr J. Kelly's one
 of their boys has a broken arm, but is doing
 Sat. 29 W. is getting ready to go to St. Paul next
 Monday with the S. A. R. he has just been
 out on south Cedar street to get some crab
 apples to dry & can, 25 cts a bushel & out in

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the country, to be had for the picking up.
 Sunday 30 W. & R. went to church. Mr Chamberlain
 was there & had a talk. Herbert rode out to the
 farm & took his friend Harvey Johnson with
 him. W. went to church this evening.
 Monday 31. Wilfred went this afternoon with the S. A. R. to St.
 Paul. A letter from R. Stiles. Stoughton had the
 carriage yesterday to take his mother to Waterville
 to stay with her sister. He came back about noon
 to day. Weather is cool.
 Tuesday
 September 1st another pleasant day but looking like rain
 to night. crowds of people are gathering at
 St. Paul & Minneapolis. The cars are
 packed. The state fair the S. A. R. &
 the Knights, are bringing people from
 all the states & doubtless are expected as
 to the twin cities being able to entertain
 all their guests. a letter to R.
 Wed. 2 Grace Wood called being in town with
 her father. Looking like rain all day
 & it has sprinkled more or less.
 Thurs. 3. a cool pleasant day. something of a washing
 done. a call from Mrs Morford & daughter.
 Will came in for a few minutes.
 Friday 4 middle of the day. Cloudy & sprinkling more
 & then, cool weather, & favorable for the crowds
 in the two cities. nearly night & very dark
 & cloudy. still it does not rain only occa-
 sionally sprinkles.
 Saturday 5. Much cooler weather. have had fire most of the
 day in the parlor. a call from Col Meyer & Mr
 Case. Postal from Wilfred saying he would
 be home to night.
 Sunday 6. R. & Helen went to the Episcopal church.
 W. & H. to ours. & heard Mr Wheelock read a sermon.
 Monday 7. Wilfred went up to Mr Case's to take dinner
 with Col. Meyer. Helen is spending the afternoon
 at Will's. Herbert stayed last night at his aunt's.

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weather warmer.

Tuesday 8. Weather continues warmer & dry, very dry. W. is helping at the store, Stiles Straighten has a son born last night. Helen has put a lining in my blue cloth cape. Mrs Raymond & her sister Miss Andrews, called, last night & call from Mrs J. Kelley, & from Mrs Bennis & her youngest daughter.

Thurs. 10. Was out well yesterday, & did not write, was taken ill Tuesday in the night. did not sit up much yesterday with bowel trouble.

W. has been to Pratt this afternoon. a steady rain during most of the forenoon. Helen has been out & bought a piece of goods to make a over a waist for me. she has put pockets in the of my skirt. R. has just finished my skirt black bunting.

Friday 11. Mrs Sears called to see Helen, R. & H. called to see Emma who is sick with a cold. Wilfred drove away several loads of bark from the store. home to the dumping grounds & some home for fuel. Sent back a coat R. had sent me owing to a misfit.

Saturday 12. W. drove to Waseca on business. H. finished my dress. Have been feeling better yesterday & to day. with Martha's help did a little baking. a small washing done. ironing & some what rainy this evening.

Sunday 13. Dr. Strong preached at the Congl church this morning. W. & H. went to church. Helen has still a head cold tho her cold is better. Will. has gone to Maiden station to take Professor Ingraham to preach or talk to the people there.

Monday 14. All the family except myself, went to hear Dr. Strong again last evening. Thunder & lightning in the night & some rain. This morning Wilfred was to have gone to Geneva to take his aunt Helen but it has rained much of the forenoon & probably they cannot go. Mr & Mrs Case & their daughter Ellen

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came in before church time last night & we had a little singing & playing. Ellen goes to day to her work in the South as teacher in a colored institution near Jackson, Miss. Late. It has not rained this afternoon & W. & Helen started to Geneva about two o'clock.

Tuesday 15. Wilfred got home from Geneva about noon. & has been at the store most of the afternoon. A gloomy day & sometimes a sprinkle, a dreary prospect for the county fair.

Wed. 16. A rainy morning. Mrs Whitney came in this afternoon. Our folks are taking things from Gordon. the store to the fair grounds to make a little display at the fair.

Thurs. 17. Cloudy & unpromising weather part of the day but the afternoon has been pleasant, & there has been quite a gathering at the fair grounds & some bicycle racing I believe. Pat Hawk came down & is staying with us to night. Friday 18. Afternoon, W. has gone to Medford. It is cloudy & a little rainy. But the fair is going on I think. The stores are closed this afternoon, & Hubert has gone to the fair grounds. Charles Hawker came down this morning. was here to dinner with his father. will stay over night.

Saturday 19. A good day, cool but clear. Charles Binton & his wife came from Geneva & brought Helen back. They went home between four & five o'clock. There was frost last night & will be more to night probably. Letter to R.

Sunday 20. All went to church. W. & H. to the Episcopal, W. Hubert & I. to ours, to hear Mr Albright a minister. Went again this evening to hear Mr Albright on Galilee. Helen went to hear Mr. Jones at the Baptist church.

Monday 21. Wilfred went up beyond Maiden station to Louis Abbas, to get part of a load of grain, he had left there when the road was bad, a

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gloomy day, Helen went over to Emma's, we were to have gone out with the horses, but were discouraged by the weather.

Tuesday 22, Helen took the 8 o'clock train this morning, to go to Minneapolis, & was to go home to see her this evening. When we came back from taking her to the train, I went up town did a little shopping & went up to Mrs. Towns to see her flowers. then took Mrs. T. & her daughter Sarah for a ride about town, afterwards called at Emma's, while Mr. took Mrs. T. & S. home & took the children for a short ride. A hard frost or freeze last night, the day has been bright & pleasant. But fires are needed. W. has been after a load of straw this afternoon to Mr. Caser. Mr. C. had all his teeth taken out this morning at the dentist's went into Will's store while up town this morn. A call from Mrs. Woods of Warioja. Her but took his school suit, the Pillsbury uniform, to a boy who is attending the school, & would like to get the suit.

Wed. 23. W. went out to the farm & brought back a load of wood & oats. Katie Macl Wittet came in to see us & brought her little girl a year & a half old. She lived with us a year or two on the farm & was a good girl. She came to town to do some trading. They live a dozen miles in the country.

Thurs. 24. W. has gone to Pratt, this afternoon. Have been busy for two or three days making over & repairing under flannel. W. & H. went last evening to hear a political talk by the prohibition candidate for president, Levering. W. has just returned from P.

Friday 25. A beautiful day. W. has been very busy clearing out his stable yards. & Herbert has had a busy day delivering goods

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from the store. Mrs. Adams, & Mrs. Ellis called, went in to see Mrs. Whitney who is thinking of taking a trip to her former home in one of the eastern states.

Saturday 26. Rained during last night & awhile this morning. A Mr. Bliss died, & was buried to day. Wilfred went with the carriage to take some of the friends to the cemetery. After wards, stopped at Emma's took her in & drove home for us, & R. & I, went with them about town. found quite muddy streets but the mud not deep most of the yards are beautifully green, but vines & flowers mostly killed. Cedar St. was alive with teams of all sorts, & people.

Sunday 27. All went to church to hear Mr. Hunt, & the rest of the family have gone this evening.

Monday 28. Forty years ago to night we stopped here in Custer town (on our way to the farm where we lived till we came here last spring) & stayed all night sister R. & Gordon & I, with a family by the name of Oliver. The boys, Wilfred & Will, with their father, slept in our covered wagon. There was a heavy frost that night, the first one of consequence of the month I think. Wilfred has been out to the farm. Had four hours of palpitation this forenoon. a small washing was done this morning. The day pleasant. Mrs. Whitney did start yesterday on her trip East.

Tuesday 29. W. went to the farm very early this morning. Drove up first, to get Mr. Case who was top a cripple with him to help build corn cribs, one or called at the more for August, the renter to use, as the don't ask ones already on the place & filled with for help. our last years crop of corn. They did not expect to come back till tomorrow night. Letter from R. The rest of the week washing done this morning. Most of the day dark & cloudy.

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Wed, 31. At noon, so far, a beautiful day. A lady called this morning to ask about a girl, Mrs. Corvis came in to see about fitting a pair of shoes for Martha. Evening, R. called at Mr. Inverdale's, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson's, & at Mrs. George Morfords, also went to Emma's. W. has not come home from the farm as we expected. The whole day has been mild & pleasant.

Thursday

Oct - 1st. Another fine day, warm & still. Wilfred did come last night about bed time & has gone again to day to finish the corn crib & bring a load of corn. Will come this afternoon to get the funny house for Emma & Julia to go out driving. Heard of the death of Mr. Sargent, the former owner of this house. He died yesterday I believe, was an old man & had been feeble a long time. The leaves on all the trees are fast turning yellow.

Friday 2. W. came in good season last night. The fine weather continues, called at at Mrs. Kelley's. Their son Tommy came Letter from home with me to bring a package of "Review of Reviews." W. went to Medford. Julia V. & her friend & schoolmate Miss Whiting called this evening. W. is going to the ^{G. A. R. post meeting} ~~the store~~ this evening & Herbert to a candy pull.

Saturday 3. One more pleasant warm day. Letter to R. - W. at the store all day a shunaway on Cedar St. boy on a hayrack, haven't heard the outcome. Letter to R. from R.

Sunday 4. Cloudy this afternoon & looking like rain. Not feeling very well, did not go to church. The rest of the family heard Mr. Hunt. Herbert began singing with the choir or chorus.

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Monday 5. A little rain last evening & perhaps in the night. A good day, W. most of the time at the store. Letter to Mrs. Stevens.

Tuesday 6. Letter & papers to Gordon, went out to do a little shopping. Took Emma who made a few calls, W. took W. C. G. & Miss Whiting to the guild rooms for supper, cold to night.

Wed. 7. Wilfred went to the farm & brought a load of wood. It has been a fine day but seems cold & a constant fire is needed. Another little washing done, & part of the ironing. Martha has been raking up the fallen leaves. tho' there are many more to fall. People about us are again beating carpets & beginning the fall house cleaning.

Thurs 8. A visit from Mr & Mrs S. Preston of Barre. W. gone to Pratt this afternoon, we still need to keep up fires for warmth. Julia came in, her twenty second birthday.

Friday 9. Went out shopping late this afternoon, R. & I. & then drove up to Stillboughtens. R. called, I stayed in the carriage. Yesterday, sent a small package by mail to Helen.

Saturday 10. A rainy day, Herbert has a new cover for his delivery wagon. W. has been at the store most of the day.

Sunday 11. Did not go to church. R. went to the Presby. ^{after dinner} ~~will~~ went out to Maiden & took a young Mr. Erickson to preach. A pleasant afternoon & warmer. Martha went out to her home after church.

Monday 12. A beautiful day, made a comfort for a narrow bed. A washing done. Mrs. Inverdale called.

Tuesday 13. Another perfect day, W. at the store, Mrs. Sawyer called, called at the houses of two of our near neighbors. Cotten & Sandford, are out at home. Helen. Will & Emma have the horse & carriage this afternoon -

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Wed. 28 Wilfred came home in the rain last night from the farm, but having gone with the covered buggy, was not much wet. Julia Vinton went with him for the ride. They came soon after dark. Today is cloudy & is looking like rain or snow. The fire in the coal stove went out last night & it was a slow job getting it to go again. We have two large bunches of chrysanthemums in bloom yellow. Our neighbors are putting heavy paper on the outside of their cellar walls the foundation of their houses to keep out the cold of winter when it shall come.

Thurs 29 Rain is now at five o'clock p.m. pouring, & it has rained most of the day.

Friday 30. Another rainy cloudy forenoon. W. & H. went last evening to the first entertainment of a series to be had this winter. There was a crowded house last night at the concert "Camilla Eiro". notwithstanding the unfavorable weather. We are expecting R. & Mrs Minnie Benson on the late afternoon train. Later. W. has gone to Medford cloudy weather continues & wind more or less, & colder. Letter from Gordon.

Saturday 31. W. & H. met R. & Mrs Benson at the train last just after the McKinley parade last night. The weather was cold & unpleasant but the fine work music & marching went on & afterward speaking of

Sunday 20. Took Mrs B. out for a walk. Henry Drem & his family returning at dark last night, W. & H. went to church

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Will & Emma came over & took dinner with.

Monday 2. afternoon Our friends went home on the 8.15 A.M. train. I am having more of a cold than I have had since ^{my} came. The Quaterna cough a good deal but hope to be better tomorrow. The cook stove moved into the dining room. Very low weather. snow enough to whiten the ground fell Friday night.

Tuesday 3. Election day. & better weather than yesterday. Mrs Kelley called to take us, R. & me out to vote for Co Superintendent. R. went but owing to my cold, I was obliged to decline. Letter from Simon Mrs Sheldon called.

Wed 4. Have not coughed quite as much today. Letter from R enclosing one from Sister Julia telling of Bernies marriage.

Thurs 5. W. went to Pelt. Mrs Kelley called. a business meeting at the church to see about some pastor & other business.

Friday 6. W. borrowed at Mr Alexander's a little lamp & arrangements for using Camelline for my cold & cough. Early to snow has fallen to make the ground white. W. rec'd a postal from Mr Whitney, a barrel of apples. \$1.75.

Saturday 7. W. went very early to the farm, Mrs Karens called to see Martha. Something of a washing done. McKinley is elected & the republic-
-ican ticket pretty generally throughout the country I believe.

Sunday 8. W. & H. went to church. Mr Core came in.

Monday 9. snowed a little all day & we have had lowing weather for two weeks. Letter from R. Did a little scrap book or rather picture book work. W. has measured the windows for stam sack & they will probably be put on tomorrow. winter seems to have come in earnest.

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Tuesday 10. Morning. Snowing hard - but it is not cold. Later - the snow has fallen all the fore part of the day. nearly a foot snow have fallen.

Wed. 11. Mrs Kelly came in to solicit for a service at the church. Friday night.

Thurs. 12. Mrs Kavan came & did the washing. a fine day. Simon came on the 7.30 train p.m.

Friday 13. A pleasant day. sleighs are flying about in every direction. Simon is out this afternoon with Herbert. Wilfred has gone to Medford with his new cutter. A service at the church to night. Our folks will take supper there.

Saturday 14. Thawing. but fine sleighing. Martha went home this forenoon to stay overnight. A ratification meeting & torch light procession to night.

Sunday 15. Morning. W. H. & Simon have gone to church. Bright sun shine & more thawing.

Monday 16. Morning. Still warm & thawing. A Mr Dofel preached yesterday with a view to a call here. W. has a letter from Mr Inverdell. Simon a note from his mother.

Tuesday 17. Will's 4th birth day. It has turned colder & stopped thawing. Wilfred was to have gone out into the country to day for Mr Inverdell but not feeling very well decided to wait & the roads are now probably rough. W. & S. spent last evening at Mrs Town's.

A load of wood brought yesterday, price \$4.50.
Wed. 18. A sort of school or lectures is being held for the benefit of the maroon, W. & W. & what they can.

Thurs 19. The horses stepped on Wilfred's foot & it has pained him severely this afternoon.

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evening. He could not go to Platts & will wait in his place. Mr Mary Stoughton came in & stayed part of the afternoon. Simon spent the evening at Mr Bemis. Will came in once or twice brought liniment for W. foot morning. Wilfred went out with horse night & is very much better. we used hot water, also ~~land anem~~ as an outward application. We made a bed in the parlor for W. to sleep last night - as he could not get up stairs. Letter from R. a little snow fell last night. He went skating.

Saturday 21. Mrs Kelly & Mr Cusick called. sociable at our church to night.

Sunday 22. Simon took dinner at Mr Bemis & went with W. to the Presbyterian church this evening.

Monday 23. W. & S. went up to Mrs Town's again to spend the evening. Mrs Kelly ran in on an errand.

Tuesday 24. Mrs Kavan came this morning, did the washing, & washed the stove, windows that came this morning. Simon went home on the four o'clock p. m. train. There is ice over every thing out of doors. A little sheet of ice we had this afternoon. children are skating on the side walk.

Wed. 25. A dark - foggy - rainy day. & ice, most of the day to make traveling dangerous for people & horses. Most of the storm windows put on. Am knitting a pair of black double mittens, woolen. Raining now at half past seven p. m. Herbert has had a busy day delivering Thanksgiving supplies about town. Blacksmiths have also had plenty of business shoeing horses.

Thurs. 26. Thanksgiving day. We have all invited to meet Dr. & Mrs Gahver at Will's, which we did & sat down to a truly Thanksgiving dinner. Dr. & Mrs G. went home on the early evening train. Martha spent the day with her cousins in town.

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It has rained by spells most of the day. This evening the wind has changed to the north & a few inches of snow would be welcomed.

Friday 27. My seventy fourth birth day. A cold day & the roads very hard & rough. Wilfred went to Medford this afternoon with the traveling man. A call from an old acquaintance Mrs Kate Middaugh Bixby who is visiting Westport. A Mrs Washburn came with her. There is but little coming or traveling on the streets, the roads are too rough & the weather too cold.

Saturday 28 A cold day & the rough roads have not thawed at all. A letter from Simon last night to W. Letter to R. Finished one of the mittens I am knitting. Martha went down to the river to see the skating. Mrs Case called.

Sunday 29. Another cold day. W. & H. went to church. Will came in just at dark. We have written to Gordon & to Helen.

Monday 30 Cold weather continues. A call from Mrs Bemis. W. & H. have ^{done} to hear a lecture by George Kennan this evening. Two storm windows put on in W. room.

Tuesday Dec. 1st W. & H. have gone to hear a lecture by Prof Shedd. Letter from R.

Wed. 2 Not so cold. Mrs Sheldon, collecting for the missionary society, called. Finished the black mittens, note from Helen with Thanksgiving dinner menu.

Thurs. 3 Snowing a little. W. went to Pr. St. Mrs W. Kelley called, to invite us to dinner tomorrow.

Friday 4. W. & H. took dinner at Mr Kelley's. I ^{thought} best not to go out. Storm windows put on

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the north parlor windows. People are using runners on the little snow we have, the wheels are used too. W. called at a millinery store on the way home from Mrs Kelleys. also called at Mr J. Kelleys.

Saturday 5 Mrs Raymond & Miss Andrews called. Storm park put on the guest chamber windows. The last ones are on now I think. This not all the windows have them.

Sunday 6 A letter from Gordon. A mild day. People in town ride about in sleighs & catters, but there is not much sleighing on the country roads. Will came in this afternoon. W. & H. went to church. A sermon read by Mr Wheelock. The bell is ringing for evening service. A union service I think. Martha went early in the evening to the young people meeting.

Monday 7 A lecture this evening by Hawley Smith. W. & H. have gone to hear him. (Have written to R.)

Tuesday 8 Sent R's letter. received one from her. Fisk jubilee singers at the Congl. church ^{tonight}. Warm bright day. mending most of the day. W. has gone to see the milliner Mrs Chaney. No school at the "District" to day. & Martha is visiting her cousin this afternoon. I hear the wheels rumbling through the streets. Some little sleighing is let for gone to be used I should think. All snow alone falls.

Wed. 9 Emma came over for an hour this morning. would have stayed the day. but her father was to come in to day on the pension. Business. W. called yesterday at the Friends Stoughtons & Cellis'. W. & H. went to hear the jubilee singers last night. Men are cutting & trimming the trees on the edge back of us. for a telephone line I believe.

Thurs. 10 Warm & clearing. A pleasant day. Mince meat made. Four pies baked.

Friday 11. Warm & bright. W. has gone to Medford. Two p.

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Letter from R. to H. It must be throwing up
 frost. Very little snow to be seen.

Saturday 12. A warm pleasant day. four p. m. H. has
 gone out calling. Mrs Town & her two
 daughters, Mrs Charney & Miss Sarah. spent
 last evening with us. A letter to R. from
 sister Julia. H. attended another lecture
 by Prof. Shedd last evening.

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 Had two hours of palpitation, from eleven to one.
 Mr Davidson an old resident was buried.

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 this afternoon & evening. W. & H. have gone
 to the Academy to hear a lecture by Prof.
 Shedd on Switzerland. W. & H. went
 this afternoon to chapel exercises at the
 academy. President Harper from Chicago
 & Mr Pillsbury were there. A Mr & Mrs
 Pegg came in to look at the house with
 a view to buying it.

Tuesday 15. Letter to R. The snow we had last night did
 not amount to much. Mr Kelley came in
 this morning. was collecting a fund to buy
 xmas things for poor children.

Wed 16. Afternoon, a cloudy, not pleasant day.
 Miss Thompson was in town & came in
 & took dinner with us. A letter to sister
 Alice.

Thursday 17. A letter to Mary Humphrey. Mr Kelley
 came in again. Martha's mother in to day
 more sober. perhaps enough for a little
 sleighing.

Friday 18. Letters to Helen & to Gordon, very good
 sleighing. W. went to Bath. H. & H. have
 gone this evening to a Baptist supper.
 Mrs Case came in for a few
 minutes this evening on an errand
 to Martha.

Saturday 19. Finished a pair of mittens for some S. S.

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child. H. called at Esmond's, vacation
 in all the schools. for two weeks.

Sunday 20. Mr Soper, a minister we had hoped to
 obtain, has decided not to come. One of
 Herbert's friends, Dwight Wheelock called.
 this afternoon. W. H. & H. went to the Baptist
 church this evening. H. first going to the
 young people's meeting at our church.

Monday 21. Snowing this afternoon & looking quite
 winter. Mrs Case came in & took dinner
 with us.

Tuesday 22. W. went to the farm. went with his
 cutter. but brought back his bob sleds with
 a small load of wood. a couple of barrels of
 old books &c. Julia & Miss Emily called.

Wed. 23. Mrs Daniels & Mrs Annie M. Council called.
 H. went out calling. A fine day. Finished
 another pair of mittens for the S. S. Letter from Alice.

