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January

- 1 Colder at sunup 12° and bright. Sunday.
- 2 At sunup 14°. Sent letters to Sally and to the 3 Banks. Got letters from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash. with draft for \$10. and paper to sign. Jesse worked—he cut wood and hauled coal for me from Huey's, 45 bus. that came to 4.27. He also hauled a load for the girls 3.80. Joe West got an order on Huey from me and hauled for himself 46 bus. 4.37. Mr. and Mrs. Cleneay went home on the noon boat. Ellen went home on the late boat. It was clear and cold.
- 3 Mild—sent the paper signed to Bank.
- 4 Warm and rainy and windy. Got letters from Susie Tew and Mrs. Cleneay.
- 5 Found Rover with 9 listed pigs, had her moved to stall and turned the other pigs out. Mild day—went to see Dick and Jess grubbing. Got letter from Natl. Bk. of Wash. with draft for \$75. and one from Farmers and Mechanics Natl. Bk. for \$28. and paper to sign.
- 6 At sunup 28°. Snow on the ground 3 or 4 inches. I told Jess to bring the horses to the barn lot. Patty and Sally W. went up on the noon boat to go to Louisville. Sent letter by Sally W. to Susie Tew. Colder.
- 7 At sunup 10°. A bright cold day. Went to Burlington and got Mr. Reville to cash the 3 drafts from the Washington Banks (see 2nd & 6th) total 113. and got the 50. left in Bank (see Nov. 14–Dec. 2nd). Went to Bellevue and paid J. J. Huey my bill there in full to date and got it receipted \$137.85. Also paid him for the coal I got from him to date 3.64. In Burlington paid Mr. Riddell 1.00 for the Recorder to Jan 1, 1900. Put in P.O. in Bur. letter to Sally. Got letter from Julia. Dick says he worked 2 ½ days this week. Jesse said he worked 3 ½ days this week. Harry says he found the raw boned white sow with 5 pigs. Joe did n't work at all for me.
- 8 Sunday. Ernest and Lily dined with me. Patty and Sally W. came home on the night boat. Letter from Sue this week.
- 9 Milder and snowing part of the day. Think Jess hauled some fodder.
- 10 Mild—misty cloudy day. Made a bargain with Richard Loudon about my work horse Frank. Am to let him have Frank for \$50 to come out of the tobacco and am to hold the tobacco for the money. He sold his mare to M. J. Corbin he said. Sent letter to Julia. Neglected to write in this till 13th. Think I sent letter to Julia and got one from Sally.
- 11 Colder. Think I sold Mr. Stewart 2 pigs for 1.00 sent letter to Sally.
- 12 Misty raining and at night rained hard.
- 13 Rained off and on all day and at night poured down with heavy thunder that sometimes shook the house. Found 3 of Rover's pigs dead in the stall and the white sow with only 4. Got letter from Mr. Harry Q. Cleneay.
- 14 Sprinkled early but cleared off warm. Mr. Beemy or Bosmon came out and paid 2.15 for two pigs to be taken next week. Jess said he worked 1 day this week. Joe none. Drove to Bellevue by Jess & Harry. 48 shoats for Patty and Sally Wooley. They weighed at Corbin's 6450 lbs. at 3.50 they came to \$225.75. Dick said he worked 1 day this week.
- 15 Sunday—mild pretty day. Katy came over.
- 16 Jesse worked—cleaned spring and spent most of the time trying to catch pigs. Got letter from Julia.
- 17 Mr. Smith (Pepper) came and got 3 pigs for which he paid 2.50. Mr. Sullivan (Kelly) bought the Storer spotted sow and paid me 7.00 for her and her 5 pigs. Sent letters to Julia and Co. Gen.