Thurs. 24. Christmas eve. W. has gone to the store. H. Herbert
 & Martha have gone to the Congl church where
 they have a xmas tree. Letter from R. wrote
 to R. & Miss A. Dailey. Martha has a bunch of
 evergreen which she has fixed up as a
 xmas tree, & is very happy over it.

Friday 25. Christmas day. Will Emma & Julia went to
 Dodge Center. Will came back to night. Letters
 last night from Helen. & from Mary Stevens. A
 box of Christmas things from Aunt Daily.

Saturday 26. Martha went away yesterday & has not returned.
 Will takes his meals with us, now that he is alone.
 mended horse blankets this forenoon.

Sunday 27. Wilfred & Herbert went to church. Will
 was here most of the afternoon.

Monday 28. The snow & what little sleighing we
 had is gone. Herbert has gone up to Mr
 Case's to stay all night. Wilfred is spend-
 ing the evening with Mr Chaney at Mrs
 Towns. Heave written to R. & to Augusta D.
 weather warm & very still this evening.

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- Tuesday 29. Emma & Julia came home from Dodge Center an entertainment to night at the state school.
- Wed. 30 - a recitation this evening at the Congl church by Mrs A. J. Truendell. Had palpitation this morning from half past seven till ten, weather still warm. J. B. called. The remains of Mr Holt - an old citizen of Ansonia were brought here to night - & Wilfred has gone to take Mr Magill the Pres. minister to the depot & to the cemetery.
- Thurs. 31. A warm day & this evening it is raining. There is a gathering of young folk at Mr J. Kellogg's & Herbert has just gone.

Friday Jan. 1st. Warm weather & muddy streets. A letter from R. New Year day & the stores are closed this afternoon. Lost something on her way from the house to the church, Emma slipped & fell straining & injuring herself. Coughing her severe pain through the night, has been much better to day.

Saturday 2. Busy day at the store, but dreadful roads.

Sunday 3. W. & H. went to church. Mr Wheelock read some some snow last night & a little more this afternoon. The little girl weather came back to day noon. M. W. & H. have gone to church this evening. W. to hear Mr May at the Pres' church & H. to the young people's meeting at our church & then to hear Mr Jones at the Baptist church.

Monday 4. Mrs Dr. Johnson called. Sleighing but not good. Letter from R.

Tuesday 5. A pleasant day. W. & H. went to prayer meeting this evening. wrote to Mary & Thomas. H. called on Mrs Brown.

Wed. 6. Letter to R. Mr. Claus & Godoy's magazine from Simon came. Dec. has. W. has gone to his masonic lodge.

Thurs. 7. Another pleasant day. Wilfred stopped

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runaway horse in front of the house. It had nearly stopped was about to go on again with the overturned cutter, the horse belonged to Mr Hadley - wrote to Mrs. Hewkes. Did a little baking. four or five nine pie & a cake. H. & Wilfred have gone to prayer meeting. Herbert to practice singing for church.

Friday 8. Pleasant weather continues. W. went to Medford. Mrs Gibbs, & Mrs Keller, called this evening. Men have been putting up the telephone wires on the poles recently set up back of the house.

Saturday 9. A small washing & ironing done. H. received a letter from Mrs Willson.

Sunday 10. Mr Chandler a minister from Wisconsin preached in our church this morning. may become our pastor. The funeral of Mr Reynolds was held in the Congl church this afternoon, a sermon by Mr Elling the Methodist minister. the services conducted by the masons.

Monday 11. Snow in the air a good part of the day. A little daughter of Mr Wheelock died this morning of some throat trouble. A little boy, son of a near neighbor Mr Alexander, is very sick not expected to live.

Tuesday 12. Mr Alexander, little boy of four years, died during last night. a very early this morning. Min Thompson called this afternoon. Received the wedding cards of Mr Benson & Mr Little of Springfield Ohio.

Wed. 13. Letter from R. Two or three inches of snow fell last night. Herbert has a cold & coughs hard.

Thurs. 14. A beautiful day. & at the funeral of Mr Alexander there was a large attendance & long procession of teams of different colors. There was also another long funeral procession of Catholics, on Cedar street. Herbert doesn't cough as

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much as he did last night

Thursday 15th Sister R.'s birth day. A letter from an old friend of forty & fifty years ago, Mrs Trevitt, now of Washington, D. C. Fire bell rang this evening, but it proved a false alarm. A Philips Brooks calendar from R. Letter from Mrs Hawkes. Mc Cluer magazine for Jan. from R.

Saturday 16th A snowy disagreeable day. Mr Danes made her a visit of two or three hours. A small washing & ironing done.

Sunday 17th Sister R.'s birth day, & it's a blizzard day rather. W. & H. went to church & heard a good sermon by Prof. Ford. Was threatened this morning with an attack of dizziness. Took a weak solution of soda. Kept quiet, & was soon better.

Monday 18th Cold weather last night & today. W. is intending to go to the farm tomorrow to get a load of wood. Tonight is the Gessie Conthoni concert at the Methodist church. R. W. & Herbert will go. R. wrote to R.

Tuesday 19th Was a cold morning, but the weather has moderated & the evening is bright & pleasant. W. bought two cords of wood for which he paid \$9.75. Mrs Bennis called this afternoon. W. & H. have gone to spend the evening at Mr Tuerdells. W. did not go to the farm but may tomorrow.

Wed. 20th W. did go to the farm & has not returned. Mr & Mrs Magill called, & Mrs Chaney & Mrs Town this evening. A Mr MacClintock came in to ask if we could lodge some of the people expected here next month to attend the Young men's association.

Thurs 21st Snowy this afternoon. Wilfred got home from the farm & Maraca at six o'clock this evening. Stayed at Mr Hawkes last night. A letter from Gordon to W. A letter to Mrs D.

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Friday 22nd Wilfred went to Medford. Letter from R.

Saturday 23rd Cold weather, perhaps the coldest we have had.

Sunday 24th Noon. Said to have been 34° below this morning. Ice in the cellar. potatoes covered up last night. Rev. J. C. Roy preached this morning but a few but to church. W. & H. were out. W. stayed to D. D. H.'s teacher was not there.

Monday 25th As cold this morning as yesterday. at least it seemed so. It froze more in the house than bright before last. There was an alarm of fire last night. a little before midnight, a small dwelling house was burned on Oak St, near a brewery. Letter to R. Martha went to her relations quietly after church & stayed all night. came back this afternoon to say she was going back to stay till after a wedding tomorrow.

Tuesday 26th Sister Julia's birth day. The cold weather continues. Like everybody else, we burn a good deal of coal. Wilfred went out of town a mile or two, to take supplies to a poor family. Will. was not very well to day & stayed away from the store part of the day. Wilfred has gone over there this evening. Have written to R. again.

Wed. 27th Still very cold weather. Sent R.'s letter Henry Drum & his son Harry here to dinner, Martha has not come back.

Thurs. 28th not quite so cold to day, Martha came back after school to night. Happy in having had a good time at the wedding of her cousin. Mr Raymond, owner of this house, came in to settle rent matters.

Friday 29th A pleasant day but still cold weather. W. went to Pratts. A letter from R. returning L. & Mrs Trevitt's letters. Bryant's Calendar to R. from Simon. R. wrote to Mrs Wilson. Herbert is going out to spend the evening at Mr Tuerdells.

Saturday 30th Another not quite so cold. Julia R. called.

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another small washing done Martha went home with her mother about noon to stay till tomorrow.

Sunday 31 - A snowy forenoon no service at the Congl church except Sunday school, a young people's meeting this evening. W. went to the Wesleyan church this morning, H. to the Baptist church. Will came in for a while the remainder of the day. Another letter from Mrs Devitt.

Monday February 1st - A mild day. Miss Sarah Town called just at night. A letter to W. from Simon

Tuesday 2 - Candlemas day - or ground hog day. W. went out to the farm & brought back a load of wood. thinks of going again tomorrow. A small washing done this morning at noon. Martha went home with her aunt to stay a day or two perhaps. Wilfred came at half past six to night. A letter from R. to R.

Wed. 3 - A cloudy mild day. W. went to the farm again & got another load of wood.

Thurs. 4 - A pleasant day. W. made another trip to the farm for wood. will not go any more at present. An alarm of fire about two o'clock last night. A small house down by the bridge was burned. Mrs Jones called. she is a near neighbor. Heave made a comfort the tying not finished. Herbert is at the church ^{this evening} to practice singing.

Friday 5 - A snowy day. Will went to Medford with the travelling man instead of Wilfred. Letter to R. Finished tying the comfort. W. has gone to a meeting of his frost.

Saturday 6 - Wrote to Helen. Another bed set up in the guest ^{chamber} to accommodate lodgers during the Buttermaking convention to be held here next week.

Sunday 7 - Another fire alarm last night, a butcher

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shop & some other building on north Cedar St. was partially burned. A little snow this morning. R. & Herbert gone to church. Wilfred has come back, & thought best not to go. A good many people are having grippe. Stiles Stoughton went home sick yesterday & Julia is quite ailing. Martha came back after church. Prof. Ford preached at the Congl church. R. went to hear Mr Ma Gill.

Monday 8 - One of our usual little washings done. A three days Catholic fair is being held in town, & Martha is to help in it in the way of waiting on tables. has been there most of the day. is also there this evening. Have been busy mending & took an old comfort apart. R. called at Mrs Kellys.

Tuesday 9 - Letter from R. made a thin cotton mattress to put on a hair mattress. Mrs Bernis, her son & three daughters spent ~~this~~ evening with us.

Wed. 10 - R. Wilfred & Herbert go to an entertainment this evening. House - a dramatic orator - snowed over all yesterday afternoon & evening.

Thurs. 11 - Have been unusually busy doing various things a little washing, a little ironing, mending & baking. has been done.

Friday 12 - Busy again most of the day mending. Apples stewed, pies made. chicken for dinner. W. started with the traveling man, to go to Pratts, but met the man they were to go to see, & came back.

Saturday 13 - A disagreeable day. Business men have been decorating their business houses &c. getting ready for the Buttermaking Convention expected next week. Better weather than the present, is hoped for, we have had rain snow & high wind.

Sunday 14 - no service in our church. W. & H. went to the Baptist church, Martha not being any well, we thought best to take her home to stay till tomorrow.

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Monday 15 a very pleasant day, a pleasant call from Mrs Clark Chambers. The little girl Martha, did not come back as expected. But few people have come to the convention, as yet.

Tuesday 16 A thawing time this forenoon just at night snow fell fast for a while. More people came to the convention. Hotels are full. Martha came back this morning. Received a letter from Clean, R. F. from Mrs Jane Aldrich, Lee, an old acquaintance.

Wed. 17 Mr Hawker took dinner with us. thought of going home to night but decided to stay & has gone off town with W. will stay with us to night.

Thurs. 18 Mr Daniel & Miss Thompson called. Mr Hawker went home this afternoon. A letter to R. Papers from sister Alice to R. & me.

Friday 19 Letter to Mrs Frevitt. The convention is over. not nearly so many people came as was expected. & most of the few who came have gone home. Clark Dills an old acquaintance called.

Saturday 20 A letter from Mrs Stevens, Martha's mother & brother came in to see her.

Sunday 21 The new pastor preached to day. Mr Chandler from Rhinelanda Wisconsin is Good sleighing continues. Received a paper from the McCoy in Penn.

Monday 22 Washington birth day. No schools to day. Herbert went up to stay all night at Mr Case's. Mr & Mrs Stiles Stoughton spent the evening with us. a small washing sent this morning. a letter from R.

Tuesday 23 Cold weather. Last night & to day. August came & brought us half of a small hog he had killed. Mrs Kelley called.

Wed. 24 Wrote to Mrs Stevens. a good deal of wind. Herbert had a vomiting spell during last night. is well again.

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Thurs. 24 Wrote to Mrs Maurice Lee. Stiles Stoughton moved to the west side of the river, cold weather. W. has gone to prayer meeting. Sent papers to Mr McCoy & to Gordon or have them ready to send.

Friday 26 Letter to R. sent Mrs Stevens letter to her. a cold day said to have been 25, & 30° below 0. Julia V. called to night.

Saturday 27 Part of a washing done. A pair of new shoes for Martha. while at the store to be fitted, he mother came, & she went home with her to come back tomorrow. Began a light mattress to fit over one of her.

Sunday 28 The last of February. How fast the month has seemed to go. Afternoon. Will come in & stayed to dinner with us. a quiet day & not very cold.

Monday March 1st Snowy this forenoon & bright & sunny through the afternoon. Took an old quilt to pieces & began a new one. finished the little top mattress, begun Saturday. Herbert has gone out riding this evening. Julia & her friend Mary Whiting came in a few minutes last evening before church time. Letter from R. to R.

Tuesday 2. Snowy again a good part of the day. Have worked at the new quilt most of the day. The Feb. Mc Clare magazine from R.

Wed. 3 Ash Wednesday. Finished the quilt. a letter from Gladys to Wilfred.

Thurs. 4. McKinley inaugurated. a stormy afternoon. snow first & then sleet & rain. Have worked most of the day making over an old homemade blue & white bed blanket.

Friday 5. Morning when I first looked out. before seven o'clock it was snowing heavily, & continuing, tho not quite so fast. about seven inches has

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fallen since it began & sleet was falling till late into the night. Wilfred & Herbert are at the barn struggling with the delivery sleigh cover, to free it from ice & snow. The evergreen trees are bending low with their fleecy burden. The other trees stand bare, brittle & defiant. At long intervals a pedestrian passes with bent head, hat pulled down, hands in pocket, & stepping high, must go to business, willy nilly.

Evening Wilfred went to Medford with Mr. Lucy. It is warmer, no snow since morning. A few things washed, Martha did not go to school this forenoon.

Saturday 6. We learned to day that an aunt of Mrs. Nichols, a neighbor, had died & we had not known that she was ill. did know that she was a feeble woman, Mrs. Cotta a near neighbor called. Sweeping, baking & sewing done. Julia R. called. R. is writing to sister Julia. Letter from R. & roll of papers.

Sunday 7. A heavy snow storm, from seven till three o'clock, it snowed fast & hard continuously. Very few went out to church. People have shoveled out the side walk in part to night & a snow plow helped. Not cold. W. M. & Martha went to church.

Monday 8. A cloudy day, but no snow & not cold, ice are looking for Simon to night. Simon came at 7:30.

Tuesday 9. Simon took the books to Emma he brought for her. R. called to see Mrs. Jones, who has been sick with grippe. Mild weather.

Wed, 10. A bright afternoon. Mr. Boice came in wrote to R. Wilfred, Simon & Herbert have ^{this evening} gone with the big sleigh out riding. will take Julia, Miss Whitney & others.

Thurs, 11. Snow again this afternoon. There is a supper this evening at the Congl church parlors.

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Wilfred, Simon & Herbert have gone over. Have been busy making over a suit of underwear.

Friday 12. A very bright afternoon. More underwear repaired. Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Trevitt.

Saturday 13. Snowy, the last half of the day. Letter from R. to Simon, Wilfred, Harry & Herbert have gone to hear the Bell singers, Martha's mother & little brother came in to see her.

a little more washing done & ironing & mending. Sunday 14. The family all went to church except Martha & myself. Winter weather continues.

Monday 15. A fine winter day. Simon & Herbert have gone to spend the evening at Mr. Bernis'.

Tuesday 16. A mild day, a call from Mrs. Brown, a letter from R.

Wed, 17. Wilfred & Simon were to have gone to the farm to day, but found it raining this morning, & it continued raining most of the forenoon which softened the snow a good deal. To night W. S. & H. have gone to the academy to a musicale. Letter to R.

Thurs 18. Letter & papers from Gordon. also letter to him & papers. ^{It} has thawed all day & the snow has settled very fast. Wilfred & Simon have gone to prayer meeting.

Friday 19. It is a year yesterday, since we came from the farm to live here, but how different the country looked then, there was no snow & the roads were smooth & dry, now the roads are in a dreadful state, from the rain we have had & the melting snow. It rained most of the forenoon again to day, tho not very hard. People try to get the snow out of the ditches & give the water a chance to run off. A letter to Simon from his mother.

Saturday 20. An alarm of fire, only a chimney burning out.

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- a busy day at the store. a little more washing & ironing with the usual house work.
- Sunday 21. W. S. & H. went to church. Martha went to her church with her mother & sister who walked from their home, four miles away.
- Monday 22. morning a bright morning, looking like spring. Later, Thame & Lita to R. from R.
- Tuesday 23. wheels are being used in town more than runners. Letter from Helen McChesney may agent for march to Herbert from R.
- Wed. 24. A pleasant day but rather a cold wind. A letter from R. & one to her & a paper.
- Thurs. 25. Mr Wendling gives a lecture in the evening to night W. R. & H. have gone to hear him. A letter from Irene to R.
- Friday 26. Snow goes off slowly. freezing nights. Mr Chandler our new partner called. Simon works at the wood pile in the back yard part of each day sawing & splitting wood & has a nice lot piled up. Martha had tooth ache & did not go to school this forenoon. Made a small bolster for my bed.
- Saturday 27. The snow has thawed very fast & the day has been pleasant. A letter from R. to Simon. A tramp came to the door to night asking for something for a poor infant to eat.
- Sunday 28. The family went to church. Will came in for a little while after church & Julia came & stayed to dinner. Emma is very poorly & has been since her fall three months ago. We are glad to have the snow continue to go off. The church is to be repaired, new seats, new carpets, &c. It is to be finished by Easter Sunday if possible.
- Monday 29. Thunder & lightning last night & to day a little sprinkle of rain. snow melted fast. Letter from R. Half an hour or more of palpitation this morning, Dr. McKim

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- came in this morning to test my eyes for a change of glass. decided to have two new pair out for far seeing.
- Tuesday 30. A drying thawing day. There is only now & then a spot of snow to be seen & the water is fast soaking into the ground. The road, into the country must be very muddy, Wilfred, Simon & Herbert have gone to spend the evening at Mrs Towns.
- Wed. 31. Herbert went to a little party at the Rev Mr Jones this evening. & Simon has gone to Mr Bemis.
- Thursday April 1st. The roads are settling fast. It is sprinkling this evening, W. S. & H. took supper at the church parlor to night. Mrs Sandford came in with the key ^{to Mrs. Dutton's barn}.
- Friday 2. A sombre day. A letter to Simon from his mother. Simon & Herbert have gone to a party at Mrs Towns given to Miss Fanny Burck who is about to leave Watoune for a home in Northfield. Wilfred went to Medford this afternoon.
- Saturday 3. A little rain. Simon went out Crane Creek away hunting. E. Sampson took him with a team but they found nothing to shoot. Will has a lame back & had to go home from the store. & Stiles was obliged to stay at home part of the day to see to a sick cow.
- Sunday 4. A somewhat rainy day, W. S. & H. went to church. & have gone again this evening. The place rain we are having will make the roads extremely muddy again.
- Monday 5. More rain, a very easy rain, but nasty & disagreeable. A tramp came & asked for breakfast & some wood while it was being prepared for him. An impersonator is giving an entertainment to night at the Methodist church. W. R. & H. have gone to hear him. Will is somewhat better & to his lame back, but does not go out yet. Mrs Sandford came in. Confirmation at the Episcopal church

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- Tuesday 6. Another cloudy day & rain. Toward night
a call this forenoon from Mrs J. Kelley.
Simon invited to the news at this evening.
- Wed. 7 A little while of sunshine to day, another
tramp at the door this morning for food.
Mr Dexter a friend of Simon's from
Minneapolis invited him to take dinner
with him at the Arnold House. Letter to R.
Yesterday was a very busy day at the store.
- Thurs. 8 A call from Mrs. Rice. Letter from R.
- Friday 9. A reception to night at the church for
Mr & Mrs. Chandler. Sister R. came on the
11.0 clock train.
- Saturday 10. Julia Case called.
- Sunday 11. R. & S. went to the Presbyterian church, R. &
H. to our church Julia D. came in & stayed
to dinner.
- Monday 12 Cloudy most of the day. Wilfred came from
the store at noon with sick head ache
but was better & went back to the store at
five o'clock.
- Wed. 14. R. & R. went to Emma's & to the store, wrote
to Mr & Mrs Trevitt. Mr & Mrs J. Kelley spent
the evening with us.
- Thurs. 15. Three little girls came in & played with
shells &c. & looked at pictures. Received a
document from Charles Aldrich.
- Friday 16. Martha went home with her mother. Mrs. Town
called. Wilfred went to Medford.
- Saturday 17. A pleasant day. Mrs Bernis & daughters
Myrtle & May, called. Mrs B. stayed to tea. Simon
has gone home with her. Simon went
with a boy to hunt for Pussy willows to
help in church trimming.
- Sunday 18. Easter Sunday. The men W. S. & H. went
to church, R. R. & I. stayed at home the
weather being unfavorable.
- Monday 19. A pleasant day, very, but the air has

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been cold all day. clothes froze when they
were hung out. Simon & Herbert are spend-
ing the evening at Mr Bernis's, working,
ironing & a few windows washed. those in
the dining room. the outside windows being
taken off.

- Tuesday 20. There was a wedding at the Cong'l church
Miss Fanny Birch of Watonwe was married to a
Mr. Melchior of Rathfield. We were all invited, Herbert
alone attended. R. & R. called at Mrs. Towns, Mrs. Halls
(R. at Mrs. Harshen) & William. A dog killed two or three hens
in Mrs. Whitneys yard. Cloudy & raining the
last part of the day & cold all day.
- Wed. 21. Rainy, early this morning, warmer to night.
The family are taking tea at Mrs. Bernis's.
Finished cushions for back & bottom of
the large cane backed chair. Sister R. & Simon
are to go home tomorrow. Paper selected
for the parlor & my room & the paper hanger
has promised to come & put it on next
Tuesday. Postal from Gordon.
- Thursday 22. R. & Simon went home on the morning
train. a pleasant day. called in to see Mrs.
Jones Mrs. McKinley & baby. Mrs. Peter Daniels & little girls came in.
- Friday 23. The neighbors are house cleaning. beating
carpets, & cleaning up generally. W. & H. went
to an entertainment this evening at the academy.
a letter from Simon telling of their pleasant
trip home, where they arrived at 11.30.
- Saturday 24. Morn. a beautiful day. a busy forenoon. washing
sweeping up stairs. R. & Martha have finished filling
the wood. S. sawed.
- Sunday 25. Another fine day. The family went to church.
Will came in after church. Took dinner with
us.
- Monday 26. Still good weather. we are getting ready for
the paper hanger. The coal stove taken down
parlor carpet taken up. & room cleared out.

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went out + found a few dandelions for greens. Martha brought in a small quantity Saturday. Mrs. Ellis came in. Herbert has sent for a bicycle.

Tuesday 27. Clear two rooms, prepared & things back in my room as the carpet was not taken up. The day has been favorable tho rather windy. Letter from R. + a writing desk for Wilfred a present from his aunt R.

Wed. 28 W. + H. put the parlor carpet down. It rained nearly all day. W. wrote to R.

Thurs. 29 A good day. Herbert's new bicycle came. W. drove out to Mr. Raymond's. A man is cleaning out the stable yard. A load of hay was put into the barn. Will brought two men to look at the horses. Parlor window curtains put up. Had three hours of palpitation last evening. Have something of a cold. Took six grains of quinine last night.

Mrs. Whitney our nearest neighbor who went to Maine last Fall, returned + came in to see us to day.

Friday 30. A pleasant day but cold wind. Wilfred sold the two horses Doley + Tom this morning for \$100. + went to help the buyer take them to Waterville. Will go to Waseca + to the farm before coming home may not come back till Monday. Letter to R. man still at work cleaning out the stable yard.

Saturday

May 1st Wilfred did come home to night. It has been a fine day. There was an alarm of fire a little afternoon. A barn was burned on South Cedar st. fire caused by a box fire. It has been a busy day with us. washing. ironing. window washing. not very much of either. Fitted up a temporary

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book case up stairs + filled it with 'Centuries'; mostly. Guest chamber window curtains washed + ironed.

Sunday 2. Pleasant but a good deal of wind. Herbert went up to Mr. Cass's after lunch on his wheel. Will came in late this afternoon. Julia V. went to Dodge Center yesterday. came back at 10 p.m. Our little girl Martha, has gone home to stay. My cold seems no worse, though more than usual. Another alarm of fire this morning. This time the fire was in Twiford + Hiles, grocery store + a building next to it.

Monday 3. Good weather. A fire alarm again last night but it proved a false one. A busy day. many things needing attention about the house. Mrs. Karsaus came in to get Martha's box, &c.

Tuesday 4. Charles Vinton + his wife called in the afternoon. wrote to Helen, Dandelion for dinner. Fine weather continues.

Wed. 5. A letter from Julia Bimpran which we sent to R. Wilfred went to the Sapho concert last night + took Julia V. with him. He has gone since supper out to Walter Stoughton's to get a horse he has been keeping stiles, went with him. R. went to see a milliner + called at Emma's.

Thurs. 6. Still dry weather. Got dandelion for greens in Dunsford's yard. The store is being painted + prepared + things in great confusion.

Friday 7. A letter from R. Had a very hard coughing spell soon after going to bed last night. We are having strawberry vines now + then, in these days. Have been putting

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winter clothing away for the summer, an optician from Winona called & tested my eyes.

Saturday 8, a good rain just before night

Sunday 9, went just at night to Will's. Wilfred took me there with Jimmy on his father's buggy. From there, went to the Baptist church & heard a sermon by an Iowa man. walked home.

Monday 10, The Congl club met at the church this evening & there is a supper I believe & Wilfred is there. Mrs Whitney has been in an hour or two this evening, has just gone home. Mrs Kelley came in on an errand.

Tuesday 11, weather keeps cool. Have been putting away more winter clothing.

Wed, 12 Cool weather but pleasant. rained during last night some time. Wrote to R. Wilfred got Mr. Ingersoll's buggy & took one out to do a little shopping to the milliners. to Mrs. Jones & to Emma. also stopped at Will's store. Herbert mowed the yard with Mr. Boice's lawnmower. Dandelions again for dinner. R. made several calls.

Thursday 13 A good deal of a rain this afternoon, a letter from Gordon. Expected a call from Miss Annie Lincoln from Northfield. but she did not come owing perhaps to the rain. Purchased a calico wrapper yesterday, which I have nearly made over to day.

Friday 14 went in to Mrs Whitney's this evening. Letter from R. at Zumbra Heights a fishy place not far from Minneapolis.

Saturday 15 weather continues cold, Frost the last two nights. a letter & paper from Mrs. Leedy Allen & R.

Sunday 16 weather is warmer, went to church, first time since last Fall. R. united with the Presbyterean church.

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Monday 17 more pleasant weather, a letter from R. Took the nails out of the dining room carpet.

Tuesday 18 Forenoon. Wilfred has gone to the farm. & to Waseca to have some work done in the cemetery. will not come home to day. The cook stove put out into the little kitchen & Mrs Sandford is here cleaning the dining room & carpet. Letter to R.

Wed. 19 Rained most of the forenoon. Wilfred has not returned from Waseca. Herbert has gone to the academy to a prize speaking contest. made a hair cushion for the small cane back chair.

Thurs, 20 It has been cloudy all day, or most of the day. Wilfred came home about six o'clock. had good success in getting help to do the work at the cemetery setting out two evergreens. putting a new covering of earth & sowing white clover seed. Martha came in to night after school. goes to her first communion next Sunday, in the Catholic church.

Friday 21. A pleasant day. made a couple of cushions of cotton batting. Emma & Julia went to Rochester for part of the week. expected home this afternoon. Trees are all in full leaf again. & people again using the hose on their grass plots. Miss Mary Bemis came in after school.

Saturday 22 A rainy cloudy day. Miss Sarah Town is here making a wrapper for me. Letter from Herbert went out on his wheel last night & stayed all night at Mr. Carey's, came back before the rain. Mrs Chaney & Miss Town called last evening.

Sunday 23 Memorial Sunday. Mr. Jones preached the sermon. Pleasant weather but cold. Mr. Chandler exchanged with Mr. Jantzer of Rochester. Mrs. Bemis & daughter Susan called last night.

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morning

Monday 24. Herbert's eighteenth birth day a bright cold morning. Fires are necessary for comfort a hard frost or freeze last night - we do not know how disastrous. Evening a little warmer to night. Miss Town came & worked this forenoon on my wrapper & we are to finish it. Julia came in a little while to night.

Tuesday 25 Mrs Searls & Mrs William Chambers called & Miss Thompson. R. & I called this evening at Mrs J. Kelleys & met her mother Mrs Gibbs, & her sister-in-law from Geneva Mrs Robson.

Wed 26 Mrs Sandford came in & helped us this forenoon. Have written to R.

Thurs 27 Cloudy most of the day. Letter from Mrs Hewitt - Julia & her cousin Mrs Carpenter with her year old baby called. Went out & did a little shopping this evening just before dark. R. went to Mrs Turners to try on a dress Mrs T. is making for her.

Friday 28 A good day. My wrapper finished. R. called at Mrs Turners & Mrs Towns. Mr Letter from Raymond came in. A call from Mrs R. & postal Chandler. Miss Andrews came into from Gordon the back yard to get flowers.

Saturday 29 Decoration day. Willard drove out to the cemetery early this morning & took some flowers for the graves of old friends who have no relatives here. This afternoon there was a long procession of people & carriages to the cemetery. a speech by Mr Sperry. called at Mrs Ormies.

Sunday 30. Went to church. Services held in the parlors of the church owing to repairs going on in the main part of the house. A cold day for the time of year. Ellen Case who has just returned from the South came in after church. Will also come

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in. Mr. Chandler preaches in the Baptist church this evening.

Monday 31 - Mrs William Kelley called. wrote to Gordon & sent him some paper.

Tuesday

June 1st

A rainy afternoon. August was here to dinner was threatened this morning with an attack of vertigo. Had a few hours of slight dizziness. Herbert has gone with Julia V. & her friend Mary Whitney to a banquet at the Academy given by one of the numerous societies there to -

Wed, 2nd

A sombre day. threatening rain much of the time. At long intervals a little sun shine. Another short letter to Gordon to return a letter I had forgotten. we are intending to go to Minneapolis to move R. & I. Evening, Mrs Gibbs & Mrs Kelley called Mr. K. coming in to go home with them. Called to see Mrs William Chambers & Mrs Searls at Dr. Searls.

Monday

July 26

The 3rd of last month, R. & I. went to Minneapolis, she staying till the 2nd of this month. while I remained till last Thursday the 22, Sister R. coming home with me. When we left home the weather was cold, but it soon grew warmer and during much of June the weather was very hot & there were hard storms of rain. thunder & lightning which continued well on into this month. The crops are thought not to have been seriously injured by the wet weather except hay. After coming home R. went to Maplewood Park at Waseca, & visited friends dividing the time between

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them, Wilfred also went to the Park once or twice & Herbert went up one day. The H. also went to ^{or camp} Minneapopolis while we were there & went out to Lake Minnetonka, where Simon & several boys are camping this summer, was gone a little more than a week from home. took his wheel with him. Emma & Julia had a tent at M. Park, & stayed through the afternoon. Will going up two or three times went up yesterday with the team & wagon & brought his tent &c. home to day. has now gone to the train to meet them C. & H. who went to see Heawkes this morning from the Park to spend the day, & come home on the late afternoon train. In going to Minneapopolis Herbert took his wheel as far as Faribault. but owing to heavy roads, decided to take the cars but had his wheel to go about the city & out to Simon's camp. tho he also came back from there, on the cars, owing to sandy & rough roads. To day has been pleasant & not very warm. within the last few weeks have had letters from Mrs Stevens, Mary Stevens, Mrs Trevitt, Gordon, Martha Helen Phryer & home letters have written to Mrs Jewitt, Mrs Lee, at Allean R. Fork. & to Julia Ladson, since I went away.

Tuesday 27 A fine day. Mrs Sandford came to wash, sweep, clean &c. R. has gone to Mrs J. Kellers to call on her & another Mrs Spibbs.

Wed, 28 Mrs Sandford came again to day. R, R, Wilfred & I went out riding just at night, called at the door at Mrs

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Bemis'. Fine weather. Thursday 29 Good weather continues, Mrs S. here again to day & put bars on several windows did a little more washing, cleaned windows. &c &c -

Friday 30 Another fine day after a thunder storm in the middle of last night or about eleven o'clock. There have been two or three fire alarms within as many days, a small barn burned, & two fires put out after getting started. Mrs Peter Daniels & Mrs Annie Daniels Mc Connell, called. Mrs Chaney also called, Mrs Sandford here this forenoon. The attic swept, more windows cleaned.

Saturday July 31

Morning a rainy morning. Went out riding last evening with R. & Wilfred, went to Mrs Towns to call on Mrs Hughes & spent the rest of the evening there. Late. The sky is overcast & the rain is beginning to fall. Mrs Karus & her little girl came in. tells of chinch bugs, rust & too much rain having nearly ruined her crops. & she is a hard working woman with an invalid R's hand, we are having more thunder & lightning, but no hard rain yet.

Sunday (Aug)

A warm day. Went to church. communion service in our church. R, & R, went to the Presbyterian church.

Monday 2

Wilfred went to Martha's home & brought her home to stay with us for a few weeks. Mrs Sandford came in & did a washing. Mrs Case called, went with W, out riding just at night called for Emma & Julia.

Tuesday 3

Expected Miss Town to come this forenoon.

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to cut + fit a wrapper for R. but she did not come. a little rainy just at night.

Wed, 4- Mrs Brown came + stayed the forenoon. Mrs Dandford + her sister near neighbors went this morning to Iowa to visit their father. Julia Vinton came in. Helped Martha clear the weeds + grass out of the back yard. called this evening at Mrs Boice's Mrs Kelleys. + at Muffones. all away from home. came back + called at Mrs Whitney's where I found R. + R. Mrs Keall was also there.

Thursday 5- Mrs Preston + her son from Wasaca came this forenoon. went home at six o'clock. we went out riding an hour or two this afternoon Mrs P. R. W. + I. looked over a house on south Elm St. which is for rent.

Friday 6- Mrs William Kelley + Mrs J. W. Kelley called. R. R. + I. went to Mrs Towns for tea where we met Mrs Harsha. It has been raining softly since we got home.

Saturday 7- A powerful rain to day. The water ran in the ditches ran like rivers. A brother of Mr Jones, our near neighbor. died here at his brother's just before night. Mrs Whitney came in.

Sunday 8- All went to church. Martha went to some relations to spend the day.

Monday 9- The funeral of Mr Harvey Jones took place to day. The body was taken to Havenore + the funeral held there. Wilfred went with the carriage + took some ladies out to decorate the church. got home at five o'clock or before. Mrs Daniels, two children + a friend called at the door.

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Tuesday 10- cloudy with appearance of rain. small washing + ironing done. a call from Mrs Thompson + Kate Daniels. Will came to get the horses + carriage to take Emma + Julia out riding.

Wed. 11- wrote to Martha Humphrey + to Helen sent papers to Gordon. Wilfred went to the farm. started about eleven o'clock intended to come home by way of Wasaca R. + R. went to the Presbyterian church this afternoon to a coffee, or sociable. There is ice cream at the Congl church parlors this evening. + there was a dinner at the guild room of the Episcopal church. A fire last night in the Evans store much damage to the goods, by water + smoke.

Thurs. 12- W. R. R. + I went to Medford. called at Mr Daniels + came back + stopped to tea with Mrs Case.

Friday 13- R. + I took dinner at Will's. Mrs Jones called this evening. a small rain late this afternoon.

Saturday 14- A good day + as is usual Saturdays, a busy day at the store. R. + R. have walked up to Mrs Towns. Susan Bernis came this morning with an invitation for us to spend the day with them. but having a dizzy head, I was obliged to decline the invitation.

Sunday 15- Neither R. or I went to church. about noon, Charles Harry + Martha Humphrey came ^{from Fairbault} + stayed till about six.

Monday 16- A washing day. R. rode out to the spring with Will, Emma + Julia. cloudy + threatening rain all forenoon.

Tuesday 17- A busy day baking ironing +. rainy late this afternoon. R. + R. went up town just at night. Herbert rode out to the

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Duchess apples from the farm.

Fellow citizens.

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darken are round about Him. Chicago
His pavilion is dark waters and
thick clouds of the skies, justice
and judgment are the establish-
ment of His throne. Mercy and truth
shall go before His face. Fellow citizens,
God reigns, and the Government
Washington still lives. (Garfield.

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schools there. Evening R. went to see a
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who used to work for her at St. Paul.

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calls & went to the store. Mrs Town
sent us a large basket of choice flowers.
A call from a Mrs Heckerlin.
a postal from Wilfred written in Chicago.
- Wednesday 25 Fine weather. wrote to Wilfred.
- Thurs 26 ^{Forenoon} A cloudy day & the beginning of the
County fair here. Mrs Chaney & Mrs Town
called last evening. Mrs C. got to day to
Minneapolis to rent a house & get ready
to go to housekeeping. Kate Bemis also
called this morning to take leave, as
she leaves on the noon train for
Brookings where she teaches in the
schools there. Evening. R. went to see a
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Monday 30. Papers from Wilfred. & postal to Will. R. went home on the 8 o'clock train this morning a game of ball between the ^{& Cleveland} ~~Austin~~ ^{and} ~~travel~~ ^{men}. A pleasant day, but sprinkling this evening. Sent papers to Wilfred.

Tuesday 31. 6 o'clock p.m. This has been a very rainy day no unnecessary driving or going about on the street. Another postal from Wilfred this time from Little Valley. Cath. Co. N. Y. Letter from R.

Wednesday
Sept. 1st

A pleasant day after the big rain of yesterday. A letter from Wilfred from L. Valley wrote to him & to R. Martha came to get things she had left here & to say she was to stay at home at present to help her mother.

Thurs 2 Somewhat cloudy & some thunder no rain. Will has not been well to day. Has not been at the store this afternoon. The bells are ringing for prayer meeting. Mrs. Jones came in & brought some nice sweet corn for dinner.

Friday 3 A very warm day. Having no thermometer. I do not know how warm. But fans have been in order & it has seemed quite like the warm days of last June. Wrote to Mrs. Trevitt. Mrs. Jones just came to the door with a bag of beautiful sweet peas, went over last evening to see Will. Found him on the lounge ailing, but hoping to feel better this morning. He did feel well enough it seems to go to Rochester this morning & has got home again I hear. Later. Will. walked over for a short call. He is feeling better for his trip to Rochester & his consultation with Dr. Mayo.

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Saturday 4. Letter from R. & from Wilfred. Am writing to Mrs. Stevens, & call this evening from Mr & Mrs William Kelley. Owing to his uncle's absence from the store, Hubert has stayed at the store & another man has attended to the delivery business. Warm weather.

Sunday 5 A hot day. We went to hear Mr. Hunt, the evangelist. who preached instead of Mr. Chandler, our pastor. Mrs. Case came in a little while before the evening service having stayed over the afternoon in town to help Mr. Hunt this evening.

Monday 6 Warm weather continues. Wrote to Mrs. Stevens & to R. Sent papers to Wilfred. A letter to Hubert from Wilfred. Called at Mrs. Whitney's.

Tuesday 7 Very warm. Called at Mrs. J. Kelley's & at Mrs. Goram's. This evening.

Wed. 8 The hot weather keeps on. An uncomfortable time for the state fair. Will, just came in on his wheel. is feeling quite as well & perhaps rather better. Wrote to Wilfred & sent papers to Gordon. Mrs. Whitney came in.

Thurs 9 It seems a little cooler this evening. A postal from Wilfred from Ellington. Cath. Co. N. Y. written Tues 7th. Wrote to Helen. Mrs. Case called.

Friday 10 A rainy afternoon. Much cooler weather. Hubert has gone to some sort of a function at Mr. Chandler's this evening. A very quiet day with us. A postal to Will from Wilfred.

Saturday 11 Postal from Wilfred at Olean, N. Y. cool weather. Man brought several loads of boxes & barrels from the store for fuel.

Sunday 12 Another hot day 88°. Will came over & went to church with me. Mrs. Bennis & her daughter Susan just came in on their way to evening church.

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Monday 13 Still hot weather. Another postal from Wilfred from Little Valley. expects to be at home Wednesday the 15. Mrs Bernis sent us sweet corn from her garden.

Tuesday 14 Letter from R. R. called at Mr Chandler's home at home called to see Mrs Hall.

Wed: 15. Afternoon, a gentle rain this afternoon. A letter from Mary Stevens. + postal from W. Have written to R.

Thurs. 16. Weather much cooler. Wilfred expected tomorrow.

Friday 17 ^{The first frost night of the 16.} Wilfred came as expected on the noon train and glad to get back to Minnesota. Had a very pleasant, successful trip. Letter from R.

Saturday 18. A beautiful day, cool & bright. We had a hard frost Thursday night, the 16. Have not been feeling well for about a week. have been threatened with bowel trouble feeling better since yesterday.

Sunday 19 The family except myself went to church, cold enough for a frost to night. I should think will come in for a couple of hours this afternoon. Julia also came in for a few minutes.

Monday 20 Mrs Winship called. A card received from Mr & Mrs Charles Doley announcing the birth of another daughter Helen, Ruth.

Tuesday 21 a good day. Letter from R. John Damm called & took dinner with us. Miss Bigelow called in the interest of the Christian Convention. which is to be held here in A. the last of next month.

Wed: 22. Academy opens to day. A beautiful day. There is a supper to night at the Congl church. Will & Emma, Wilfred & Ned but have gone or are to be there. A pleasant call from Mrs Bradford. Mrs Whitney also came in this evening. Her renter. Laundry people moved out to day.

Thurs 23. Another fine day. Mr Inverdel called. Package of papers & magazines from R. to Herbert.

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Friday 24. The fortieth anniversary of sister Roxie's wedding day. It has been a fine day wrote to R. & to Charles Doley on the birth of his second daughter.

Saturday 25. A letter from Gordon to Wilfred. The fine weather continues warmer than for some time. Miss Sarah Town came in this evening. and brought a quantity of beautiful flowers. - Have spent the afternoon mending rugs.

Sunday 26. Another fine day. R. went to church but W. & Herbert neither of them felt well. I did not go. Mr Case came in after church a few minutes. & will also come in. W. has gone to church this evening.

Monday 27. Still good weather. wrote to Gordon in Wilfred's letter. A letter to Mary Stevens. A letter from Simon to Wilfred Papers from Mrs Lee to W.

Tuesday 28. Another good day. wrote to Mrs Lee. Papers from R. Pictures to Herbert or Wilfred of Simon's camp at Lake Minnetonka.

Wed 29. No rain yet. Letter from R. A busy day. A little washing & ironing. Trimmed the grass & weeds along the front yard fence. We are getting on very well without a girl. & hope to continue to do so. Emma went to Rochester to day.

Thursday 30. a warm day. Wilfred came for me about five o'clock with Jenny home & Mr Inverdel's phaeton & took me to call at Mrs Hotchkiss, Mrs Towns & Mrs Bernis & we drove to the store before coming home.

Friday Oct. 1st. Same good weather. Mrs Case came in this afternoon. wrote to R. An organ stool came yesterday by express from Minneapolis, presumably from R.

Sat. 2. No signs of rain. Will went to Dodge Center. Sunday 3. A summer day nearly 90° this afternoon. Julia & Miss Mary Whetling took dinner with us & stayed.