- 18 At sunup 29° and a skim of snow. Don't know why I will neglect my book. Think it was to-day Charlie Burns came out and patched up kitchen stove, also to see about pigs.
- 19 Colder. Got letter from Sally written in Cin. on her way south. Joe hung my meat up in smoke house. Got letter from O. M. Rogers about Joe West's business. The girls went to R. Sun. I went to see Katy.
- 20 Katy and I went to Burlington to see Hilda—but she was gone away. We came home and after dinner went to see Mrs. Ora Rice whose child is sick.
- 21 At sunup 35°. Turned last Phipps sow in stock pen—May 13th. Charlie Burns came out and got 3 pigs for which he paid me 2.50. Turned out of stall Rover with 5 pigs. Put up last Phipps sow in stall and big white sow with black spot on her tail in another. Turned out the other white sow with only 2 pigs. M. A. Loudon sent and got 2 little pigs for which she paid a dollar. Sent by Patty to Cap. a letter to Sally and to Julia. Jesse moved hog houses and put straw in them. Said he worked 6 days this week. Joe did n't work for me at all.
- 22 Sunday. Real spring day. Amy and Harriet Eckstein drove down and dined with us and went back. Patty and Sally W. gave me a check for \$24. for bones &c. of my hogs, some money I lent them &c.
- 23 Went to Bellevue twice and to see Mrs. Clore. Gave Mr. J. Corbin the check for \$24. the girls gave me yesterday and 1.00 and got him to credit me \$25. on my store bill. Brought the old bill out to go over. Sent or put in P.O. note for buddy.
- 24 Snow on the ground and 35° early. Cloudy unpleasant day. Got letters from Sally at Palm Beach and from Julia and either yesterday or to-day one from Sue. Girls had bus. corn from Mr. Clore.
- 25 Colder 23° at sunup. Best Phipps sow has 9 pigs. Had Betty sow that was in fattening pen killed. Sent early letters to Sally and Julia. Bright day. Jesse hauled some wood. Got bill from Seward R. J. for 7. for coal for Aunt Eliza.
- 26 Strange day for weather 40° at sunup and at 10 A.M. 20. After noon snowed hard for some time and very windy. Barrel of coal oil came to-day. Joe salted down the meat of the one sow.
- 27 At sunup 14° and cold all day. Patty got letter from Sally. White sow with black spot had 7 pigs this evening.
- 28 At sunup 12°. Dick says he worked 3 days this week, Jesse 3 days also. Got letter from buddy.
- 29 Sunday. Chilly disagreeable day. 30 at sunup 18° at 10 P.M.
- 30 11° and snowing hard as it has been for hours. Jesse hauled some wood to-day.
- 31 Colder 6° at sunup and kept turning colder. Got letter from Julia at Miami.

February

- 1 At sunup 2° below 0, bitter cold. Got letter from Julia. Sent notes to Mrs. Furness and Amy C. Moderated during the day. They say it was 4 or 6° below at places where they look earlier.
- 2 At sunup 22° and bright day—got letter from Sally and postal about letter. The groundhog saw his shadow here. Moderated and rained in the night.
- 3 Warmer very muddy towards evening rained. Patty and Sally W. started for Cin. via Erlanger. Sent letter to Sally by them and the postal.
- 4 Turned cooler. Dick worked 1 ½ days. Jesse said he worked 5 ½ days this week. Went to take the check Sally Woolley left to Will Arnold.
- 5 Sunday. Snow on the ground and colder, 21° I think at sunup.