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Monday 4. Continues warm + dry. Took something of a walk. called at neighbor Cottens. Received a paper from Mrs Leach a friend in Nebraska, with the news of the death of her brother Thomas Dickinson a former neighbor of ours in N. York.

Tuesday 5. Weather much cooler. had a fire in the parlor to night. wrote to Mrs Leach. Later Mrs Bernier called.

Wed. 6. More fine weather. Spent the afternoon at Mrs Bernier's. Wilfred + Herbert came up to tea. a call from Mrs J. Keller this evening. The funeral of a Mr. Brown at the Baptist church conducted by masons

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I CANNOT sympathize with any feeling that desires to make the name of Christian a narrower name. I would spread it just as wide as it can be possibly made to spread. I would know any man as a Christian, rejoice to know any man as a Christian, whom Jesus would recognize as a Christian, and Jesus Christ, I am sure, in those old days recognized His followers, even if they came after Him with the blindest sight, with the most imperfect recognition and acknowledgment of what He was and of what He could do.

at Mrs Leach's. Many the

authorities have been looking for the man who committed the deed a few days ago he was found + brought back. He has now confessed the crime. He is young not twenty. his parents live here + the boy has been raised here. The name is though.

Wed. 13. Wilfred went out to the farm starting about noon. drove Jerry + Pet, on Mr. Trussell's phaeton, has not returned. The wind brought ours in the South, + much warmer than last evening. Spent the forenoon picking over beans for future use. a letter from Mrs Leach.

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a letter from R. a call this afternoon from Mrs Thayer, now a widow. Her name when a girl was Sophia Cleason and she worked for us, & for Will & Emma twenty three or four years ago, & for Mrs Stephens our neighbor before that.

Saturday 16 The twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Will & Emma. Wilfred went over & took supper with them. We had snow or less rain during last night.

Sunday 17 Went to church this morning, did intend to go this evening, but decided it was not best. Will, came in for an hour or two just at dark. Wilfred & Herbert are both at church this evening. Sarah Town came in last evening & brought a beautiful bunch of parrots.

Monday 18 Quite a rainy day. Mrs Kelley came in to bring a bottle of new wine or grape juice she had made & to tell us how she prepared it. Julia O. came in a few minutes.

Tuesday 19 most of the day has been dark & this afternoon, very gloomy. Have spent a good deal of time yesterday & to day hunting for lost or misplaced articles, especially a cake of beeswax, of two or three pounds, an uncut buckskin, a little bag of clothing & Mrs Clues magazine & several ^{papers} came last night from R.

Wed 20 wrote to August & Ida. Susan Bemis came in this morning. Another gloomy day. A sociable this evening at the Congl church. Wilfred & Herbert are there.

Thurs, 21st wrote to Mrs Lee. Emma & Will came in a few minutes. Wilfred went to prayer meeting & Herbert to choir practice.

Friday 22 A pleasant day once more. People are raking the fallen leaves from their yards. Julia & Mary Whiting came

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Saturday 23 A pleasant day & warm. Went out riding with Will & Emma called on Mrs Briggs at the state school. On coming home we found Mrs Bemis here & took her home. Preparations are being made to entertain the Christian Endeavor convention. It is thought that it will tax the town to entertain all who will come. A letter from R.

Sunday 24 Went to church & stayed through S. School. It being what they called Rally day, there was a large attendance & an interesting time. Good singing & much talk of the coming C. E. convention.

Monday 25 Three men have been at work most of the day painting our house. Have the front of the house & porch done. The weather is favorable, dry & warm, no fire needed for warmth. Letter from Mrs Trevitt. Wilfred drove to Martha's home to engage her to come & stay with us for a week. She is to come tomorrow.

Tuesday 26 Another fine day. Martha came this morning. The house painters came early & have finished their work, or the same as finished & the place is much improved. Herbert went out to help Mr Case thrash, or to be there while it was going on.

Wed, 27 A good day, and we in the house have been very busy, washing windows & curtains & straightening out things. Martha has raked the front yard & burned the leaves. Mr Whitney came in a while just at night. The rest of the family have gone to a union prayer meeting this evening at the Presbyterian church.

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Thursday 28. The fine weather continues. We have been very busy again today, doing the usual house work. Preparing beds for possible lodgers. & just at dark Mrs Preston & daughter Mrs Lentholt from Waseca came in & took a party tea with us. Also Mrs Case all going to hear Mr Clark the great C. E. man. W. & H. went with them. Herbert is to sing in chorus on the occasion. The first of the C. E. meetings.

Friday 29. A good day for the C. E. convention. There is speaking to night at the Baptist church. W. & H. are there. R. went to the Presbyterian church at four o'clock this p.m. Mrs Preston went home after the speaking last night. Josephine came back & stayed with us. Letter from R.

Saturday 30. Delegates & others of the convention were given a ride by the citizens taken about town & over to the state school. Will, with the horses took a load. After they returned R. & I. went riding a while. Miss Thompson called.

Sunday 31. To day closes the C. E. convention. The family have attended a number of the meetings. I have not been out to any of the meetings or heard any of the speaking. It was damp, cold & rainy this evening. As should have gone to hear Mr Hunt. Herbert begins a new business tomorrow. goes into the 1st National Bank. Mr Kenyon's. Another man will have to take his place in the store. Wrote to Mrs Leach & to R.

Monday

November 1st. Coal stove put into the parlor, and cook stove into the dining room. Received from Mrs Alden "Bulletin of the University of Wisconsin" by George H. Alden, her son.

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Tuesday 2. Cold last night & this ^{morning} was the coldest we had. Ice & frost but the day has been pleasant. Letter from R. enclosing one from Julia B. W. & H. are putting up a little stove in the guest chamber this evening.

Still another day of good weather. People are getting ready for cold weather. building out storm windows & putting paper on cellar walls. It is not cold today but the warmth of the coal stove is very comfortable. A call from Miss Thompson & Mrs Alexander, a new neighbor & later a call from Mrs Ketchikan. Wilfred went to Waseca on the half past eleven train. will come home between five & six. Thursday 4. Another day without storm, but the afternoon has been very dark & cloudy. This is the opening night of the new opera house & there is quite an excitement over it. The attraction to night is Otis Skinner, an actor, with his company orchestra.

Friday 5. When we got up this morning, it was snowing, but it melted very soon & we have had more or less sunshine. Had a pleasant call from Mrs Sawyer. Have looked a little for sister R. To night.

Saturday 6. A good day. Sister R. came this morning quite unexpectedly tho we had looked for her last night.

Sunday 7. Neither R. R. or I. went to church. W. & H. went to the morning service & have gone this evening. A little sprinkle late this afternoon. W. & R. called to see Mrs Town & on the way back. came round by Will's & called to see Emma.

Monday 8. No storm yet. Young Healloran from Pillsbury school. called to see "Mr Dream", as she is a friend of his family. Wilfred & Herbert have gone this evening to hear a lecture.

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- a speech by C. K. Davis.
- Tuesday 9 R. went home on the 8:30 train this morning came & went in the back sunshine part of the day. Postal yesterday from Gordon.
- Wed. 10. Postal from Simon. Went to night to hear a lecture by Rev. Thomas Dixon of New York.
- Thurs. 11 A good day. a pleasant call from Mrs. Abbott of Austin. Had palpitation for half an hour this forenoon & one for about the same length of time a few days ago. Bright but cold wet clothes froze on the line outdoors this forenoon.
- Friday 12 Cold enough for people to wear furs, but dry & pleasant. Called on Mrs. Ketchkin at Mr. Robinsons. not finding her at home went on & came back & called at Mr. J. Kelleys' where I met Mrs. Gibbs. Mrs. K. getting ready to go to a reception at the state school. Letter from R. & letter from Simon to Herbert.
- Saturday 13 Another day without storm. Mrs. Ketchkin came in. read us a report of the "Ladies Aid Society" of the Congl church. Letter from Gordon.
- Sunday 14 A little raining this morning. ^{myself} R. or I. went to church. Will came in this afternoon. Mrs. Bernier & Susan came in their way to church this evening. wrote to R. W. & H. drove out to Mr. Case just at night.
- Monday 15 A cold. cold air, but still no snow. Wilfred put on most of the storm windows this afternoon. Mrs. Dr. Bigelow called in the interest of the missionary society.
- Tuesday 16 wrote to R. & received a letter from her. W. wrote to Mr. Longfellow.
- Wed. 17 Will's 50th birth day. Wilfred drove to Wasica & came round by the farm in coming home. Roads are fine. The threshing is all done in the country. W. says & most of the corn husking probably. Mrs. Brown called. Received ^{R. & H.} cards for a reception at W. R. Kinyon's Friday

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- afternoon.
- Thurs 18. Will, Emma & Lucia took dinner with us to help celebrate Will's birth day, which was really the day but as Wilfred had to go away we put it off till to day. A while after dinner Will, Emma & I. went riding for an hour or more. The day was pleasant & mild, the roads good & we all enjoyed being out. Mrs. W. H. Kelley came in to see R. about a missionary meeting.
- Friday 19. A most beautiful day. wonderfully mild for the time of year. attended the reception at Mrs. Kinyon's. & I. & enjoyed it very much. An oyster supper at the church parlors this evening. W. & H. will go. Another letter from R. Mrs. Dailey not so well.
- Saturday 20. A still warmer day than yesterday. most remarkable weather. Herbert found his skates. H. or the Montgomeries found them for him in their barn, where he left them two years ago. when he was going to school & kept his horse there. R. finds himself with a hard cold & sore throat. It began last night. Laura Cotton came in this morning & brought us milk, both sweet & sour.
- Sunday 21. Went to church morning & evening. minister from Fairbault preached in Mr. Chendlers place. Mr. Case took dinner with us. Mrs. C. gone to Iowa.
- Monday 22. Went to look at the Dr. Ware house with a Mr. Randal view to buying it. called at Mr. Alexanders brought the to see their sick child. Found him much worse. Better load of wood put into the cellar, \$3. a cord.
- Tuesday 23. wrote to R. & to Heeler. Mrs. Town called. Herbert took all the lamps to pieces, boiled the burners & put in new wicks. a five gal. can of oil brought from the store. A Mr. Gates came & hauled the wagon. R. has had a bad cold the last four days. is better.

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Wed. 24 Early this morning. at getting up time, there was a slight fall of sleet, but the day has been pleasant. at noon Herbert came home ailing. had not been feeling well through the forenoon ate no dinner. after lying down & sleeping more or less for a couple of hours, felt better & went up to the bank. As it is now evening & he has not returned, he is doubtless much better. A letter to R. from sister Julia.

Thursday 25 Thanksgiving day. No storm yet, but the afternoon has been very dark & gloomy & the air is cold. Herbert is out on the river skating this afternoon. Service at the Congl church this morning. Mr Jones preaching the sermon. For same work we had a simple dinner of oysters instead of a turkey.

Friday 26 On getting up this morning, we found the ground white with snow, for the first time & it has remained about the same. is colder to night, Herbert has gone to the Methodist church to night to hear a lecture by Dr. Mitchell of St. Paul, I think. Papers to Gordon.

Saturday 27 My seventy fifth birth day, a letter I was born from sister Rosie. a cold & somewhat in Chautau snowy day. R. received her furs which County, town came by express from sister Julia.

Sunday 28 Cold winter weather. Mr West New York, from Epinona exchanged with Mr Chandler, I did not go to church, Will came in for a while just before night. Wilfred & R. gone to evening service.

Monday 29 15° below this morning & has been cold all day. wrote to sister Julia in N.Y. Letter am writing to R. this evening.

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Tuesday 30 milder weather. a load of hay some of straw put into the barn. R. paid his first months salary in the bank. Letter to R. Spent a good part of the day mending.

Wednesday, December 1st 8° below & this morning 12 below noon, at bed time. A wedding at Mr Colten, a near neighbor somewhat snowy. a fire this morning early in the "Tompkins & Squires", grocery, fire in the cellar but goods above, injured by smoke, as they were also in adjoining store.

Friday 3 Letter from R. Had a dizzy head. Mr & Mrs J. Kelley came in rather late in the evening.

Saturday 4 As is usual on Saturday, a very busy day at the store. Yesterday Wilfred went to the farm & to Mr Dunn to see about some horses & colts they are keeping for him. A Mr Robbins went with him. The dizziness has troubled me more or less through the day.

Sunday 5 Neither R. or I, went to church moderate weather but still winter weather. R. wrote to Isora Smalley.

Monday 6 Some sunshine & some snow & wind. Mrs Whitney came in for a while. & Mrs Jones called later. wrote to Isora in P. Letter mended a little & helped about the house a little. Sent a bed comfort to the church Saturday, to put in a barrel which was sent to the burned out school in Mississippi. Where Ellen Case teaches.

Tuesday 7 August & his man Herman, came down from the farm & brought a load of corn & potatoes to Wilfred. corn 20 ct, potatoes 35 ct.

Wed. 8 A thawing day. tho there is not much snow to thaw. there is some on the roof & it has been slipping off. Made mince meat for pie, which I has taken much of the day. Mrs William Kelley called just at night. Intended to write to R. to day.

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Thurs 9 Very mild weather. Baking to day pies & ginger cakes. Wilfred hasn't been feeling very well for a day or two, has been troubled with toothache & rheumatism from a cold.

Friday 10 A gloomy afternoon, not very cold. Letter to R. A young woman selling Christmas book called.

Saturday 11 Wilfred's fifty-fourth birth day, we all went to the Metropolitan Opera house, to hear Fred Emerson Brooks & Smiley.

Sunday 12 Will, Emma & Julia came over to dinner after church. as, tho Wilfred's birth day was yesterday it was too busy a day at the store for Will to get away so they came to day. The trees for a day or two have been covered with a heavy white frost, no snow for sleighing yet.

Monday 13 A mild day. Mrs Case came in this afternoon. A letter to Wilfred from R. Am having a cold. took six grs quinine last night for sore throat have used turpentine ointment & salt pork on the lower part of the throat & lungs, am knitting mittens for S. S. children.

Tuesday 14 Another mild day. Mr Randal brought another load of wood. Mrs Whitney came in this morning. Wilfred & Herbert have gone this evening to a Christian Endeavor party at Mr J. H. Kelley's. They went last night to a play at the Opera house and the principal actor.

Wed. 15 It is snowing to night & the wind is blowing. Herbert has gone to a recital at the Academy this evening. Charles Vinton from Geneva here to dinner.

Thurs 16 14° below 0 this morning. 8° below to night.

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Brought the lounge from the dining room into the parlor & put it behind the stove.

Friday 17 From 5° to 8° below 0 to day. A supper at the Presby Church to night. Herbert took his supper there. while Wilfred went to a supper at the G. A. R. Hall. W. wrote to R.

Saturday 18 Have not been well to day, 14° below 0

Sunday 19 The family all but myself, went to church. Will came in before church time a while. Miss Clara & Rhoda Emery from Rochester are spending a few days at Will's.

Monday 20 A few inches of snow fell during last night & people have been going about with this morning sleighs to day. Have coughed a good deal to day & yesterday. A letter from Helen & one from R. to Wilfred. Letter from Helen.

Tuesday 21 My cough has been better to day. Am taking Scott's emulsion. Letter from R. The Ransom Entertainment last night at the Opera house neither R. or I. were well enough to go out. Wed. 22 12° below 0 this morning. Put together a volume of Cosmopolitans of 1896. & one of McClure's of 1896. No. the former was 97. People seem to be enjoying what little sleighing there is. The fire bell rang last night between ten & eleven o'clock a barn was burned.

Thurs 23 16° below 0 this morning. Clear weather. A call from Mr. Turner. wrote to R. Mrs Town sent us a potted plant in full bloom.

Friday 24 Rather a windy day. Mrs Case came in just at night before going to the Baptist church to the Christmas entertainment. All the churches had parents for their S. S. children at their respective churches.

Saturday 25 Christmas day. & beautiful weather, warm & bright & good sleighing about town. Herbert went out & took dinner at his aunt Julia's. The store with others was closed at noon & soon after.

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Will & family were invited out to dinner. Wilfred went out riding after Herbert came back from Mr. Case's & Herbert went out again before dark. The sad news of the death of our old friend Mrs. Dailey has come. She died yesterday about nine o'clock in the morning. She has been in bad health a long time and for the last few weeks had failed rapidly. How fast our old neighbors & friends are leaving us dropping away one by one. Letter from sister R. Mrs. Leach, Mary Stevens, a Christmas box from R. to us & Will & family.

Sunday 26. Another pleasant day. Have written to R. Mrs. Clark Chambers called to get Mrs. Christie's address. W. & H. went to church this morning. W. & H. afternoon & this evening.

Monday 27. Mild weather continues. Mr. Watkins formerly Wilfred took of Wareca - now of Northfield, called this afternoon, on his way from Wareca to his home in N. Letter to Mrs. Christie. A Christmas package to R. & me, from Gordon & Heatsen.

Tuesday 28. A pleasant ^{call} from Mrs. Sawyer this afternoon.

Wed. 29. A very thawing day. Wheels are being used again instead of runners. Calls from Mrs. Mary Stoughton, and Mrs. Chandler & sister, Miss Brigham. Have had a dizzy head a good part of the day. A young man who lives at Mrs. Towns, is sawing some cord wood in the yard into stove wood. saws part of each day.

Thurs 30. The fifty sixth anniversary of our marriage. The Rev. Bliss C. Willoughby, the minister who performed the ceremony, is still living at the age of 91 in Randolph, N. B.

Friday 31. The last day of 1897. Julia Vinton came in this afternoon to invite us to take tea with them

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Tomorrow evening.

Saturday
January 1st

We all went over to Will's this afternoon. Met a Mr. & Mrs. Lee, acquaintances of theirs. Passed a very pleasant afternoon & evening. Went in the cutter tho' the sleighing is very gravelly. not much snow mixed with it. Letter from Gordon.

Sunday 2

Paper from Gordon. Will, come in this morning before going to church.

Monday 3

Wrote to R. Received letter from her by going Healloran who spent his Christmas there. Mrs. Mary Stoughton & Mrs. Whitney came in this afternoon. Young Healloran called.

Tuesday 4

A picnic supper at the parlors of the Congl church this evening. Baked a pan of beans for the occasion. Mrs. Sawyer called. very mild weather.

Wed. 5

Mild weather continues. W. & H. have gone to a Masonic banquet this evening. Another letter from R. enclosing one from sister Julia & Maggie.

Thurs 6

Yesterday, Theresa the girl who worked for us at one time here, called with her sister, to inquire if we wanted a girl. Sent paper & magazines to Gordon, & Call's paper to R. Still moderate weather.

Friday 7

Same mild weather. Letter from sister Julia. Made half a dozen mince pies. Did a little regulating & mending. Am glad to have the days growing longer.

Saturday 8

No change in the weather. A little warmer this morning than yesterday morning. Julia R. & Miss Whiting called.

Sunday 9

A beautiful day. The family went to church except myself. Will came in as usual. Herbert took dinner at his uncle's. Mrs. Bernier called on her way to church this evening.

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Monday 10. Good weather still, a call from Mrs Stottz + later this evening, a call from Mr Chandler a letter to Mrs Trevitt.

Tuesday 11. The streets + sidewalks have been icy to day, making it hard to get about, with danger of falling. Letter from R. + Mrs Christie, last night Letter + paper to Mrs Christie.

Wed, 12. A slight fall of snow last night. Letter from Mrs Lee.

Thurs, 13th. Wilfred + R. went to the Congl church my brother to hear Professor Goodhue of Northfield Walter's this evening. Herbert to the Opera House birth day } see the "Merchant of Venice". Mr Bemis came to look over the house to advise as to changes or alterations to be made in some of the rooms.

Friday 14. R. went to Mrs W. Kellers to a missionary meeting. Julia R. came in this evening + took Vefa with us. Herbert has gone to the Opera House again to night to see the play of Richelieu wrote to R, circular + paper from Gordon.

Saturday 15. Sister R.s. birthday. R. called at Mrs Towns + at Mr Robinson's to see Mrs Neotchkes. This evening R. W. + H. have all gone to the Opera House to see Hamlet.

Sunday 16. No change in the weather. Family went to church. Will came in this afternoon. Wilfred has gone over there.

Monday 17. Sister Nancy's birth day. A pleasant day. Wilfred's teeth have been troubling him for several days. He went to the dentist to day + had one taken out.

Tuesday 18. August came down from the farm to day. rode with Mr. Deam + Harry brought us some squashes, a man came + paid for the ^{two} colts + horses

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which Wilfred sold two or three day ago for one hundred + ten dollars.

Wed 19. A woman selling pillow mental stars came in. Mrs Town + her daughter Sarah spent this evening with us. On Monday last Wilfred bought this place where we live for which he paid \$2,000.

Thursday 20. Mrs Case took tea with us. brought us some chickens. Very mild weather, a letter to R. from Isora. Have written to our friend "Gurtie".

Friday 21. Herbert sent the "Students Manual" to Gordon.

Saturday 22. Some good weather a little colder. Mrs Bemis came in this afternoon + stayed to tea.

Sunday 23. Will came in this afternoon just as he was about to start with Mr Magill, to Clarendon where Mr. M. has an appointment for the evening. The distance is fifteen miles + the roads fine. no snow. Mr M. drives his own horse.

Monday 24. Will + Mr Magill got home at half past eleven last night. wrote to Isora in R.s. letter. Concert to night at the Opera House. Letter from R. wrote to Gordon. a little snow this afternoon. The horses shoes Wilfred + Herbert put them on the carriage + went riding. took Julia R. + Miss Whiting. W. + H. ~~have~~ gone to the concert.

Tuesday 25. Forenoon, a little snow fell last night enough to make it necessary to sweep the side walks. "The Ellie Thorbett Concert" last night was considered a success I believe. He came in the Lecture Course, at the Metropolitan. Send Cath + Chaut, papers to Isora. We read of storms deep snow + high water in different parts of the country. snow 18 inches deep in Milwaukee last Sunday. Letter + papers to Gordon.