- 6 At sunup 20° and a little fresh snow. Before noon began to snow and was still snowing at night. 18° at 5 P.M. Dolly in stock pen.
- 7 At 7 A.M. 13°. Snowed part of the day. Patty and Sally W. got back before noon—they drove from Erlanger. Got letter from Julia at Poincianna. Harry says it was the last day of his school.
- 8 At 7 A.M. 2° below 0—stayed cold all day and at 10 P.M. 2° below 0 again. A wind blew and it was the coldest day of the winter so far. Got letters from Julia, Susie T. and Mrs. Furness.
- 9 At sunup 15° below 0, and cold all day but clear—very severe weather.
- 10 At sunup 18° below 0, cold all day but moderating at 10 P.M. 1° below 0. George went to Aurora and could n't cross the wagon on account of ice. Paper tells of much _____ and damage from the cold. Sent letter to Sally.
- 11 At sunup 0 cold all day and snowing fine and fast almost all day—at 6.30 P.M. 2° below 0. Had the calves turned in the barn lot. Got letter from Sally. Jesse worked 1 day.
- 12 Sunday—at 7.30 A.M. 2° below 0 cold all day, at 10 P.M. 16 below 0.
- 13 At sunup 24° below 0, sun rose bright—chickens and newborn pigs frozen.
- 14 Mardi Gras. At sunup 5° above 0 at 9.30 P.M. 21° above. River gorged at Pittsburg—much damage from cold.
- 15 At sunup 17° above, saw it 35° about noon. Sent letter to Sally. The snow and ice thawed fast. Sent letter to Lucy Johnstone too.
- 16 Milder—thawing fast. Went to Burlington to Bank and got Mr. Revill to cash a draft Patty gave me from Woolley and Selmes for 225.75 for the hogs they bought from me (see Jan. 14). Also arranged to renew the note I endorsed for Patty (see Aug. 18· 1898). Hilda (I. H. Brady) lent me 20. and I gave her a receipt for it. Paid this March 14th and got receipt. Dined with Hilda. Got letters from Julia and Cousin Louly R. Patty got letter from Sally.
- 17 Went to Bellevue and paid M. J. Corbin my store account up to January 1st, 1899. It came to \$253.97 and I got his receipt. I now only owe him the note for \$100. (see Aug. 25th, 1898) and the store bill from Jan. 1st this year. At sunup it was 31 degrees and it is thawing fast.
- 18 Dick worked 2 days this week. Mild and melting, sprinkled a little. Jesse says he worked 2 ½ days this week. Got letter from Sally. Show Phipps sow in pen.
- 19 Sunday. Mild and bright 33° at 7.30 A.M. The sow that lost her pigs in the weather the smooth black, and the Phipps sow in stock pen. At noon 44° and mud and water all over.
- 20 At sunup 40°. Sent letter to Sally. Warm all day. Went to Bellevue—bought 2 bus. clover seed from M. J. Corbin. We filled up the wine kegs out of one and bottled the rest. Had my smoked meat taken down. Jesse worked hauling manure. Sent Kitty down and had her shod all round. Heard that Lily Rockwell was dead.
- 21 Warm cloudy and then rainy. Heard boats whistle again. Joe took up the meat of the sow Betty. Got note from Ernest telling me of Charlie Grant's death. Got letter from Cousin Rebecca with one for Patty.
- 22 Mild day and partly bright. Went to Petersburg to the funeral of Charlie Grant. Came home by Burlington and stopped to see Hilda. Got letter from Sally, 2 from Julia and one from Lucy Johnstone inclosing one from Sarah describing the cold and damage in La.
- 23 Snowing when I got up 33° at sunup I think—snowed till after noon, wet snow that stuck to everything. Miss Ryle came to see about turkey. Sent letter to Sally.
- 24 Dick Loudon sowed 2 bus. clover seed on my rye. Colder at sunup 25°.
- 25 At sunup 25°. Redbirds singing lately. Sally W. started to Cin. on the Swan—sent letters to Cousin Rebecca by her. Dick worked 4 days this week. Harry says he turned in stock pen yesterday Phipps sow with spot in belt. Warmer raining this evening and to-night. Jess took corn to mill for cows—said he worked 3 days this week.

- 26 Sunday. Patty and I went to Ernest's. Very muddy and warm—river high. Rained a little and turned cooler. Ernest seems very sick but not bedfast.
- 27 Cooler. 30° I think at 7 A.M. I went to Mr. Will Ryle's to get a gobbler. Got letter from my Sally. Sally Woolley came back this evening.
- 28 Milder and cloudy part of the day. Jesse worked one day for Patty. Harry moved hog houses.

March

- 1 Mr. Bob Brashear came and paid me \$10.00 on the note he owed me. I think Jesse worked for Patty. Rained hard.
- 2 Got letter from Sally saying she expected to leave Florida Sat. Sent letter to Cousin Mary and note to Nita Furness with photograph. Trimmed vines &c. Very mild and foggy.
- 3 A regular April day with thunder and lightning showers and sunshine and hard rain at dark. Sent letter to Julia this evening.
- 4 Rained most of the day, at times hard. Jesse said he worked 1 day and Dick said he worked 3 ½ days this week. Got letter from Cousin Rebecca about Patty. Phipps sow in stock pen.
- 5 Sunday—did n't write in this till the 8th.
- 6 Cold wind and snowing. Went to the river twice for Sally. Sally came on the late little boat— from Palm Beach, Florida. River high and rising fast. Joe worked part of a day for me, hauled out manure from the yard, was to go to Bellevue the first trip. George went in his place. Had the sows turned out from the barn back into the sow lot.
- 7 Colder 8° above 0 at sunup—disagreeable day. Gave Jesse Loudon order for 2.00 for Dump Rains on Jesse's work.
- 8 At sunup 17° above—moderating. Katy came over this evening.
- 9 Rover in stock pen. Went to Bellevue to look at the river—it is over the bottoms on the other side like a lake. Mr. Mauer came out to trim vineyard. Warm day 62° in Bellevue— birds singing and bees humming.
- 10 Minnie says she heard a turtle dove, and Mrs. West killed a snake. The river is falling again. Thermometer 66° during the day. Jesse hauled out 25 bus. coal that Cap. Aikin bought for me—he hauled it after noon and then worked for the girls. Johnny Hogan came to see tobacco.
- 11 Did n't write in this till Monday. Went to Bellevue to see the Cap. Aikin and pay him for the coal 4.25. River still falling. Hilda came down to-night—it rained after dark. Dick said he worked 3 days this week. Jesse worked 2 ½ days.
- 12 Sunday. Wind blew hard all day and it was raw. Went to bring Hilda back from church.
- 13 Joe started in to work for me but quit to work for Patty after he went to Bellevue to get hedge gloves. Dick and Jesse hauled the tobacco to Johnny Hogan. He brought back this statement. Leaf 2180 lbs. at 6 ¼ = 136.25 Trash 500 lbs. at 2 = 10.00 total 146.25. Dick brought back a check for \$146.00 signed Jas. D. Riley. Smooth black sow in stock pen.
- 14 Dull looking day with a little sprinkle sometimes. Took Hilda home. Went to Bank and got Mr. Revill to cash a draft for Sally Woolley for fifty. Got him to cash Mr. Riley's draft. Paid Hilda the 20. she lent me see Feb. 16th. Went with her to Mr. D. E. Castleman's office and paid him \$15. for his legal services in getting back the tobacco and got his receipt. Sally and I went to Bellevue later. Dick attended to some shoats.
Settlement with R. Loudon of tobacco crop.

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| Jas. L. Riley's check | \$146.00 |
| Castleman's fee | <u>\$ 15.00</u> |
| | 2/131.00 |
| | 65.50 |

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| Horse sold to Dick | <u>50.00</u> |
| | 15.50 |
| His share toll | <u>.39</u> |
| Total | 15.13 |

- 15 I had sold my work horse Frank to R. Loudon for 50. to be paid out of the tobacco—so I paid him the balance 15.13 in full. He settles with Flave, as I rented to him not Flave. Got letter from Lizzie O'Reilly Wills. Sally and I went to Ernest's to call. It was sunny and pleasant early but blew hard and turned very disagreeable.
- 16 Still and pleasanter—Sally and I went to Bellevue. We walked in the woods and found turkey peas. I settled with Minnie and paid her in full to the 13th 14.75. One day about this time sent Isabella a letter with 2.00.
- 17 Sally went away on the noon boat to Aurora for Cin. to meet Frank and on to N. York. I went to R. Sun later—paid Oscar Jones Aunt Eliza's bill in full to 18th \$27.00. Tried to pay Seward's coal bill but could n't find him. Gave Ellen 2.00 to pay Davis for Aunt Eliza's shoes. Stopped at Mr. Clore's to pay a corn bill for Patty. Jesse was hauling wood and took Sally's trunk down. It was warmer and calm and late it sprinkled several times.
- 18 Dick said he worked 2 days this week. He has been making plant beds. This morning early they say it hailed hard, it was thundering hard and raining when I woke. Patty and Sally W. started after dinner for Cin. via Erlanger. It rained a little later. Sally's telegram came to-day. Jesse said he worked 4 days.
- 19 Sunday. Rained last night hard and was cooler with a wet snow this morning that soon melted. Dull and lonesome more than usual. Ott and Cordy stopped to speak in passing—said they were going to move.
- 20 Blanche had a red and white heifer calf to-day. Jesse helped with hog killing after noon—it was the wind up of the business for this time. Harry cleaned the chicken house and worked in the yard. Got letters from Sally at St. Nicholas, from Julia at Palm Beach 13th and receipt from Davis for the pay for Aunt Eliza's shoes. At sunup 32° and rather pleasant, bright day.
- 21 Patty and Sally W. came home via Erlanger—rather pleasant but chilly.
- 22 Isabella's birthday, wrote and sent her a note—sent letters to Sally and Julia. Got note from buddy with paper scrap. Jesse came in to go over the work. From Nov. 28 the day he began to do Joe's work to Sat. 18th he has worked 45 days and the remaining 66 days he fed work horses and milked. Harry helped trim rose vines that are injured by cold. Rained hard with heavy thunder early this morning and off and on during the day and rained at night.
- 23 Cooler 30° at sunup. Got letters from Sally, Sarah and Julia. Dick said Jesse ought to have 12½ cts a day for milking and feeding workhorses. I paid him for that in full to date 9.00.
- 24 Cooler 26° at sunup. Went out to Burlington to see Hilda who has not been well. Settled with Patty and Sally W. for corn lard &c. Had my lard put away. Joe began to work for me again cutting garden hedge after dinner.
- 25 Raining this morning—cleared off. Patty and Sally W. went away on the early boat. Patty on her way to St. Paul. Sent by Sally W. letters to Sally, to Julia and to Burpee inclosing 2.00 for garden seed. Joe began to feed and milk for me again—did n't work for me to-day. He and Dick went to Bellevue to take the tobacco hogshead back. I sent order by them for 10 bus. seed potatoes—they got only 7½ I think. Dick said he worked 4 ½ days grubbing this week.
- 26 Sunday. Chilly unpleasant day.
- 27 Joe only fixed watergap next Mr. Rogers' place—worked for himself hauling manure. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty in Chicago, Sally in N.Y., from Julia and from Sally W. Raw and chilly and after sundown rained.