Wed. 26. Sister Julia's birth day. An oyster supper to night at the church parlor. Wilfred + Herbert went. + now, later, have gone to a musical recital at the academy. R. went this afternoon

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Thurs. 27. To a "coffee" at Mrs Alice Kenyon's. Wilfred took us out riding this afternoon N. & me. After we came back, Will took Emma & Mrs Howwood driving. A Mrs Crow, a woman of the salvation army came in to solicit aid to bury a child of one of her friends. Mrs Cass called Pleasant, but cold day. Herbert has gone to choir practice this evening.

Friday 28. Have made some additions to a scrap book N. called at Mrs Boice's. Mrs Kelleys, Alexanders & Mrs Whitney's. Herbert has gone to Mr Sperry's this evening to a party. A windy day & reports of a blizzard coming. Letter from Mrs Trivett.

Saturday 29. A beautiful day. Miss Thompson called took home "A Face Illumined" to read. A letter to R. wrote to sister Julia in N.s. letter. Mr Winship died this morning.

Sunday 30. The family have gone to church this evening. The wind is blowing like a storm.

Monday 31. The funeral of Mr Winship took place at the Baptist church. Mr Tanner the Episcopal clergyman who lived here in Owatonna a great many years assisted in the services. Wilfred went with the carriage to the house to bring some of the friends to the church. Mrs Winship is too ill to go out. Mr Bernie called. Letter & papers from Gordon.

Tuesday. February 1. 13° below 0, this morning. Aurlane, Downy & Hunter called. Am making a child's picture scrap book. A load of coal put in the cellar.

Wed. 2. 16° below 0, this morning. 6° below at noon, & is still cold. A letter from R. saying she is to go to Ohio to live. expect to go with in a few weeks. Dag Johnson's son died this morning.

Thurs. 3. Warmer to day. At zero this morning 20° above 0.

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night. Letter to R. N. went out calling. A call from Mrs Adair.

Friday 4. It has been snowing the last few hours & blowing quite like regular winter weather. Herbert has gone to a gathering at Dr. Bigelow's for the C. C. Society & snow later. Wilfred has gone to the G. A. R. Hall to hear somebody's speech. Have been looking over old papers from the parlor & cutting out scraps & pictures for the book I am making.

Saturday 5. Will, went to Minneapolis on the 4.30 train p.m. wrote to Mr Hawkes. The weather more mild than yesterday promised. Dr. Johnson's son buried this afternoon & his body put in the vault.

Sunday 6. Very mild weather. W. has gone with N. to hear Mr Magill this evening. Mr Ingersoll & his daughter Abba, came in just at dark.

Monday 7. Letter from Mary Stevens. Mr Magill called.

Tuesday 8. A letter from Mrs Hawkes. Calls from Mrs Town & from Mrs Stiles Stoughton.

Wed. 9. Will, came in this forenoon. came back from M. last night. Had a pleasant trip. A party of eight or nine people started from here to go to California to be gone several weeks. This was a foggy morning. weather colder this evening. Mrs Jones & Mrs Cotton spent the evening ^{here}.

Thurs. 10. A rainy day. Mrs Preston from Warroad & Mr & Mrs Carter came down on the noon train to attend the missionary convention. They called here & Mrs P. came back & stayed till time for the evening service. They are to go home on the half past ten train. We had expected Mrs Hawkes but she did not come owing doubtless to the rain.

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Friday 11. Snowy most of the day. a letter to R. + one from her. Wilfred has gone to the masonic lodge this evening Herbert to the business college.

Saturday 12. Lincoln's birth day. A pleasant day, mild + thawing. Call from Mr Frank Adams, Mrs Gibbs + Mrs Kelley. Sent papers to Mrs. Lee. Looked over more old papers for pictures for the Childs picture book I am making.

Sunday 13. Rather a windy day. The family went to church. W. has gone to the young people's meeting this evening. A union meeting at the Congl church is coming back after R. He goes to the regular evening service. Mrs Whitney just came in to ask R. to go with her to the Episcopal church to hear Mr Pinham.

Monday 14. A snowy day. W. + H. hitched up the horses + went out riding. a letter from Mr Hawks.

Tuesday 15. A bright afternoon, a little snowy + cloudy the fore part of the day. Yesterday, Wilfred put in a door bell. A letter from Gustie Dailey. Letter from R. this evening.

Wed. 16. Quite a winter day.

Thurs. 17. Snowy part of the day. a cold wind. Herbert + a friend, young Barlow, went out riding just at night sleighing very good about town. Wilfred has just come from prayer meeting.

Friday 18. 10° below this morning. A Mr Thompson came in to examine the organ to see about repairing it. This afternoon a trade was made, he taking ours + we taking one of his, an Es. the old one, a George Wood make.

Saturday 19. An all day snow storm + now at about eight o'clock p.m. it is snowing fast.

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Sunday 20. The snow flours came round this morning + cleared the side walks, giving people a chance to go to church. A pleasant day after the snow of yesterday. Will come in this evening a while before time to go to church.

Monday 21. A very pleasant day + good sleighing, Mrs. Stultz + Mrs Stoughton came in this morning soliciting for a Washington supper at the Congl church wed. night. Call this afternoon from Mr Sawyer + Mr Donaldson. Will came for the team to take Emma out riding. R. + I. declined going out. Herbert goes to night to a sleigh ride, + to a party. Letter to R.

Tuesday 22nd. Washington's birth day. This has been a pleasant day. snan came to repair the organ. Emma came in for an hour or two this morning. This being a holiday Herbert went out with horse + cutter + gave some of his friend a ride. He + his father are at the Opera House to night to hear Frederick and in Virginia, forty or more people have come from Peaseca + others are expected from Austin. Letter from sister Julia with the news of the death of Mrs Dr. Willson of Houston.

Wed. 23. Have just returned from a Washington supper at the Congl church or in the church parlors, a very pleasant entertainment.

Thurs. 24. The funeral of Francis Willard, took place to day at Evanston Ill. No new developments in the Maine disaster in Havanna harbor.

Friday 25. Afternoon, Letter from Simon + Gordon. A man is here cutting two or three holes into the chimney for additional stores.

Saturday 26. A pleasant day. Mr. + Miss Town, called. Have written to Mr Leach.

Sunday 27. A little snowy, most of the day. Will come in

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for an hour or two this afternoon. We are looking for sister R. & Simon on the 7.30 train tomorrow night.

Monday 28. Warm enough to spoil what sleighing we had. Wilfred & Herbert have gone to the train to meet Simon & his mother. Mrs. Groom called. One of the little stoves set up or safely arranged, in the east room up stairs. rooms swept, & changes made.

Tuesday March 29. a little snowy all day. calls from Mrs Whitney & Miss Town. Sister R. & Simon came last night as expected.

Wed. 2nd mild weather. I asked a neighbor in town to fix a bedstead which he did & saved the trouble of taking it away & looking up a place where it could be done. Simon & Herbert have gone out calling this evening.

Thurs. 3. Went to Mrs Whitney's to an Episcopal sociable. ^{R. & W.} Mrs. Case gave Herbert a music lesson. A call this evening from Mr Ingersoll & his daughter Ada.

Friday 4. a fine day. Calls from Mrs Sawyer & Mrs Bemis. Made some changes in the furniture moved two bureaus up stairs & brought one down.

Saturday 5. a warm day. R. has been sick all day with head ache. is better this evening. a call from Mrs. & Miss Town.

Sunday 6. a mild day. Will & Julia, came in this afternoon. The family all went to church except R. & myself.

Monday 7. wrote to Helen. a warm, warm day. Will, came in this morning.

Tuesday 8. Election day. voted, for the first time in my life. voted for a member of the school board. R. & W. have gone to an entertainment at the Cepha House. The Park sisters

Wed. 9. We were all invited to tea at Mrs Towns,

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Thurs. 10. R. went ap. town did a little shopping called at Mrs. Housha's got a picture frame. Mrs. Case here to tea. gave Herbert a music lesson. W. has a cold & a hard cough.

Friday 11. A pleasant day. Julia Vinton & her cousin Miss Esther Wirtoll called. R. went to a coffee at Mrs. Donaldson's & called at Mrs. Kelley's.

Saturday 12. A good day. R. & R. called at Mrs. Towns, Mrs. Wells. Mrs. Sawyer & R. at Mr. Magill's, a call from Miss Adair.

Sunday 13. a pleasant day. R. & I. stayed at home. the rest of the family went to church. Will came in this afternoon, a union meeting at the Baptist church this evening.

Monday 14. A windy day. Simon & Herbert went out to Mr. Case's to tea. I have written to Gordon.

Tuesday 15. another windy day. went with Will, Emma & R. to see Will's house which is being repaired. Mrs. Town & daughter came in this evening. Mrs. T. is to go to Minneapolis tomorrow morning to see her grand children who are sick with measles.

Wed. 16. still another windy day. called with R. on Mrs. Bemis. Mrs. Winship & at Emma's and R. went in to see Mrs. Housha. After supper they all got ready & went to the depot. R. & Simon to take the 7.30. train for Chicago on their way to Ohio. Julia & Mary Whiting came in for a minute.

Thurs. 17. a fine day. Wilfred went to the farm this morning, & came home sometime before dark. Letter from Helen who was to go to Chicago to day, to live, her husband to go on, the first of next month from Eau Claire Wis.

Friday 18. a disagreeable day. a little snow & a little rain. a meeting of the G. A. R. at the Opera House & a lecture by Rev. E. B. Jones. Postal from Simon at Chicago.

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Saturday 19 A gloomy day Will & Emma went to Dodge Center this morning. He to some home Monday next. She to stay longer. Postals yesterday & to day from Simon in Chicago & Cincinnati. A call this evening from Mrs Sarah Town

Sunday 20th Had palpitation this morning of an hour & a half duration. N. did not go to church has gone this evening with Mr Whitney to the Episcopal church. It's rather a dark rainy evening, another postal from Simon this time from Castletown Burg Ky. A postal from Herbert to Simon. Maggies exchange, in evening with Mr Chandler. This evening.

Monday 21st A pleasant day but slightly rainy this evening. Miss Thompson & her niece came in, & took dinner with us. August came down from the farm. Letter & papers from Gordon.

Tuesday 22 Colder than yesterday. Found myself with a cold last night. Just mustard on my lungs & then salt fork took four or five grains on going to bed. have coughed a good deal but feel better than I did last night. This evening Will brought in an old acquaintance. Heham Aldrich who lives in Iowa, formerly from western New York we had not seen him in more than forty years. He has gone back to his hotel will come in again tomorrow. Herbert went up to the academy this evening.

Wed. 23. A bright but cold day. A woman came & did the washing. Our friend Mr Aldrich came in again this morning for a short time. went on to Dodge Center may return to Owatonna to night. A letter from Simon in Chicago.

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Thurs 24 Our friend "Hiram" came in again this morning. Before leaving on the forenoon train for Wasca & other towns on his beamon. He called last evening on his return from Dodge Center. Wilfred has gone to ^{King} ~~prospect~~ ^{the} ~~place~~

Friday 25th W. M. & H. have gone to the Opera House to hear Burton Holmes.

Saturday 26 A mild day, no storm, wrote to Simon. Mr Niles came in this evening to get Herbert to go to choir practice.

Sunday 27 A snowy, unpleasant day Will has spent most of the day with us. Emma & Julia being gone to Dodge Center. He & Wilfred have just gone to the evening service. Two or three inches of snow has fallen. Monday 28 Pleasant afternoon. snow stays about as it was. Letter from R. W. & H. at the Opera House again tonight where there is another entertainment of motion pictures, by Mr De Pure, Burton Holmes assistant. Am writing to Mrs Lee.

Tuesday 29 A pleasant day. a letter to Mrs Lee received a letter from Maggie Dailey & answered it.

Wed 30th What little snow we had, thawing off. A Mrs Brown called, a church acquaintance of N's.

Thurs 31st Afternoon, a letter to Mrs Twitt. Postals to Helen & to Gordon. Paper from Mrs Lee. Evening, Raining this evening. we melted maple sugar & made wax on snow. The Kennons & Kelleys returned from Colefornia.

Friday April 1st A pleasant day. The snow has disappeared fast & the streets are drying, but are still bad. Miss Howwood & Julia D. called this afternoon & Mrs N. played for us. but has too much of a cold to sing.

Saturday 2 A pleasant day. Streets drying fast. Mr & Mrs Peter Daniels called. wrote to Mrs Gertie Dailey a carpenter came.

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to look over the house to see about a new kitchen & a letter to R.

Sunday 3. A pleasant day. Wilfred took Dr. & Mrs. Johnson out riding. The Dr. has been sitting a long time. Will. & Julia came in a little while this afternoon. Wilfred did not go to church this evening.

Monday 4. A fine day. Letter to Mary Stevens. Mrs. Whitney came in & talking of building of a vacant lot. Wilfred has gone to a meeting of the trustees of the church this evening.

Tuesday 5. Another good day. Letter from Mrs. Lee. The stair carpet taken up. Herbert went out to Mr. Bear's, took a music lesson.

Wed. 6. Good weather continues. Wilfred has gone to Medford this evening to some kind of a G. R. R. perhaps political meeting. Took Mr. Wheelock Dr. Stearns, Capt. Tom Nelson.

Thurs. 7. R. & W. have gone to services at the church. R. was to have gone to church with Mrs. Whitney but for a mistake. We seem just on the verge of a war with Spain & look every hour for news from Washington of the situation.

Friday 8. Now, at 10 o'clock evening we are having thunder & lightning & the rain is beginning to fall. Mrs. Jones came in a few minutes ago. They have just had a nice eastern spirit in.

Saturday 9. Raining again this evening. Mrs. J. Kelly came in this evening. We had but little rain last night with all our black clouds & thunder & lightning. A Mrs. Hemkens died yesterday. The funeral tomorrow at the Congl church.

Sunday 11. Easter Sunday. Afternoon pleasant. The funeral of Mrs. Hemkens at the

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Congl. church at four o'clock p. m. Letter from R. Monday 11. A beautiful day. W. put up a shelf in the closet off my room. One storm window taken off. People round about us beating carpets & beginning in earnest to clean house. It is generally thought that we are to have war with Spain. Letter from R.

Tuesday 12. A house is standing out in the middle of the street. Being moved to another locality. not far away. but owing to a slowly falling rain this afternoon, work had to be abandoned till dry weather comes again.

Wed. 13. Pleasant most of the day. W. received a letter from Mr. Christie. saying they, the family would come to Watona on the 20th & bring Mrs. Doiley's remains to be interred in the cemetery here. Mrs. Kelley came in on her rounds selling the new cook book the ladies of the Congl church have put out. Mrs. Benmin called this evening also. A Mrs. Backus came in to walk home with Mr. B. Wilfred has gone to the lodge this evening.

Thurs. 14. Had an attack of palpitation before 10 o'clock lasting half an hour or more & after a few minutes another of two to three hours duration. call from Mrs. Whitney.

Friday 15. A fine day. Dr. Mudeking made a professional call. a call from Mrs. Agnes Searls. R. has gone to the Episcopal church this evening to hear Bishop Gilbert. a woman just came to the door to say she would come tomorrow to help about the house, wash windows &c.

Saturday 16. A warm day. a woman, not the one expected, came & worked part of the day four hours in the forenoon & two in the afternoon.

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at ten cents an hour. Grace, & Myrtle Dowd from Geneva, called.

Sunday 17 A rainy day. Mr. Casper put his horse in the barn to stay while he went to church, as did Mrs. Karis, Martha's mother.

Monday 18 A whole stormy day - a round snow falling at daylight - & snow at six p.m. it keeps on snowing & melting mostly as it falls tho' the walks are white. The grass in some places shows green through the snow. It is not cold 35° perhaps above 0. A letter from Simon to Herbert. sent a letter of R. to her with a few lines. W. wrote to Mr. Christie.

Tuesday 19 A letter from Mr. Christie & one to her. ^{Wife} is at a business ^{meeting} at the church, no store to day.

Wed. 20 A pleasant day. Mrs. Sawyer called this afternoon. Mrs. Town & daughter this evening. A letter to R. from R. Letter from Gordon.

Thurs. 21 another rainy day. The last of the storm windows taken off, the cook stove put out into the little kitchen, & the parlor window curtains put up after being washed.

Friday 22 A pleasant afternoon. Rained more or less in the night. War with Spain, is said to have actually begun. Troops have been moving to the coast, for days & active preparations all over the country going on.

Saturday 23 It proved a good day. Mrs. Dailey's remains were brought from Minneapolis ^{city} and laid in the cemetery here. She died last December & was laid in a vault till now. Mr. & Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Augusta Dailey, & Miss Margaret Dailey came, and were met at the train by friends and accompanied to the cemetery. After the services there

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conducted by Rev. Mr. Tanner an Episcopal Clergyman and an old friend of the family, they returned to town. Took dinner with Mr. Sawyer after which Wilfred brought them home for a little visit. & then took them back to Mr. S.'s house and then to the station, to take the 4 p.m. train home. Mrs. Searls, and Mrs. Luce, called here to see them.

— Letter from Mrs. Trevitt.

Sunday 24 A fine day. The family went to church. Will, came in for two or three ^{after church} hours. Julie came in after church & took dinner with us. W. & W. & Herbert, have walked up to Will's new house on South Elm St. They expect to move into it next month. And had intended to build a new kitchen this spring but have decided to wait till fall.

Monday 25 Most of the day cold & cloudy, snow late in the day (bright & sunny). The painters have been here at work in the dining room, will come again tomorrow, a call from Mrs. Sawyer.

Tuesday 26 A beautiful day. Herbert has gone out to Clinton on his new wheel (a "Steamer") to stay over night. Mrs. Town came in this afternoon. Still Stoughton has gone to the two cities for two or three days making help at the store, short. No exciting war news. Our ships are blockading Havana harbor.

Wed. 27 Morning. A cloudy, windy morning. we are taking our meals in the kitchen now while the dining room is being renovated. Mr. Trevitt's photo received.

Thurs. 28 The painter finished his work in the dining room. Letter from R.

Friday 29 A fine day. Raking in the back yard, & bonfire.

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Dandelions for dinner.

Saturday 30 Morning. Cloudy & cold. Letter to R.

Half past four p. m. a rainy afternoon
Two girls just came to the door to ask
for some little blue flowers. (Granny acinths
growing in the front yard. To help
make up a May basket. Letter to
Mrs Trevitt. No special war news.

Sunday

May 1st

W. & H. went to church. Mr Moiley preached
instead of Mr Chandler. A cloudy
day. Will came in before time for church
We have been taking our meals in the
kitchen since Monday morning till
dinner to day. the newly painted dining
room floor, being dry enough to use.

Wilfred & Herbert have gone to evening service.

Monday 2 War news is that there has been a
sea fight at the Philippine Islands
the result favorable to our forces, but
no particulars. we await anxiously
further news. Mrs Town called.

Tuesday

Wed. 4

B. wrote to Mrs Lee. N. made several calls
No information as to the sea fight at
the Philippines. wrote to Gordon.

Thurs. 5

N. wrote to R. & sent Gordon last letter
A woman came did the washing
washed windows up stairs, swept &
dusted. carpet taken up in my
room & put down again & other
cleaning done. we are still waiting
for war news. It is said 30,000 of our
troops are to be landed in Cuba.

Friday

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Trouble & disagreement among
the Spaniards in Madrid. Spain.
Call from a Mrs Lee. a little regulating
done. No war news.

Saturday

7

A pleasant warm day. calls from Mrs

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& Miss Sarah Town. Mrs Magill. Baby
& sister in law. Mrs Dale. There is ex-
citement to night in town over the
news of the great victory of Admiral Dewey at
Manilla. firing of cannon. rockets
&c. Herbert went out to Clinton on his
wheel to night. took his gun & shot
several prairie. Wind at curtains up
stairs put up. Dandelion greens for
dinner again.

Sunday

8

A warm day. Late this afternoon W. & H.
N. & I. went up to see Will's house which
is nearly ready to go into. we drove
round on several streets the first time
we have ever been out riding on
Sunday.

Monday

9

A beautiful day. The hall carpet taken
up. cleaned & put down again. Grace Kelly
called. had been making a Cuban flag
& had it raised with an American flag
on the tower on their house. Reparticular
war news. a man cleaned out the stable yard.

Tuesday

10

cloud & sunshine alternately though
the forenoon. pleasant all afternoon
a little spot of ground has been spaded
up. & Wilfred & Herbert since supper
are putting in some peas. Rain is needed.

Wed. 11

A good day. Letter from R. have been
using the sewing machine a little
making under clothes called
just at night. on Mrs Jones our
nearest neighbor Will has
gone to Heaven, with Mr Magill this
evening.

Thurs. 12

A very pleasant day. Mrs Jones came in. we
had a fresh pickerel for dinner. a pres-
ent from Mr Lenthold. The little wood
stove set up in my room to be ready to
use when the fire in the coal stove goes.

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- out, which will doubtless be tomorrow
- Friday 13. R. went to a missionary meeting & made several calls. I went in to see Mrs Jones. Mrs Whitney came in. The coal stove taken down & the little wood stove put up in my room. Postal & paper to R.
- Saturday 14. Sarah Town came this afternoon & made over several pair of sleeves. Her mother came with her to spend the afternoon.
- Sunday 15. Another pleasant day. Miss Jean Latham from Waseca called this afternoon just as she was starting home, came yesterday to visit friends here.
- Monday 16.
- Tuesday 17. Cloudy & this afternoon, rainy.
- Wed. 18. a letter to R. Letter from Mrs Dobbett. Took up the carpet in the hall upstairs. Went out riding with Will. just at evening. Sarah Town came in inquiring for a woman to clean house.
- Thurs. 19. news in the evening paper of cyclones in Wisconsin, Illinois & Iowa. many persons killed & vast amount of property destroyed. No especial war news. Letter from Gordon. Calls from Mrs Gibbs & from B. Chambers. John Dunn took tea with us. Carpet in the hall upstairs put down, sweeping & dusting.
- Friday 20. Raining to night. Went up town just at night to see Mrs Williams the milliner. Met Mr Nichols & Mrs Smith. Mrs Gibbs sister. Will & family finished morning.
- Saturday 21. Last night & today, we have had heavy rains. The ground must be thoroughly soaked.
- Sunday 22. Went to church first time since last

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- Fall. R. & Wilfred have gone to hear Mr Pinkham at the Episcopal church this evening. And Gladstone is dead.
- Monday 23. Wilfred went to Waseca on the forenoon train. expected to come back to night but did not come on the regular train may come on a freight. shs over news.
- Tuesday 24. Herbert's 19th birth day. R. made him a cake, & he invited friend Young Barlowe from the bank to tea. It has been a warm, pleasant drying day. The last few days have been doing some white sewing. To day made a pair of pillow cases.
- Wed. 25. Will. had part of his teeth thirteen, taken out & after a few days is to have the rest taken out. Went with Julia R. up to the Sorenson store to make a small purchase.
- Thurs. 26. we are having a fine rain for the last two or three hours. now nearly sun down. Wilfred received from Mr Stevens a drawing of his old house & other buildings at Mendota his old home in Minnesota. Letters to R. & me from R. & his sister Julia.
- Friday 27. Another rainy day. A little washing done. we are making over a skirt for me black & white striped benty or canvas. a postal to Mrs Hewkes.
- Saturday 28. A few sprinkles of rain only. no war news. we finished the skirt. have been reading of Gladstone's funeral.
- Sunday 29. Cool weather. some people fear a frost. Memorial services at the Congl Church at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Wilfred went with the G. A. R. in a body, wearing their uniforms.
- Monday 30. Memorial day & perfect weather. The town

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The flowers in full to overflowing with people on foot & in carriages. Wilfred was with the S. A. R. Will, took Emma, Julia, R. & me in the carriage, on the different streets & home when we were tired seeing the crowds we did not go to the Cemetery. Sent flowers this morning by Herbert on his wheel to lay on the graves of Mr & Mrs Dailer. Mrs Gregory & the little Christie children. It will be a day long to be remembered for the beautiful weather. no wind, no fog, no heat.

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Wednesday

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Monday 6. A letter from R. to R. a pleasant day. called Mrs D. B. Kelley, Mrs Evans, Mrs Hotchkiss, Mrs Nichols, & at Mrs Boice's house, she was not at home.

Tuesday 7. a good day. Mrs Whitney came in this afternoon to tell us of the sad news she had received of the death by drowning, of a favorite nephew in California. He was one of three brothers & his mother Mrs W's sister is a widow living in Maine.

Wed. 8. noon. The air in these days is filled with down from the cotton wood trees. Evening Mrs Daniel & her sister-in-law called this afternoon. Later, Miss Grace Kelley W. has gone to the lodge to night. Will had the last of his teeth taken out. A letter from R. to Iowa.

Thurs. 9. Cloudy nearly all day. A letter from Gordon.

Friday 10. A good deal of rain has fallen to day, at times water has run like silver in the ditches on each side of our street. called at neighbor Cottis. Heave been making new sleeves to an old dress waist.

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wrote to our friend Miss Gertie Dailey. all vegetation is growing very fast & we begin to fear too much rain.

Tuesday 14 Ten o'clock A. M. The Misses Bernis, Kate & Myrtle just called. The morning is cool but very pleasant. There are two beautiful bouquets here on the table, of most lovely flannels, carnations & roses &c. sent by Mrs. Town, & Mrs. Bernis. Oh, the beautiful month of June. Just now we have peonies, Syringa, & roses, the largest peonies I think I ever saw, the pink variety.

Wed. 15 Cool weather. Have written to Helen. With Emma & Julia have gone to Concord Dodge Co. to attend the wedding of Emmas niece Esther Westcott. Nancy went out calling this afternoon.

Thursday 16 Cool but pleasant. Wrote to R. made strawberry short cake for dinner. No special war news, called at Mrs. Alexanders.

Friday 17. We have had quite a rain for the last hour & more about eight P. M. Put up half a dozen cans of straw berries, six & a quarter to a box fresh berries. Julia V. came in to day.

Saturday 18 Good weather. No calls made or received. A very busy day at the store. They are now at half past nine still delivering goods.

Sunday 19 A pleasant day. Went over to the church to attend the evening services of childrens day exercises. Mr. Chandler was ill & not able to be out to day at all. Mr. Wheeler read a sermon this morning of Mr. Griggs, a former pastor.

Monday 20 A warm day after W. came from the store tonight. He cut a window or hole through the west side of our little kitchen, to make a better circular

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tion of air. Julia V. is having her graduation gown made. W. took the sewing machine up there this morning. Sarah Town is making it.

Tuesday 21 Good weather. Mrs. Bernis called. There is a large trade in strawberries in these days & they are quite cheap - from six to ten to a box.

Wed. 22 A man trimmed up the large maple trees on Mrs. Whitneys side of the fence to let in a little more sun on our back yard. Wrote to Mrs. Lee. Had our third box of black berries.

Thurs. 23 A very warm day, 93° & probably more. Mrs. Town came in & brought a quantity of lovely roses. Letter from R.

Friday 24 Another hot day. A little sprinkling rain early this morning. Miss Thompson called for a minute or two was in a hurry. Mrs. Bernis & daughter Susan came in this evening.

Saturday 25 Cooler than yesterday. Had a thunder storm last night between twelve & one o'clock.

Monday 27 Went yesterday afternoon ^{with N. W. & Sp. in the carriage} up to Wells for a little while. Stopped on the way at Mrs. Towns to see her roses which are now at their best. Went in the evening to the Baptist church. Heard a sermon from a Mr. Myers from Chicago. & fine singing by the choir. & our Pastor & Mrs. Grover.

Monday afternoon. There was no service in our church. Mr. Chandler still too unwell to go out. Paper to Simon. Wilfred has gone to Warsaw to attend the funeral of our old neighbor Peter Daniels. He died suddenly the last of the week at Rochester. Where he had gone for treatment. We hear his disease was pronounced ^{Cerebral} special meningitis. His friends brought his remains through

here to day on the 11 o'clock train. Wilfred received a dispatch in time to get to the train & go with the friends to Wabasca where the funeral & interment is to take place this afternoon. Mr Daniel's home was in Medford 7 or 8 miles north of Acatonma. The ^{day} has been cold & cloudy. we have needed a fire in my room.

Wed. 29.

Went last night with Will, & Emma to the academy to a recital. Thunder & lightened when we came home rained later in the night.

This morning Will, took H. & me to the commencement exercises & we stayed till the close at one o'clock. Fifty five graduated. Julia Vinton among them. There was a full house & the weather favorable. There is a reception at Dr. Ford's to night, to which Hubert has gone. Miss Thompson with a friend who is visiting her, called this evening. Wilfred has a cold & coughs hard have just been putting a fork poultice with mustard on his lungs. A letter to Mrs Christie & papers to Gordon.

Thursday 30.

A rainy day. Professor Shedd & Dr. Ford's daughter married at the Baptist church this evening.

Friday.

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about noon. Wilfred is having a hard time with his cold, or asthma, has gone out to see the doctor. Slept badly last night, & has head ached this morning.

Saturday 2

Rain again. hard showers. ditches full of swiftly running water. Wilfred has stayed away from the store, yesterday & today. did not see the doctor

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yesterday as he intended. Mr Otis Lord died this morning & is to be buried tomorrow afternoon. He has been an invalid a long time. Wilfred has made changes in the wire screens of the outside doors which has improved them. We are anxious to hear from the seat of war, we know there has been a battle & it may still be going on at Santiago in Cuba.

Sunday 3.

A fine day. Owing to his cough, Wilfred did not go to church. Mr Chandler was well enough to be in his pulpit again. H. has gone with Mrs Whitney to the Episcopal church this ^{evening}.

Monday 4th

The weather has been good, a good many people in town though there was not much of a celebration. There are fire works this evening & the band is playing & has been through the day. Wilfred has been in the store part of the day. It has been a holiday for Herbert. Mrs Town & daughter Sarah, came in on their way up town just at evening, & brought as beautiful roses & pansies. We went to see Dr. Stuart. who gave him remedies which we hope will help his cough & health in general. Letter from Mrs Christie.

Tuesday 5

Wilfred is feeling better. has been in the store most of the day. Finished putting on the last wire screens. Calls from Mrs W. Kelley & Mrs Tenney. There has been exciting war news. The last two or three days Admiral Sampson has destroyed the Spanish fleet which tried to get out to sea. & there has been hard fighting at Santiago, & two thousand or more of our men have been killed & wounded.

Wed. 6.

A pleasant day. Went with Wilfred H. & Julia to Medford to see Mr Daniel. called at

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In Adams on the way & at Mr Case's coming back, Mrs Smith & Mrs Nichols called during our absence, no startling news to night but news of a collision ^{owing to fog} at sea between an English & a French ship & six hundred lives lost. Paper from G.

Thurs, 7 Yesterday on our way to Medford we thought there would surely be rain by night or before but there has been no rain as yet. It has been a very warm & rather cloudy day but it is very good for the farmers that no rain has fallen, a great deal of hay was down & not dry enough to put up.

Friday 8 Letter from R. Called at Mr Tundells & at Mr Lees. R. went to Mrs William Kelleys to a missionary meeting. Emma & R. called with me at Mr Lees.

Saturday 9 Mrs Luthold came in, in the interest of some society. Mrs Cook called on R.

Sunday 10 A pleasant day. The latter part of the day went riding, out in the country, W. & J. Mrs Town & her daughter going with us.

Monday 11 Wrote to R. Mrs Town & daughter came in at evening. Brought flowers & a dish of yellow raspberries.

Tuesday 12 Fine weather continues, Emmas father ^{Dr. & Mrs. Goff} & mother & her sister & husband Mr & Mrs Heilman came to visit them to day. The Dr. went home on the six o'clock train. The others called here. They go home tomorrow. Mr Case took tea with us.

Wed, 13 Mr Heilman called this forenoon & we went up to Will's to see them all again this afternoon, also called at Mr Chandlers & at Mrs Bernis. But did not find her at home.

Thurs, 14 A bright pleasant morning, & it is a circus day in Watoma, Mrs Daniels

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Kate & Winnie have been in, & gone out in town.

Friday 15

Saturday 16

Very hot weather both yesterday & to day & we are needing rain. Wilfred went to Waseca this morning on the train to the Park. Has just returned, Herbert got a fall from his wheel this afternoon, & is quite lame from the effects. Mrs Town & Sarah were just in bringing us more flowers.

Sunday 17

Wilfred & Herbert drove to Maplewood Park started before eight o'clock. got home before nine, this evening. We had a small shower of rain this afternoon a very small one, but we were glad to get that little, tho it didn't cool the air much. It's been a hot day. R. & I went to church this morning with Will, & Julia who stopped for us of Union service in these days.

Monday 18

Another hot day - has been, & is now at half past five p.m. 90. We had a number of showers this forenoon. some thunder & lightning no wind. The water main people are tearing up this street to day.

Tuesday 19

Threatening clouds & a little rain this forenoon. Wilfred went to the farm. starting about ten a.m. may not come home to night. Will began using his new delivery wagon. also has another horse we are reading in these days of the surrender of Santiago in Cuba to our forces. a man here from Atasca to day. who wanted to rent the farm. The assembly at Maplewood Park, Waseca, broke up.

Wed, 20

Letter from R. The ladies sociable went out to Mr Kenyon's in the country, Wilfred

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took out several people. Herbert went out later with some of the young people & went out calling. Mr. Kelley called at the door. The water main men are still at work digging & putting in the pipes a dozen or fifteen perhaps more men.

Thurs 21. A pleasant & cool day.

Friday 22 Warm again to day. went out to the Springs this morning with Will, Emma & Julia had a pleasant ride. The putting in of the water main on this street is finished I think. except leveling & smoothing over the dug up earth. Wilfred went up to Dr. Stearns' to night to a G. A. R. picnic supper, John Dunn here to dinner.

Saturday 23. Still hot weather. Mrs Town brought us a basket of beautiful flowers to night.

Sunday 24. 94° & perhaps more rain. but looking very much like it this afternoon. Did not go to church as I had intended, R. fainted in church & was helped out & rode home with a friend. soon seemed as well as usual. Mrs Town & daughter took dinner or rather lunch with us.

Monday 25. A cooler day. Harvesting beginning about the country. Habat has gone out to the Springs to a picnic. made over two pair of pillow cases.

Tuesday 26. A bright day. cool this morning. Mr. Case brought a load of hay. Herbert has gone out there to night to stay till morning. Letter from Gordon. Harvesting is going on all about the country.

Wed. 27. 92° & more. Letter from R. & Julia to M. wrote to R. Mrs Whitney came in. a good deal of talk of peace in

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the papers.

Thurs. 28. A cool pleasant day. Julia & I came in this afternoon. Have not been feeling as well as usual for a few days. More talk of peace in the papers. but nothing definite as yet. much fever & sickness among our soldiers in Cuba & many of Shafter's troops to be sent north to recuperate. it is said. Went riding ^(W. H. W. & I.) just a evening.

Friday 29. Another cool day. Mrs Stutz & her husband's sister called. Herbert on his wheel, collided with another wheel & its rider last night. H. was not hurt but his wheel ^{was} injured. The other rider slipped off with his wheel & its not known how he fared. Papers from Gordon.

Saturday 30. Still another cool day. Mrs Peter Daniels & her brother's wife & baby Mrs Florence Robertson came in about noon. This afternoon Mrs Nelson Daniels & a daughter of George Wood of Waseca, called, on their way from Waseca to Medford. Mrs D.'s home.

Sunday 31. A rainy day. but we would have been glad of more rain. neither H. or I. went to church.

Monday

August 1st. a cool pleasant day. Mrs Soukup came & worked all day. washing & cleaning. Julia & I & her friend Mrs Emery, who is visiting her. called. Mrs Whitney our neighbor. started on a trip to Maine, a nephew going with her. Wilfred is getting ready to go to the farm tomorrow.

Tuesday 2. Bismark died last Saturday. Wilfred got ready this morning to go to the farm & drove to Will's to get Julia & Mrs Emery who were going with him but it began to rain & it was decided not to go. The rain continued till sometime afternoon raining gently & without wind.

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Wed. 3.

Rained most of last night. but today has been pleasant & cool. R. went to a sociable at Mrs Wares. A lawn party or sociable to night at Mr Chandlars to which W. & H. have gone. Mrs Jones came in just at evening. The talk of peace continues. and we hope the worst of the war is over.

Thursday 4. Letter from Augusta Daily. Three copies of the Puritan from R. Mrs Daniels & Arminie took dinner with us. Pleasant & cool.

Friday 5. Wilfred went to the farm this forenoon & has just returned about 8 o'clock. we had a good deal of thunder & lightning & rain during last night & rain this morning. afternoon pleasant & part of the time & rain again tonight. A call from Mr Magill.

Saturday 6. Some more rain to day, & the weather warm. Mrs B. Kelley came in a few minutes this morning. Letter from Mary Stevens. called to see Mrs Alexand^{er} & her nearly two weeks old boy.

Sunday 7. Went to church. heard a Mr Beatty preach on foreign missions. He is to speak to night at the Methodist church. & Wilfred has gone to hear him. Mrs Daniels went with him. She is staying here to night. has a relation here in town an old man who is sick & not expected to live till morning. no rain to day. but looking rainy to night.

Monday 8. A good day. Mrs Daniels relative died this morning. & she & her brother John. Dr. Robertson, go to night for the train to Austin with the remains for interment there. Mrs D. took tea with us.

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Tuesday 9. Good weather. Mrs Daniels came back from Austin. came here about noon. went home on the four o'clock train. A call from Mrs Brown. Herbert S. D. teacher. A letter from Gordon.

Wed. 10. A fine day. Miss Thornfrom took dinner with us. called again this afternoon with Miss Kate Daniels. Mrs Daniels & a neighbor of theirs. Mrs Cleveland.

Thurs. 11. Another pleasant day. Letter from R. A call from Mrs Reynolds. formerly Miss Truesdell. called at Mr Travis to see Mrs Dampier an old acquaintance. Mrs J. S. mother. When coming away from there. came upon Mr & Mrs Preston from Wasco. who followed us home & topped at the gate a few minutes. & while we stood there. Mr & Mrs George Wood, drove up & also got out for a little but it was too near night for them to come in. as they were to dine home to night.

Friday 12. Fine weather continues. W. picked the first tomatoes off our vines & they were not fully ripe. our neighbors have ripe ones. are drying & stewing. Duchess apples 2, brought from the farm. They are not ripe, but do very well for what we use them. Apples are to be abundant this year it is said. Herbert went out on his wheel to night to Clinton. & thought of going out to Medford with his friend Byron Barlow. Emma & Julia called a few minutes this evening.

Saturday 13. Mrs Daniels. Kate & Arminie. came in. left their horse here, & went up town shopping. coming back quite late to get their horse.

Sunday 14. Good weather. Went to church with Herbert.

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Wilfred is having a boil on his back or side. & is lame from the effects of it & did not go to church. Union services this evening at the Presbyterian church.

Monday 15. A pleasant ^{call} from Miss Grace Kelley. Letter to Gordon & a few lines to R. in R's letter to her. "An old maids Convention" at the Opera House, this evening given by the Episcopalian.

Tuesday 16. Fine weather rather warm about noon, 83 & 4, cool now at five o'clock. A minstrel show in town, to hold forth at the Opera House to night.

Wed, 17. Very fine weather, a Baptist picnic or sociable at the Springs. Wilfred is plan-

Mrs Towning to go to the farm tomorrow. She & daughter will be. She has been troubled with fever several days. is getting better. War matters have quieted down & troops are being disbanded. The fifteenth Minnesota is now at camp Ramsey. this state, was mustered out yesterday (was said).

Thurs 18. Another fine day. Wrote to Mrs Trevitt. Mrs Dampier & her daughter Mrs Travis called. & later, a Mr Taylor. Still later Mrs Sawyer. Evening Mrs Bernier & daughter ^{Kate} called.

Friday 19. Wilfred was to have gone to the farm today but not feeling very well. Will. went for him & has not yet returned. Emma & Julia went to Dodge Center this morning. A Mrs Chambers called. It is sprinkling. & thunder.

Saturday 20. More or less rain during last night. Pleasant weather since seven or eight o'clock in the morning. A letter to Mrs Hawkes. we cut up & put to drying what apples we had room ^{for} them. Will. brought from the farm last night.

Sunday 21. A hot day. Will. has been here since 8.5. All he & Wilfred went out riding a hour.

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ago & it is now nearly dark. Herbert went late this afternoon out to Mr Caser.

Monday 22. A hot day again up in the Cornetier. Mr Daniels & Kate, & Mrs Thompson & her niece have all been in today. Mrs D. brought home a pretty new wrapper she has been making for one Becale. We are planning to go to the fair tomorrow. Wilfred & I & have invited Mrs Bernier to go with us. It is so very warm this evening. that rain may come before morning.

Tuesday 23. We got off this morning on our trip to the ~~the~~ farm about nine o'clock. The morning was rather damp & foggy & we feared rain but we had a pleasant ride ^{out} & returned in good season. a little ^{sprinkle} of rain just as we started home hurried us somewhat in starting home coming a different road back. made the whole trip interesting.

Wed 24. comfortable weather. Mrs J. Kelley came in this evening. Letter from R.

Thurs 25. A very nice day. Preparations for going on for a S.S. picnic at the springs tomorrow. It is to be hoped the weather will be as good as today. A call from Mrs Rice this afternoon. Mrs Daniels & Kate took dinner with us. Mrs D. is to go to Benson tomorrow. Mrs Town called this morning.

Friday 26. There was thunder lightning & rain the latter part of last night but it cleared off, & the day proved a good one for the picnic. We went out about 11 o'clock, & came home at five. Wilfred went out with two carriage loads before we went. He has gone again this evening with horse & wagon to get things

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Left there. Letter from Mrs Jewitt yesterday.

Saturday 27 Good weather. Mary Robinson came in to inquire about old fashioned clothes for an old folks concert. More apples drying.

Sunday 28 Went to church this morning, & the day has been fine tho it was cloudy & it did sprinkle. The funeral of a Mrs Chap in this afternoon at the Baptist church she died in Cal. & her remains were brought here for interment.

Monday 29 Good weather continues. H. mowed the yard to night. Will, gone all day to Havana as appraiser of a stock of goods there. H. went to a business meeting of the ladies of the P. church, also called at Mrs Cooks.

Tuesday 30 Wrote to K. Letter from Helen which I sent to R. Attended the old folks concert at the church. Hot weather.

Wed. 31. Another hot day up in the nineties, a big darkie show at the Opera House this evening. Mrs Grace Kelley came in. Mary Robinson brought back the old things borrowed for the concert last night. H. went to a coffee at the P. church.

Thursday Sept-11th Hot weather continues. Mrs Davis called to leave the coat Herbert wore at the old folks concert. The Co. Fair is in progress a demonstration on the streets at & around the Park. W. H. & I. went up to the store where we met a Mrs Carpenter a teacher from Clean. N. Y. & took her with us around the streets & to her home when she was ready to go. She is an acquaintance of friends of ours in Clean. The weather has seemed intermable hot.

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To day & for several days -
Friday 2 96° & no rain or sign of a let up to the heat. It is of course a little cooler at night. Emma & Julia are to come home this evening from their two weeks visit to D.C. Mrs Case just came in with a basket of nice tomatoes. Stores & ban closed most of the afternoon on account of the Fair.