- 28 Perfectly horrid day—cold rain that turned into snow—with a bone searching wind—no one worked for me. At 9 P.M. 28° snow frozen.
- 29 At sunup 28° and a cold wind all day. Sent Harry for mail early, got postal from Patty at St. Paul and letter from Julia—sent later, got note from Sally W. Sent early letter to Patty and paper to buddy. Joe worked for me—he hauled fodder and I think cut hedge this evening.
- 30 At sunup 39° pleasanter, towards sundown rained again. Sent Harry to Bellevue to have a shoe put on Kitty and Cy—and afterwards for the mail. Got letter from Sally W. with directions to ship things. Heard doves to-day. Joe cut hedge.
- 31 Very chilly and raw. George came over and selected hams. Harry shipped a flour barrel of 15 hams to Pryor & Stoutenburgh N.Y. and 5 hams and 49 lbs. bacon to Ross. Got letter from Sally W. with directions also letter from Patty. Went to see Ernest. Amy cow had a heifer calf red with white face and head. Joe cut hedge.

April

- 1 Chilly unpleasant day. Jess says he worked 4 ½ days this week. Got letter from Sally in N.J. Sent by ferry to R.S. letters to Patty and Sally W. Joe says he worked 3 days this week, 1 last.
- 2 Easter Sunday—chilly, gloomy, lonely Easter. The daffodils that are out look chilled to the heart.
- 3 A dust of snow fell last night at sunup 32° very chilly and raw day. Sent Harry for mail. Sent letter to Lizzie O'R Wills—got letters from Patty and the Sue and from Natl. Met. Bk with check for 12.00. Joe cut hedge.
- 4 Another raw chilly day—sent Harry down with the books Patty wanted to send by the Cap. by Ep Jackson 8 vols. Sent by him letter to Sue. Got letter from Julia. Joe cut hedge. Harry found the ugly blk. and white sow with 9 pigs.
- 5 At sunup 25° on the gallery—24° degrees at Bellevue—went down. Got letter from Patty. Joe cut hedge and Jesse hauled wood out of new ground. Sent letter to Sue.
- 6 Milder, towards evening rained at night, still raining. Joe cut hedge. Jesse hauled wood. Lot turkey eggs.
- 7 Gave George R. order on Corbin for 1.00 on Harry's work. Got letter from Patty with questions about hams. George R was over here attending to hams &c. Rained about all day.
- 8 Harry shipped on the early boat a barrel, 12 pound weight 120 lbs. to Henry W. Poor 91 Clamiton [Clinton?] Place N.J. It was a gloomy chilly day with a few sprinkles. Joe says he worked 4 ½ days and George says he worked 4 days this week. Joe says he finished cutting hedge. Got telegram from Sally. Also a note from George E. Rome about stock hogs.
- 9 Sunday—chilly raw day. Did n't write in this till midnight.
- 10 Went to Bellevue twice. Sally came on the 4 O'Clock boat. Joe and Jesse worked hauling hedge &c. Joe went for trunk. Pleasant day.
- 11 Sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. Pleasant day. Joe hauled rock off clover. Got letters from Mrs. Very and Nita, from Cousin Mary Goodrich and Sally Woolley.
- 12 Lovely day—almost like summer. 78° in the shade. Sally and I went to Burlington. Hilda was gone to Cin. We called to see Susie Arnold. Went to bank and Mr. Revill, cashed the check from Natl. Met. Bk. for 12. (see 3rd). Got letters from Patty and Sue. Harry shipped on early boat box of 18 boxes bacon to C.C. Bryson, 141 S. N. York Ave. Wash. Joe put in his potatoes in garden—worked for himself to-day. Dick put in his potatoes too. Sowed seed in boxes—tomatoes, cabbage, cauliflower.
- 13 Another lovely day. Joe worked ½ day for me ploughing in the garden. After dinner he worked for himself. Sally and I went to R. S. to see Aunt Eliza. I paid Seward's bill 11.00 for Aunt E's. coal. Ellen sent me by mail the 2.00 I lent her.