Saturday 3 Mrs Carpenter called a few moments just before train time as she was starting back to Clean. N. Y.

Sunday 4 Cooler weather last night & to day went to church. After church & S.S. Wilfred & Herbert drove out to the farm. It has been cloudy since they went away & looking like rain! Not feeling well. H. did not go to church.

Monday 5 Not uncomfortably warm. Rode up to Emma with Wilfred in a delivery wagon & found it not a very hard way to ride for a little ways. We went on to Mrs Bernis & got a basket of nice crab apples for sweet pickle. Put up two more cans of Duches apples. The last we brought from the farmer having died & used most of the others.

Tuesday 6 Very much cooler last night & to day. Made a crock of sweet pickle of the crab apples & a few glasses of jelly of apples we had. So cold this evening W. & H. are covering up the tomatoes fearing a frost tho it is cloudy & the mercury at 56. now at about eight.

Wed. 7 About 70°, a good part of the day. a great change from last week files are comfortable now. A few more apples canned. Letter from Gordon. Will went to Minn

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capolis this morning. This is State fair week & the cars will no doubt be loaded & it being the week of the G.A.R. encampment at Cincinnati the R.R.s will be busy. ^(Chargedful of passengers) Mrs Town called & brought a beautiful

Thursday 8. Still cool weather. Mrs Case & Ellen came in put their horse in the barn canned another gallon of crab apples. Will has just returned from the state fair.

Friday 9. Made a dozen or fifteen glasses of jelly nearly down to freezing last night we again covered up the tomatoes. It seems cold to night but it is cloudy & not so cold as last night. Mrs Town brought in some wild flowers had been out in the woods with Mrs Curtis & had a buggy full.

Saturday 10. Put up a few tomatoes. A call from Mrs Dalittle & Mrs Gleason sisters of Mrs Bernis a little frost last night. Postal from ^(at Danieb) Mrs Danieb.

Sunday 11. A little more frost last night & we didn't cover up anything & the tomatoes are not much harmed. The day has been pleasant & cool enough for a fine here. Letter from R. Did not go to church - rest of the family did.

Monday 12. Cloudy most of the day. Sprinkled at noon. Yesterday afternoon Herbert & his friend Barlow drove out to the farm, came back in time for the young people's meeting. Letter from R. telling us that she had decided not to come to Minnesota this fall as we had expected she would. Postals to R. & to Mrs Danieb.

Tuesday 13. Quite a rainy day. A woman came this morning to work, washed windows & cleaned floors till noon when she went home. To come a pleasant day to wash &c. - we have more or less fine each day.

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for warmth. Thunder late this afternoon & a brisk shower after it.

Wed, 14. Another cloudy rainy day, the moderate rain has fallen. Mr Wilcox is repairing and old house on his left adjoining ours & quite improving the place. Still cold enough for a little fire. Papers from Mrs Jewett.

Thursday 15. We have had very few flies this summer but now they are beginning to be more troublesome. A letter from Mr Hawkes two days ago. Our church is getting ready for the annual conference which is to be held here, beginning next Tuesday.

Friday 16. A pleasant morning. The woman came & is washing. A letter to R. W. wrote to her yesterday. A letter to Miss Augusta Dailey.

Saturday 17. Quite warm again to day. Emma & Julia drove out called at the door. Went out walking just at night went to Oak street then to school street to Cedar, & round home stopping at Mrs Delong's to see Mrs Hatch Kern.

Sunday 18. A quiet day, didn't go to church. R. went to our church with Corbett to hear a Rev. Mr Tointon. Rode up to Will's just at night, with Corbett.

Monday 19. A fine day. Our church are busy getting ready for the association. Wilfred went with the team out into the woods with two or three others to get ferns sumach &c. to decorate the church with. A letter from R. to Wilfred. Miss Thompson called.

Tuesday 20. The first day of the association. Wilfred has gone to meet the 7 o'clock evening train from the north. we have no guests as yet though we might have some friends from Waseca tomorrow. Will, ^{with Mr. G. K. King} went this afternoon to Farmington to

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- to meet an incoming train bringing people to the association, a warm afternoon 80° since sundown.
- Wed. 21. Mrs Preston & Mrs S. Commes are staying with us through the association. The citizens are giving the strangers in town a ride this afternoon, we counted more than seventy five teams, double & single, going out South Cedar Street. Fine weather. Mrs Abbott from Austin called, she is a delegate from the Austin Congl church. Letter from R, 81° - now at nearly six p.m.
- Thurs 22. The last meeting of the Association was held this evening in the Baptist church. the weather favorable to the last. Wilfred took us R. & me with our guests in the carriage & at the close of the exercises took Mrs Preston, Mrs Commes & Mrs Sawin to the train to go home. & then brought us home. An address by Dr. Beach of Minneapolis of Plymouth church, & after that Dr. Cyrus Northrup, on the issues of the day, were the most interesting exercises of the evening. the latter intensely so & instructive. Dr. Northrup is President of the University.
- Friday 23. Good weather keeps on, tho there are signs of rain. Herbert came early enough to night from the bank to take me out calling. had time to call on Mrs Brown on Phelps st, Mrs Town, Mrs Nelson, Mrs. & Miss Stultz on School st. Mrs Dampier at her daughter's home on Vine Street, & Mrs Sawyer who has just moved into her new house on East Rice st. It thunders in the distance & seems coming nearer.

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- Saturday 24. A slight shower of rain last evening.
- Sunday 25. attended union service at the Baptist church this evening. speakers, Prof. Ingraham, M. Jones, & Mr. Ellery. who is to leave Q. Mr. Chandler & Mr. Magill assisted in the services. a solo by Mrs Potter accompanied by organ & violin.
- Tuesday 27. Didn't write last night owing to being out late at Mrs Town's at a gathering to say good by to Mrs Hank & her son, old settlers, who are about to go away, perhaps not to return. A letter & paper to Gordon. Wilfred has worked a good part of yesterday & to day in the barn changing things, & making it more convenient. He & Herbert went out to take supper to night with Mr & Mrs Case. We are having beautiful moonlight evenings just now & moderate weather without wind. A can of tomatoes put up yesterday, & one to day. The Pet. horse has been biling for a day or two but seems entirely well again now. Our neighbor Mrs Jones is away on a visit to Duluth. We have had no rain of consequence for so long that farmers find great difficulty in plowing their ground.
- Wed 28. Dry, still, bright weather continues, & white moonlight nights. Mrs Rice called to see about a picnic & several ladies came in the carriage with her to the gate. Letter from R. & Julia to R. Puritan, & James, from R. Heard of a disastrous fire at the little town of Claremont on the R.R. east of Avon. (ma)
- Thurs 29. The forty second anniversary of our arrival in Avon, on our way to our farm twelve miles west of Q.

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Letter to Helen. Some thunder & lightning
+ a little shower of rain late this afternoon
a windy day & warm, nearly 90° -

The little Buxton children came in for an hour
Friday 30. A frost last night. The ladies aid society
have a supper to night at the church. Wilfred
& Herbert are getting ready to go after the supper there is to be a
party at Mr. Whellocks, to which H.
is going. Mrs. Town called this morning
Letter from Mrs. Lee.

Saturday

Oct. 1st made a few green tomato pickles.

Sunday 2. Warm pleasant weather. Haven't been feeling
as well as usual for a few days. The rest of
the family went to church. Mr. Chandler
is away from home. Dr. Ford preached in
his stead. Rode out a little way just at
night. Mrs. J. Keller came in a few minutes
after church. Will also come in this morning.

Wed. 5. Not having been well, have neglected
writing. Dr. Adair came in yesterday
to see me. Said the pains I had were
neuralgic & left me a tonic & cough med-
icine. Wilfred & Herbert went yesterday
to attend the wedding of Ellen Case & and
a Mr. Hildebrand, which took place at the
residence of her father. Owing to the absence
her pastor, the ceremony was performed by
Rev. E. B. Jones, pastor of the Baptist church
here. Am feeling better to day.

Thurs. 6. A hard frost, or freeze last night. Have continued
to feel better. A letter from Clean, R. B., from
Miss Maud Carpenter the young lady who
was here some weeks ago for sister R. & J.,
who did ^{not} go to the wedding, received
the wedding announcement & card.

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Herbert just came in with a new
overscot. Changed a hair mattress
for a feather bed to sleep on through
the winter will undoubtedly change
back again the spring
ceased last night to take the
Daily Minneapolis Journal

Friday 7. Mrs. Daniels came down on business
& is to stay here all night. Mrs. Bemis
called, not being well. Did not see her.

Saturday 8. Julia Vinton's ^{94th} birth day. She & Miss
Mary Whiting called this morning. My
Ten cent Daniels went home on the four o'clock
supper at 4 p.m. train. Miss Thompson called, Mrs.
the church. Coter came in this morning. Hope to feel
to which W. H. well enough tomorrow to get out of doors,
went. Laine Coter just came in.

Sunday 9. Herbert took a party of young folk to
Medford to church. Stopped in the trees
on their ^{way} home to eat their lunch.
A little sprinkle of rain this after-
noon. Heavy Rain came to town
on his wheel. came in & took dinner
with us. No service in our church to-
day except S. S. Wilfred went with H.
to hear Mr. Magill. ^{among the young people} Union services
this evening after that, stereopticon
views at our church.

Monday 10. It must have rained nearly all
last night but not much this morning.
The whole country needed the
rain. It continues warm.

Tuesday 11. A pleasant day growing colder this evening.

Wed. 12. A whole rainy day. Water standing
in the ditches to sight & all things
looking soaked & wet enough.
Farmers must find it easier plowing
hereafter this fall. A letter to R. We have

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had but few flies this summer in the house. Pleasant

Thurs. 13 Pleasant afternoon Julia Vinton called this afternoon bought the October mungy.

Friday 14 Very foggy this morning but the whole day has been pleasant. R. has gone to a social of some kind at Mrs. W. H. Kelley.

Saturday 15 a clear day & cold enough for outside coats Yesterday W. took a light overcoat to the tailor to be made larger & repaired generally. Letter to Mr. Everett.

Sunday 16 The twenty-sixth anniversary of Wills & Emma's marriage. Wilfred took dinner with them. It has rained nearly the whole day, a soft gentle soaking rain. Neither R. or I went to church. Another letter from R. at Springfield.

Monday 17 Another whole day of rain, no wind no thunder or lightning. just a still steady quiet rain, umbrellas, water proofs & rubbers in requisition by all who go out. Julia V. came in.

Tuesday 18 a cloudy day. Mrs. Kelley came in a few minutes. This evening letter from Gordon.

Wed. 19 a little sunshine but most of the day cloudy & some rain this afternoon. a letter to Mrs. Lee. A call from Mrs. Alexander.

Thursday 20 Another dark gloomy day & some rain Mrs. Town called. A letter to Mrs. Christa.

Friday 21st Forenoon. Same cloudy weather continues but no wind, not enough to take the dead leaves off the trees or only a few many are left on.

Saturday 22 Cloudy till middle of the afternoon when the sun came out & the evening is bright & frosty. Will come in a short time. Supper at the church again to night to which W. & H. went. Letter to Mrs. Hawkes this morning.

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Sunday 23 Not a rainy day, but most of the time cloudy & sooty. Wilfred stayed home from church as I was not very well, & R. & H. were going.

Monday 24 Another gloomy day & to night almost a rain. Packed eight or nine dog eggs anniversary of 15th etc a dozen. Mr. Winship having bought the route of our milk man, we today began getting milk of him. Papers from Gordon. W. cleaned out the chimneys preparatory to setting up the coal stove this evening & putting the cook stone into the dining room.

Tuesday 25 Mrs. Town & her daughter spent the evening here.

Wed. 26 The cook stone was moved into the dining room Monday evening. but the coal stone was not set up till to day morning. A call from the Thor hardware store came & took it out doors. took it to pieces blackened & put it in good condition. we found it necessary to get four new joints of pipe. we have not yet started a fire in it. First, & last part of the day pleasant.

Thurs. 27 some cloud but a good deal of sunshine. started the fire in the coal stove last night & it is very satisfactory. The little wood we have in my room all summer taken down & put up stairs. Call from Mrs. J. Kelley & Mrs. Curtis, a book agent. a Miss Wilson came in.

Friday 28 a whole good day, Miss Annie Hawkes came from Warece with other teachers to attend the convention of teachers & is staying with us. Mrs. Preston also came from Warece being a member of the Eastern Star Lodge (I believe that's what they call it) & several people came with her to attend a

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meeting of their order & she found time to come in for a few minutes this evening, goes home to night.

Mr Bemis & youngest daughter called.

Saturday 29. Most of the day has been cloudy & we look for snow any day. Mrs. Come went home on the middle of the day train. Julia V. & her friend Miss Rhoda Emery called. Letter from R. enclosing letters from others she had just returned from Springfield.

Sunday 30. No storm. Part pleasant & part cloudy. W. & H. went to church. Will came in this morning. Grace Kelley came in this evening.

Monday 31. Letter to Gordon. Owaiponne Cook book to Mrs. Come. R. sent a little box of persimmons through the mail to R. who is writing to her. It has been quite a pleasant day & not cold but windy.

Tuesday, Nov. 1st. Alternate cloud & sunshine, our former neighbors, salvationists, moved away yesterday. R. called at Mr. Cottes this evening.

Wed. 2. A Poverty Social at the church here this evening. Went out riding this afternoon. Called at Mrs. Stiles Strong. When I got home later, Mrs. & Miss Stultz called. A letter from Mrs. Christie.

Thurs. 3. Willard went up to the farm this morning. Has not come home yet. Calls from Mrs. Sawyer & Mrs. W. H. Kelley. A Mrs. Sandford who at one time lived near us, came in to see us. She has come back to O. to live for the present. She is excellent help to depend upon. Mr. Chandler made a

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pastoral call

Friday 4. Cloudy the greater part of the day. A woman came to work & leave Mrs. Town called.

Saturday 5. Supper at the church again this evening. H. went over last evening to see Mrs. J. Kelley to see Grace Kelley's 19th birth day party.

Sunday 6. A good day. The family except myself went to church. Julia V. came in a few minutes.

Monday 7. The hanging lamp put up in the dining room. Am knitting a pair of double mittens for W. Mrs. Sandford came into house to see about work for tomorrow. Mr. Bayon B. called for his carriage robe or blanket.

Tuesday 8. Election day. A cold day. Willard & Heebert cleaned out the cistern & put on the storm windows. Mrs. Sandford came & worked till middle of afternoon. put out mattresses & bed clothes. Cleaned windows, pantry, &c. Letter to R.

Wed. 9. Good weather. A democratic governor it is said in Minnesota. But Roosevelt is elected in New York we hear & hope it is true. H. went to see Mr. Williams the milliner & called at Mrs. Alexander. Letter from Mrs. Lee. A letter to H. from R. Two copies of the Puritan from R.

Thurs 10. Pleasant all day. A Mrs. Heermmel calls on H. Emma went to Dodge Center. A load of corn brought & put into the corn crib.

Friday 11. Julia went to Dodge Center to join her mother. The day has been pleasant mostly. But windy. H. called at Mrs. Nichol. Stultz & Grandall about Mrs. Delongs to see Mrs. Hotchkiss who is in the country also went to the milliners to get her bonnet.

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Saturday 12. H. went in to take a book to Mrs Alexander. Last night Mrs Town & her daughter came in to look over some books. Later, Mr & Mrs Kellers called for H. to go up to Mr Robersons but she had gone to bed.

Sunday 13. This morning we found the ground white with snow first time this fall. Will takes his meals part of the time with us since Emma & Julia went away.

Monday 14th more cloudy weather. W. + R. went to the Opera House to hear Owen's lecture on the women of Shakespeare. "The Lady of Lyons" is played there to night. Julia has come home to night. I think

Tuesday 15. Good weather, went in to neighbor Cotters, this afternoon. Am knitting the second mitten.

Wed. 16 - A pleasant day. Wilfred has gone to Geneva. started not far from noon, is to go to Albert Lea tomorrow, & come home Friday noon. He went to the Universalist church to witness the marriage ceremony of a Mr. Warren & a Miss Patterson just before he started on his trip. Lizzie Enders a nice girl who worked for us when we lived on the farm, came in to see us this afternoon. Mrs. Case made a short call a letter from sister Julia to H. I am putting a bed comfort together again after it having been taken apart to wash

Thurs. 17 Will's fifty first birth day. He has not been well to day, & did not come to the store. To our surprise Wifred came home to night. Did not go to Albert Lea. Has gone up to Arilla this evening

Letter from Mrs Stevens & from Gordon.
N. went to Wilk. & made two or three other
calls. Papers to W. from Gordon.

Friday 18. A very gloomy afternoon. I. went to a mission
inspecting at the P. church. or the Friday
April, is still ailing & not well enough
to be out. had the doctor to day, but
thinks he is better. Mrs Town called.
am still working at the comfort.

Saturday 19. Dark gloomy morning but bright this
afternoon. Finished the comfort. Supper
at the church. Mr Town called, on the
way over there Julia, V. came in, her
mother is coming home to night & he
come, Will, has not been much better to day

Sunday 21 The family went to church. W. went up to see Will, this morning & I went up with him to night. Found Will feeling very comfortable. W. helped him take a bath & tho he will not be about for two or three days he seems to be getting along very well. The weather is mild quite windy through the day.

Monday 21. a miserably dark sleety morn-
ing, evening. A wintry day but
not much snow has fallen.

Tuesday 22. A blizzardy night & a bad morning, ^{with} drifts & wind through the forenoon, after noon, very comfortable. Will not be able to be out yet. Wilfred had a bad time with asthma this morning. Mrs Sandford came in to see about work tomorrow. Her little boy broke his arm a few days ago, but it is doing well. Coldest weather we have had mercury at 5.

Wed. 23. Clear & cold. 18° below 0. Letter from R.

Thurs 4. Thanksgiving day, 15th below 0. this morning. A bright day. W. R. & H. went

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to Will, to dinner. I thought it better for me to not go out in the cold. W. & K. have gone to prayer meeting.

Friday 25. A somewhat snowy forenoon, pleasant afternoon but cold. Mrs. Sandford came & did the washing. Mrs. Case is staying with us to night. Mrs. Grace Kelly called.

Saturday 26. A clear day 13° below 0. Mr. Case came to town for Mr. C. & they went home this afternoon. No supper at the church to night. Will, at the store yesterday & to day.

Sunday 27. My seventy sixth birth day.

Monday 28. Busy, this afternoon mending, Mrs. Town & her daughter Sarah spent Saturday evening with us, weather warmer but not warm enough to thaw.

Tuesday 29. About 23° above 0, this morning, & 16, this evening. Herbert has gone sleigh riding this evening. Mrs. Sandford came & swept the parlor, hall & stairs.

Wed. 30. Milder weather. Will, was taken ill to day at the store & was taken home. is somewhat better. but sleeps most of the time. Have written to R.

Thursday
December 1. A pleasant day. Weather Will, better but not able to be up much.

Friday 2. A cloudy day. Began taking a daily paper again. Wilfred went after supper to see Will, & has not come home yet. Mrs. Kelly & daughter Laure came in this evening.

Saturday 3. Lucy Drum spent a part of the day here. Letter from R. Will, a little better each day. Bright weather, good sleighing.

Sunday 4. The rest of the family went to church.

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Monday 5. Good weather another letter from R. Postal to R. Later. Mrs. Cotter & her sister Mrs. Brian our near neighbors, have spent the evening with us.

Tuesday 6. A bright day will came & spent the forenoon, & after dinner went to the store & stayed an hour or two before going home. Mrs. Sawyer called.

Wed. 7. A fine winter day 6° below 0 this morning, just at 1 to night. Letter to Mrs. Christie & to Gordon, & papers to G.

Thurs 8. wrote to Mrs. Lee. Mrs. Kelley brought over a package of engravings for us to look at. Another bright day.

Friday 9. A letter from Mrs. Jewell. A supper at the Presbyterian Church. R. & Herbert went over. Pleasant weather 4° above 0. at 10 this morning. at 0. this evening.

Saturday 10. More bright weather. A short call from Mrs. Case. A letter from Helen enclosing one from Mrs. Mc Coy.

Sunday 11. Wilfred's fifty fifth birth day. A pleasant day & not cold, several degrees above 0. Wilfred has just gone to the church to evening service. Herbert went at the usual time to the young people meeting.

Monday 12. August & his son came down brought several bushels of potatoes to Wilfred & I sent us two ducks dressed.

Tuesday 13. 20° below 0. but good weather & not windy. Will has been at the store, called on his way home to night. Have been busy this afternoon mending an overcoat. Good sleighing. 4° below 0. now before 11 p.m.

Wed. 14. Head palpitation ^{this forenoon} for an hour. Good winter weather continues, 4° above 0 this morning.

Thurs. 15. Still good weather. Letter from R. enclosing letters from Mrs. Thomas & from Paul & Jubilee.

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singers at the Opera House to night
 Friday 16 A very pleasant day Will, Emma & I
 took dinner & spent a part of the day with us. Mrs
 Thompson called. moderate weather

Saturday 17 Good weather night on.

Sunday 18 A thawy day Mrs Blood, widow of Dr. Blood
 and demented for a number of years,
 died yesterday & is to be buried tomorrow

Monday 19. Allen & Annie Hawker came to
 town to do some shopping. came
 here just before dinner. went up
 town soon after. made their pur-
 chases. came back & started home
 at perhaps four o'clock. Mrs
 Sandford came & did the was-
 hing & cleaning. weather contin-
 ues mild. Letter from Gordon.

Tuesday 20, very mild weather. Mrs Sandford came
 again for a part of a day helped take
 care of a little flesh pork Wilfred bought
 of a farmer. half of a pig. weighing 80 pounds.
 Mrs & Miss Stealy called. I did not see
 them. have a cold & have not felt
 well yesterday or to day.