- 14 Joe and Jesse worked in the garden. Planted onion sets, Co. Gm. corn and spinach. Joe trimmed the rose on the porch. Sally and I went to Bellevue and McVile and to see about my carpet. Sent a letter to Sally W. to go 15th afternoon. Joe and Jesse hauled rock off the clover.
- 15 Charlie Burns came out to see about leaks. Cleaned out gutters and fixed wine cellar door. Gave him 4.50 to get garret windows. Hilda came. Joe and Jesse hauled rock ½ day. Jesse said he worked 5 days this week, Joe 4½. George came and said the hams were done smoking and packed them.
- 16 Sunday—went to church with Hilda to the funeral services for Mr. Elijah Ryle. Mr. Jimmy Kirtley preached. After dinner, Hilda went home. Cool with a chilly wind. Hay fires again.
- 17 Joe and Jesse hauled rock off the clover. Sally and I took the carpet bags to Mrs. Wilkins. I got letters from Patty and one from Sally W. from Schmidt. At sunup 38° and chilly, with frost.
- 18 Sent Harry and shipped a basket of 81 lbs. bacon to Smith & Co. St. Paul. Also sent letters to Patty by mail. Sally asked me for her marriage certificate and I gave it to her. Lou Loudon was baptized to-day about 6 P.M. in the river at Bellevue by Rev. Mathews. It was chilly to-day and at noon began to rain—rained a little off and on. This morning Joe, and I think, Jess, hauled rock. Afterwards, Joe took the horses to get shoed. Sally got a letter from Sally W. with directions about shipping for me.
- 19 Sally left on the early boat for St. Paul. It was a pretty bright day. Went to Bellevue again. Harry shipped on the noon boat basket box of 6 hams and 15 boxes of bacon to W. B. Farrer, Wash. and box to McCombs Cin of 25 boxes bacon. Took letter to Sally W. Joe and Jesse hauled wood off pasture on mud road. I went to Mrs. Clore's for rhubarb roots and set them out.
- 20 Lovely spring day, bright and warm. No fire in the house. Saw countless wildflowers of many kinds. Cherry trees are in full bloom and the cherries in those I examined green and round. I heard whip-poor-wills to-night. Joe and Jesse worked—hauled rock off clover until noon. Then Jesse raked clover and Joe cracked rock and filled gullies. Got from Cousin Mary G. a copy of David Harman the 4th that has been sent to us this season.
- 21 Another lovely day, warmer and bright. Joe and Jesse worked—hauled rock till noon, then Jesse raked track on the pasture on mud road and Joe cracked rock in gullies. Dick is ploughing in the bottom this week. Ernest and Lily came to call. Got letter from Sally in Chicago. From Julia and from Sally W. about shipping. The young cow Siegra's calf with a white line along her back had a heifer calf.
- 22 Harry shipped on the early boat a basket box of 75 boxes bacon to Moses and Michells, Louisville. Sent letter to Julia. Joe and Jesse worked in the garden ½ day. Jesse says he has worked 4 ½ days this week. Joe 5½. They planted beans (bunch) okra, radishes, lettuce, beets, cucumbers and cymbling, spinach, &c. It was a lovely, warm day. Went to Bellevue.
- 23 Sunday. Beautiful spring day. Set turkey hen on 7 eggs.
- 24 Rained last night a shower rained to-day, too, off and on. Joe worked ½ day for me hauling wood, then it rained. Ernest drove down with Mrs. Claypool. Got letter from Sally, saying Frank had sold the house for \$11,000. to Dr. Worster and that they will move to N.J. Also letter from Schmidt for Sally W. Sent letter to my Sally by Harry. The woods looked beautiful after the rain.
- 25 Joe hauled rock. I did n't write in my book. Sent letter to Patty and Sally and Sally.
- 26 Beautiful bright day. Joe hauled rock again. Went to Bellevue and McVile. Got letter from Julia. Alice Snyder gave me some early tomato plants. Harry planted peas, fixed crepe myrtles, &c.

- 27 Began to clean the house, took my carpets in the dining room and Patty's room. Beautiful warm day. Joe and Jesse worked. They hauled rock off the pasture on mud road and Joe worked the afternoon cleaning chimneys and carpets.
- 28 Got letter from Patty that came yesterday. Joe hauled rock. Got done just before a shower. Very light one. I was cleaning the house. Found Louise cow with a steer calf. Red and white with a white face. Warm bright day with thunder and beautiful sky at night. Everything is coming out lovely. The woods are delicate green, lilacs out and every snag of an apple or pear in bloom. Corn and cucumbers and other things up.
- 29 Jesse says he worked 4½ days this week. Joe worked ½ day ploughing in the garden and planting beets, lettuce and spinach. He worked 1 day this week. Worked at home cleaning. Went to Bellevue and McVile. Got new carpet from Mrs. Wilkins. Ernest, Lily and little Frances came to stay all night. Found poor Louise cow down to die when I got back. Got postal from Hilda in Indianapolis and letter from Sally W. at W. Baden home. Ernest says she has milk fever. In Cin. Enquirer read account of cyclone at Kirksville, Mis. stated that Thomas Dinsmore and wife were severely injured. Hot. Mike Corbin says it was 89° at the store. Ernest says someone told him it was 90°. Beautiful weather, bright and warm.
- 30 Sunday. Behind swamp forest poor Louise cow dead. Let line-back cow take it to raise. Ernest and Lily went home before night. Warm bright day.

May

- 1 Joe planted my melons. Keokler's Sweets and Hungarian Honey Watermelons and Emerald Gems and Netted Gem muskmelons. Worked in garden planting seeds &c. Jesse raked clover on mud road. I put down the dining room carpet. Went to Bellevue. Took letter to Mattie D inclosing 5.00. Got letters from Patty and Isabella. Hot and bright.
- 2 Hot and bright. Joe worked in the garden. Fixed fattening hog lot fence, tinkered things, put up trellis, &c. Jesse finished raking clover by noon and after that Harry burned trash. We cleaned house again. I set out the tomato plants Alice Snyder gave me. Gave Georgie order for Dick for a bus. potatoes at Corbins.
- 3 Sent Harry down with letter to Patty. Got letter from Sally that came yesterday. They had moved out of their house and were at the Aberdeen. Joe worked. Moved hog houses first. Sorted hogs, put in fattening pen 24 young hogs and 2 white sows. Sold the gobbler I bought for 1.47 for .80 and a good riddance. Joe cleaned out Patty's cistern. Harry helped. Jesse said he ditched and after noon he hauled wood out of new ground. Hot and bright. Continued to clean house.
- 4 There was a thunder shower after day. Had a row of Jersey Makefield cabbage set out and a few Sureheads. Joe worked making chicken coops. Rained showers light.
- 5 Cooler after the rain. Joe did n't work for me. Jesse worked, hauled wood from new ground and then hauled the things that came on the Swan that Patty sent from St. Paul and the rolling grate Sally sent me with them. A letter from Sarah in La came for me. Beautiful day. I went to Bellevue.
- 6 Dick attended to the stock hog and some shoats. Cooler and cloudy and some showers. No one worked for me. Joe ploughed his potatoes and Dick was planting watermelon seed. Jesse said he worked for me 4 days this week. Joe worked days. I set out the best of a row of tomatoes, Combination and Matchless.
- 7 Sunday—cool and showery.
- 8 Sent letters to Patty, Julia, Sue and Hilda. Rained during the night with thunder, beautiful morning. George R. got 3 bus. seed corn to be returned. Went to Mr. Rob Brady's to see

about horse for Patty. Joe worked of day grubbing in clover. It rained off and on a chilly rain. Set out a few cabbages and tomato plants.

- 9 Sent by Harry letter to Patty & Sally and one to Matty D inclosing 5.00. Got one from Belle Raymond, answered it and took it to P. O. with one to Patty about horses that Bob Brady came to tell me about. Got note from Hilda. Joe worked grubbing in clover. Jesse, too. The hen that was on turkey eggs came off with 8. Set out cauliflower and tomato plants. Cool this evening. The locust blooms are so abundant now, every tree bush and old snag is heavy with flowers and the air fragrant.
- 10 Cool cloudy and some sprinkles. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Patty saying she was going on a trip to the West Coast with the Burns. Also postal from Hilda about time. Joe and Jesse worked. Joe burned off and cleaned up on the piece of bottom field and fixed braking of plough. Jesse hauled and cut trees, &c. I finished setting out cauliflower plants.
- 11 Rained so last night the ground was very wet. Joe and Jesse worked getting stove wood out of the down sugar tree. We cleaned the pantry.
- 12 Sent Harry down with letter to Sally. Pouring down, later a cold rain. Joe went to Lee Huey's to see about his stallion? After noon he made three chicken coops. Rained very hard later.
- 13 The wedding day of my beloved parents 70 years ago. May they spend it in bliss together. Cleared off cool. No one worked for me. Mrs. West and Joe examined the girls' meat. Jesse said he worked 3 days this week. Joe days. Katy came over this evening.
- 14 Sunday. Beautiful, bright day.
- 15 Joe worked ½ day for me. He ploughed his potatoes the second time. After noon, he ploughed broke up beyond the creek. I went to Bellevue and to see Ernest. Got letters from Sally in reply to the one sent 12th and from Patty and Julia. Patty was in Helena Montana. Hoed in the garden. Sent Harry to take Sally's mare Belle R. to Mr. Lee Huey's.
- 16 Sent Harry to get 3 shoats that got into Mr. Rogers' field. Joe worked. Ploughed in the field over the creek breaking up and also ploughed in the garden. Hot and windy. Sent Harry down with the barrow. W. W. Grant mended it. Also got barrel of flour from Corbins. Sent order.
- 17 Did n't write in this. Joe worked in the garden. Ploughed, planted 4 rows corn, beans, &c. Made a flower bed, &c. I worked too and Harry helped. Set out tomato plants.
- 18 Joe worked ditching in the bottom next to Mrs. Rice's. Harry cleaned out the hen house. It turned very cool this evening. Sent letter to Sarah by Lou.
- 19 Very cool to-day and bright. We cleaned the storeroom. I suppose Joe ditched. Gave George R. order on Corbin for 3.00 on Harry's work.
- 20 Cool again, chilly morning and evening. Sent down letter to Sally. Got one from Sue. Later one from Sally W. Suppose Joe ditched ½ day. He worked days this week. Jesse said he worked 2 [days] raking off new ground. Set out peppers and more tomatoes.
- 21 Sunday. Jake Cook brought out a mare to put in pasture. Still very cool.
- 22 Chilly early and cool all day. Sent Harry down to ship on Swan, a basket box containing 10 hams weighing with sacks 97 lbs. to go by fast freight to Pryor & Stoutenburgh 132 Front Street, New York. We went on to McVille and got the bonnet Sally had fixed for me in St. Paul. Joe worked for himself ½ day ploughing his potatoes and garden. He also ploughed my 5 rows of corn. He worked ½ day ditching for me. Harry worked some in the garden, too. Planted 2 rows of corn, set out 200 sweet potato plants, &c. I worked in the garden most of the day. Turned the old stock hog in the fattening pen this evening. Harry said the last of the corn at the big crib was fed out.