Thurs 22 Mrs Town called this morning. We, R. & I,
 sent a couple of books to Gordon & Horton.
 A letter to Mrs Stevens & postal to Gordon.
 Just heard of the sudden death of Mrs
 Thompsons stepfather, an old man, a very
 old man living out in the country some
 miles or more.

Friday 23. Growing colder. Cloudy & now & then a little
 snow.

Saturday 24. Mrs Sawyer called. Grace Kelley came
 in for a minute bringing reminders
 of Christmas. a little & was gift also
 from Mrs Christie through Mrs Sawyer.
 Christmas trees at some of the churches
 to night

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Sunday 25 Christmas & good weather.

Monday 26. Will & family & Wilfred, went this morning to
 Dodge Center to take their Christmas dinner
 with Dr. & Mrs Garver. their children & grand-
 children & other friends to the number of
 twenty five or more. Wilfred came back
 on the 5 p. m. train. W. E. & J. will come on
 the next train. we received little & maple
 from Mrs Stevens & her daughter & from
 R. & Simon. card from Mrs Lee.

Tuesday 27. Grace Kelley called. Mrs Sawyer called
 at the door to bring us myrtle &
 holly, which had been sent her.

Wed. 28. mild. good winter weather. Letter from
 R. & one to her.

Thurs 29 not much change in weather. a German
 living about a block from us committed
 suicide to day, by shooting himself.

Friday 30, 18° below 0 this morning. 12. to night. Will,
 invited a dozen grocery men to his house
 this evening. to supper. Wilfred among
 them. There was a fire on Bridge St about
 three o'clock this morning. The first fire in
 town for many months. wrote to Gordon,

Saturday 31. 28° below 0 this morning.

Sunday 15° below 0.

January 1st Wilfred had a head ache & did not
 go to church. Herberts work at the bank
 closed last night owing to a failure of
 his eyes to endure the strain caused by
 close application to the books.

Monday 2nd Letter to Mrs Stevens & to Helen. a letter
 from Gordon 15° above 0 this morning. Herbert
 took dinner at Mr Casis. August came &
 paid his rent.

Tuesday 3 18° above 0 Herbert has worked at the store
 & his father has not this afternoon. Julia V.
 called & Mrs Amos. Wilfred drove to
 see Mrs Dennis who is ill.

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- Wed. 4 Letter to Mrs Jewitt. Wilfred started this morning to go to the farm, but owing to the stormy appearance of the weather came back. Letter from Helen.
- Thurs 5 Mrs Town called. A Mr Rosebrock an old settler was buried this afternoon.
- Friday 6 Miss Kate Daniels came from Rochester on the 11 o'clock train & stayed in town till the afternoon 4 o'clock train took dinner with us. Wilfred drove her about town & down to the depot. A call from Mrs Stiles Stoughton. W. has gone to take tea at Mr Nichols. Herbert to the Academy. Letter to Mr Hawkes began using the new lamp.
- Saturday 7 15° below zero, this morning & snow at the neighbors. winter weather right along. Allen Hawkes wedding card & letter from Mrs Hawkes Thurs 5.
- Sunday 8 A whole bright winter day. Letter from R.
- Monday 9 Good weather, seems cold but is 15° above 0. A tramp came in this morning, ate breakfast for which he split a little wood.
- Tuesday 10 Wilfred went out to the farm, came back about five o'clock, sold several cords of wood he had there. \$3.75 a cord. Miss Thompson called.
- Wed. 11. We heard this afternoon of the death of Mrs Harsha. She died about noon. Had been ill for some weeks. I believe we supposed she was getting better. The tramp we fed Monday morning stole Herbert's overalls, when he went away - we think -
- Thurs. 12 Letter to R. A dark & somewhat stormy day. Mrs Jones called near evening.
- Friday 13 Mrs Harsha was buried this afternoon. funeral at the Presbyterian church. There are meetings every evening this week at the Baptist & Congl churches.
- Saturday 14 Mr Bryan came in for two or three hours.

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- Sunday 15 Sister R's birth day. warm & thawing. A Mr Fisher preached at the Congl church. Union services there this evening of the young people of all the churches.
- Monday 16 Bright in the middle of the day but a dull gloomy afternoon. Freezing most of the day & this evening.
- Tuesday 17 Mr Hewkes & his son Charles came in for a visit of a couple of hours & afterwards went to dinner at Wills. They came down to attend the Farmers Institute held here yesterday & to day. W. wrote to Gordon yesterday. Wilfred & Herbert have gone to the Baptist church this evening.
- Wed. 18 R. called at Mr W. H. Kelley. Mrs Sawyer, Mrs Grams. Mrs Gibbs & to see Mrs Bemis who will Wilfred Mrs Town for a little visit of an hour or two. The Christmas number of the Puritan magazine from R.
- Thurs 19 Moderate weather.
- Friday 20 A pleasant mild day. Mrs Hotchkiss called a letter to R. from sister Julia, Will, staying at home with a cold.
- Saturday 21 Mrs Town & daughter S. spent the evening with us.
- Sunday 22 A disagreeable day. rainy wind in the east & north east. Mrs Sanford came in. She is working for Mrs Gram, who with her two daughters have been sick with grip.
- Monday 23 An inch or two of snow fell last night & improved the sleighing. A Mr Honeygar one of our nearest neighbors died Sunday last night. She was an elderly woman & had been ill for sometime. Latuf Mr. & Mrs Kelley have spent part of the evening with us. Wilfred went to a meeting of the trustees of the church earlier in the evening.

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Tuesday 24. Wilfred took the team out & drove about town with several different people. took R. to Mr Magill's & she made several calls. Have written to Gustie Dailey.

Wednesday 25. Snowing all night. Letter from R. Wilfred has been about with some others getting subscriptions for the church. Salary of minister R. Papers to R. Herbert has gone to the academy to attend the Choral class.

Thurs 26. Sister Julia's sixty eighth birth day, our youngest sister, a rather cold day. 6° below 0. this evening. Wilfred has cold enough to make him cough hard, will stay home from prayer meeting to night & not go out into the cold air.

Friday 27. 18° below 0, this morning. Wilfred still coughs hard. Dr. Johnson has given him some cough medicine.

Saturday 28. 18 or 20° below 0 this morning again. & has been very cold all day. Wilfred has coughed & been greatly troubled all day with asthma or bronchial difficulty. has stayed indoors mostly this afternoon & evening.

Sunday 29. Last evening 22° below 0, this morning 24° below, here several degrees lower at a number of places in town. Wilfred did not go to church & has been careful about going out in the cold. continues to cough. Will, came in this morning or noon rather.

Monday 30. 30° below 0, this morning. 16 below now at bed time. Mrs Town & Sarah have been here this evening. Letter to R. & paper to S. neighbor Pege here this afternoon to see Wilfred. Will, came in for a while.

Tuesday 31. Coughing a good deal. Took some of Dr. King's remedy, & expect medicine

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February 1st. Took quinine this morning have coughed all day.

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March 15. All these weeks since February 1st first I have been sick. have been able to sit up much of the time latterly & walk about a little each day. Most of the time since I ceased writing in my book the weather has been cold much of the time very cold, & most of March stormy disagreeable weather. During the last few weeks have not written letters, but have received letters from sister R. & others. The Churtis, our Sumneria friends have moved to California. & there have been other changes. Our brotheren low in high of Monton Ohio, died the 25th of last month. A few weeks ago. with store took fire in the night & though it was put out before the goods were consumed most things were damaged & the result was a sale of the stock. every thing being sold, so that will is now out of the business. Herbert is now working for Kenyon & Barlow, helping them haul for their goods to another store.

A letter to day from R. & one to R. The first part of my illness Dr. Adair came to see me. perhaps a dozen times. a hard cough & a bad throat. seemed to be my chief trouble. & during the time Wilfred has also had a bad cough, is better most of the time.

Thurs 16

Snowy most of the day. Mrs Westcott & Mrs Hillman Emma's sisters who are visiting her, called this afternoon. Emma goes home with them to night. A call from Mrs Bessie & daughter Susie. Yesterday a call from Mrs Stultz.

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- Friday 17. It has snowed most of the day. Julia Kinton came in for an hour or two.
- Saturday 18. A letter from Mr. Stevens. Mrs. Daniels & Winnie came in from Iowa. Mrs. D. looked about to find a house to rent, finding one after a great deal of search. There is a ten cent supper at the church this a letter to R.
- Sunday 19
- Monday 20 Mrs. Daniels here again. Decided on a house.
- Tuesday 21 Mrs. Donaldson called. Also Mr. Brown.
- Wed. 22. Mrs. Sawyer came & brought an interesting letter to read from Mrs. Christie.
- Thurs. 23. Mrs. Daniels & Winnie are here in these days trying to get settled to housekeeping in their rented house on Elm St. Wilfred went to the farm. August had gone the day before & the new tenant was in the house. F. Atterbury Mrs. Karus came in this morning.
- Friday 24. Mrs. Daniels did not come down to night. Snowing furiously. Letter to R.
- Saturday 25. Letter from Mr. Leitch. Call from Mr. Jones & Mrs. Chandler.
- Sunday 26
- Monday 27 Mrs. Daniels & Winnie here. W. took them to the train to go to Medford. It is bright & pleasant. W. went with the horses this morning several miles out into the country with Mr. Nichols to look for a cow. Sam doing a little towards piecing a silk cushion. Mrs. Chandler came in to bring some beautiful flowers. Mrs. Karus came to wash.
- Tuesday 28. A bright day. Mrs. Towny here this afternoon. Mrs. Jones brought a letter from Keen. Is working for the Thompsons. Agnes people Julia Kinton in

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- and slowly piecing a silk cushion.
- Wed. 29. wrote to Gordon.
- Thurs. 30. Herbert for the white light store.
- Friday 31. Herbert has gone with the horses to this evening to Havana with a party of young folks. Mrs. Thompson & little girl, Mrs. Case. Mrs. Daniels. Winnie & little Ruth. Mrs. Kink. Here a few hours. Added to my cushion somewhat.
- Saturday
- April 1st. A pleasant day. snow too, more or less, so sun. Mrs. Town & daughter ^{they} have a beautiful Easter lily.
- Thurs.
- April 6. Mrs. Sawyer came down ^{Wednesday} Tuesday. I went home yesterday. Am not at all well in these days, a dull cloudy day. Letter from R. yesterday. During last night. Herbert had a vomiting spell is better, & up town to day. Mr. Karus went home the day they came down. Julia went on to Northfield. Mrs. H. went home on the train yesterday afternoon. The snow goes off slowly. This yesterday we had quite a flood in the streets. Later the sun is shining now for the last half hour. about five o'clock p.m.
- Friday - the first we have had to day -
- April 7. Mrs. Town in to day.
- Saturday
- April 8. A pleasant day & something like spring. But there are still patches of snow everywhere. The river is very high & many people go down to see it. Mrs. Daniels in to day. called home by company. Wilfred oiled & cleaned a harness.
- Sunday
- April 9. A beautiful spring day. The remaining snow has gone off very fast. wrote to R. many people have gone to the

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river to see the high water. Letters from Gordon & Mrs Hawkes.

Wed. 12 A warm pleasant day, went up stairs yesterday & have been so lame to day that I could scarcely walk. The paper has been taken off the dining room & the mugs are coming tomorrow to put on the new. The cook stood put out in the kitchen. Martha came in to day is to come to work first of the week. An aunt of Mrs Daniels was badly burned, & Mrs D. is taking care of her. Calls from Mrs Hunter & Mrs Dawnie. Letter to Mr Trevitt.

Friday, 14 The dining room papered yesterday. Wilfred gone to Waseca to day, colder. Letter to them yesterday. For the first time in six months, rode out yesterday. Postals to Mr Stevens, Mrs Leach & Mrs Lee.

Saturday, 15 Mr & Mrs Truedel. spent last evening here. Mrs Banks, the woman who was burned so badly, died yesterday & is buried to day. a call from Mrs Agnes Beards.

Sunday, 16 Mrs Daniels & Winnie here.

Monday 17 Martha came this morning. Letter from R, the washing done, & some cleaning. W. & H. are cleaning out the wood yard in the days, & things generally. Have been not at all well for days. Lame, & perhaps rheumatic somewhat.

Tuesday 18 A cloudy day mostly, & some sprinkles. Mrs Town & daughter spent the evening here. Ironing done. Dining room windows washed. A pound party at the Bryders this evening. A man came to ask Martha's services for a few weeks.

Wed 19 Mrs Daniels came to the door.

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Thurs 20 W. & H. have been cleaning out the stable yard. Mrs Town spent most of the afternoon here. Martha is cleaning the pantry a little each day.

Friday 21 A bright afternoon. W. & H. worked in the stable yard again this forenoon finishing it. This afternoon W. has been gone to Clinton. Martha finished the pantry this afternoon & cleaned the lower hall.

Saturday 22 A good day. Three loads of gravel drawn to the yard between the house & barn. W. & H. gone to Clinton to Mr Adams this afternoon. Mrs Grace Kelley called.

Sunday 23 A warm pleasant day. went up to Willis for an hour or two this afternoon. Clouds late this afternoon & a little sprinkle.

Monday 24 A fine day. W. & H. tore down the old hen house this afternoon making a good deal of rubbish.

Tuesday 25 A very warm day. 84°. Cleaning of the guest chamber & men's room finished. R. went out riding this evening with W. I went out this morning. Herbert went up to help his uncle Boill this forenoon. Sweet peas put in.

Wed. 26 Another beautiful day. Fence taken away from the front of the house. W. & H. helped Will about his garden planting potatoes &c. ~~at~~ this forenoon. Mrs Banks called. Letter from R.

Thurs 27 men worked at clearing away the rubbish of the old hen house, in the afternoon. H. helped Mr Cotto in the forenoon.

Friday 28 W. & H. worked at the new fence. Mrs Daniels & Winnie called. Martha dug dandelions & we prepared enough for dinner tomorrow. Rode out with W. to night. R. also went out after

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I came back.

- Saturday 29 Mr Town came down this afternoon & helped Wilfred plan where to put the rose bushes & we were to take up, Mrs Garner (Emma, Miss Rhoda Emery & Julia, called. Rode about the streets & called in front of some of the stores, saw & talked with Mr Magill.
- Sunday 30 Have had a powerful rain this afternoon indeed it has been a rainy afternoon with thunder & lightning, & a little hail
- Monday May 1st N. went to Mill to dinner
- May 1st Calls from Mrs Gibbs & Mrs Kelly. The coal stove taken out into the hall, washing done, & parlor windows washed.
- Tuesday 2 N. went to a sociable, Mrs Cooks, at the Presbyterian church & called at Mr Alexander, & Mr Boyce. Mrs Town came in for an hour or two. Will has gone to Iowa on business for the church. Herbert has not been quite well to day. Letter from R. With Martha's help did a little work on the sewing machine.
- Thurs. 4 The parlor cleaned. The walk in the back yard, made over. Papers from Gordon, a bright, drying day.
- Friday 5 Most of the rubbish in the back yard picked up or a finish made of it & the last of the old pocket fence west of the house taken down & a good part of the wire fence put in its place. Have been busy most of the day mending. Weather continues cool. Will has not returned from Iowa. Mrs Daniels called. Mrs Whitney our neighbor, who has been a year in England, returned yesterday & has been reedding up her place. Had her garden plowed & planted. Is evident.

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- glad to get home again
- Saturday 6 A very fine day. The fence on the line finished, & there can hardly be much more work in the back yard to be done. Will, returned from Iowa this afternoon was unsuccessful in securing a minister. Letter from R.
- Sunday 7 A gloomy afternoon. Will, came in for a few hours this afternoon. Young Mr Holmes, Herbert's friend called.
- Monday 8 A fine day. W. & H. worked about the back yard again. The old well, platform taken away & earth filled in ready for grass seed. more gravel drawn & used in the stable yard. some shrubbery taken up, & other changes made. Washing done. Mr H. Hastings died yesterday. Letter from Gordon.
- Tuesday 9 Another pleasant day. A visit from Mrs Abbott of Austin, who is visiting her son here. W. finished putting in out bit of a garden. Later Mrs Daniels & Winnie came in for a call. W. & H. have gone out to ride.
- Wed. 10 Mr Hastings funeral at the Opera House. Mrs Town brought me a handful of bluebells the first I remember her to have seen since my childhood & they nearly made me cry. Winnie D. brought a baby dress to show us, her mother had been making for Anna Daniels, Mc Connells, baby.
- Thurs. 11 The fine weather continues. Men are reshingling Mr Whitney's barn yesterday & today. Wilfred & H. have planted a piece of potatoes on Mr Daniels lot in north part of town. Later wrote to R. & to Gordon.
- Friday 12 A cold time. It is feared fruit is killed as well as many other things, wet clothes hung out early this morning - froze stiff. Rode out this afternoon. Miss May & Bessie
- Sat. 13

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Bemis called, & we took them home,
Mrs Abbott called searching a lost
pin, no Mrs. A. came in yesterday.

Sunday 14. A cold, cold day, cloudy & disagreeable
& damp. H. did not go to church. Will
came in on his way to church. Do
not get over the lameness, rheum-
atism or whatever it is tho' it is rather
better. Palpitation two days ago. A fire
needed all day, no preaching in our
church. Mr Wheelock read 6 sermons.

Monday 15 Mrs. Murpays funeral. a former member
of the church, who died sometime ^{ago} in
Chicago, & whose remains were being
here.

Tuesday 16. a great storm of thunder lightning rain
+ hail in the night. A cloudy
day not much rain but looking like
rain. W. putting vines by the front porch
+ a few more near in.

Wed. 17 A pleasant afternoon, Calls from Mr Case & from ^{Mr} Sawyer, made a silk holder. Weather does not get much warmer.

Thurs. 18
Weather does not get much warmer.
Callers Mr Town Mr Daniels, Mr Dunn
Mrs Stutz & her mother. A fine day.
Will. came in. Has gone to the City.
Letter from R. who is to come, Saturday
a time of palpitation etc, inquiring
warmer this afternoon. Radishes from
Mr Town & asparagus from there two days ago.
There is said to have been frost last night.
There has been a man lecturing on temperance
every night this week.

Friday 19 a good day, a load of stone of the Case
W. & B. lefted in C. plant cover
a letter from R.

Saturday 20. Mr + Mrs Allen Hawkes here, brought a load of furniture. Wilfred + Herbert went out to the farm. Mrs Jones called.

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Sunday 21 Wilfred went out to Leonard with Mr Magill to his preaching station. A Mr Edmunds preached at the Congl church this morning. A telegram from R. we are to look for her tomorrow. Martha went home on a visit yesterday. -

Monday 22 on a visit yesterday. R. came this morning. The day has been pleasant.

Tuesday 23. Good weather a busy visiting day.

Wed. 124 Herberts 20th birth day

Thurs. 25. Wilfred went with Will to Geneva is to be
gone all night. Cloudy - a little thunder
+ a very light rain.

Friday 26. Wilfred came home in good season
the warmest day we have had. But
I haven't looked to see how warm.
Mrs Daniels called - also Mr Whitney.

Saturday 27 - Wilfred & Herbert went this morning to work in the cemetery at Wasca - ^{Pharos} have not yet returned. Call from Mrs May ^{Barnes} & her sister Susan - Dark & rainy looking.

Tuesday 30, Memorial Day. With Wilfred H. & R. drove to the cemetery this morning, took flowers for the graves of some of our friends. - did not go out this afternoon, at least H. R. nor myself. Henry Drum has spent part of the day here. There has been a disagreeable wind most of the day, a great many people were in town, funeral services at the cemetery this afternoon.

Saturday
June 8. A pleasant afternoon. Mrs Sawyer
called yesterday. N. & R. had gone
to call on Miss Sawyer in Town
called yesterday. Willard has gone
to Mrs. Daniels sick home W. & F.
but ~~on~~ Margaret getting on most of

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the windows, Received Gordons photos

Sunday 4- The family except myself, went to church

Monday 5: Wilfred went to the farm, to be gone a day or two or more perhaps
Fine weather R. walked up town
Mrs Whitney called. have been busy mending. The washing done.

Tuesday 6. Wilfred came home. R. wrote to Gordon
Wed. 7 A good day. R. & R. went to a sociable,
Wilfred went to the farm again to help, & see about repairs on the barn.

Mrs. Lydia Vinton died Wednesday morning at her home in this city, after an extended illness, at the age of seventy-six years. She was the mother of W. H. Vinton and Wilfred Vinton, both residents of Owatonna. Death resulted from a complication of troubles, aggravated by her advanced age. She had been a patient sufferer for many months, and for some time past had been confined to her bed. The funeral services were held at the house Thursday morning, and the interment took place at Waseca, where Mrs. Vinton formerly lived. The family will have the sympathy of all in their sorrow. Oct 4th 1899

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A little snow fell this morning- the first of the season- but not enough to whiten the ground.

Will & Aunt Roxie have gone today with Mr F. J. Storms and daughter (Julia) to Meriden & Woodville to visit the old farms.

Tuesday 31 A beautiful day- but colder with north wind at night. Aunt Roxie left here for Ohio on the evening train.

November

1 A cold blustering day. A little snow flying in the air at times. Started the coal stove for the season.

" 24 A mild pleasant day. The weather has been warm for the time of year, since the first of the month. Aunt Nancy is in Waukegan and has been for about ten days. Herbert & I are getting our breakfasts at home and our dinners & suppers at W. H. V.

30 Thanksgiving day. Rained a little in the afternoon. Aunt Nancy & I went to Dodge Centre with W. H. V. and family, and took dinner at Dr. Gervens, with a company of forty one (41) Dr. G. is 85 and Mrs G. 82 years of age. Both well & active. We had most enjoyable day. Herbert had to stay in the store till it was too late to go.

Dec 8 So far this fall we have had very little freezing weather. Not enough to stop the plowing. Today is rather cold & blustering. A very little snow on the ground.





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