- 23 Joe said Cy horse had slight colic this morning. Joe worked ditching. Sent letter by Harry early to Sally W. Got letter from my Sally from Hotel Savoy, N. York. Very cool 47° at sunup. Set out more tomato plants. Harry cleaned stalls.
- 24 Joe took the mowing machine to W.W. Grant. After dinner he put rock in wood by the barn. Went to see Charlie B. for me and to see Doll Walton about hay rake. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Patty came home from her trip to the west coast Portland, Seattle, &c. via Canadian P. I sent letters to Buddy and Sally. Cleaned at the parlour to-day. Willie Tew came.
- 25 Charlie Burns came out and helped fix the barn for unloading hay, then he tinkered up things. Joe worked helping Charlie and cutting bushes in grass in pasture on mud road. Got letter from Belle Raymond.
- 26 Joe worked ½ day cutting bushes for me, then hauled wood for himself. I went to Bellevue. Borrowed of Mike Corbin \$20. Got letter from Susie Tew.
- 27 Joe did n't work for me. Sent to R. Sun by him order on Gibson for a hay rake and a grindstone. Joe brought the latter, with the bill 2.75. Had Dolly and a hog house put in kitchen lot.
- 28 Sunday. Lovely Day. Found old with a fine red and white b. calf. Apparently a day or so old.
- 29 Joe worked. Ploughed a little in the garden and went to McVile for rake. Brought box for Sally W. Then he ground machine knives &c. Mrs. Eliza Walton came with her children and to escape the rain. She stayed till after dinner. Had a fine rain and a good tobacco season. Dick and his force were setting out in the new ground. Set tomato plants and peppers. The rain was needed and not a washing dashing rain. Got letters from Buddy and Patty with photograph Sally Mallory sent me of her three boys, Philip, Harry and Jack. Also note from Sue and bill from Wilder 7.20 for twine.
- 30 Cool with some sprinkles and a big rain brought up Middle Creek. Joe said he worked—fixed holes in fence, cleaned out barn, cut boom pole, &c. Got letters from Sally, Sally W. and newspaper story from Buddy. Set out egg plants. Dick setting tobacco.
- 31 Sent Joe and Harry up with the cow. She weighed by Jack Walton's weight 1160 and later when Vis Garner came 1150 lbs. and he sent me a check on Boone Bk. for \$37.37. Dolly has 13 pigs, one died. Joe worked ½ day for me. It rained hard after noon. Dick finished setting tobacco. Sent for and set out 150 sweet potato plants. Mrs. Walton (Doll) stopped to bring me some strawberries. Sent letter to Sally W. to go to-morrow.

June

- 1 Rained very hard with severe wind about noon. Rained after dark. Joe worked cutting bushes. Got letter from Julia saying they were going to Virginia Beach. Went to Bellevue, took the check for \$37.37 to him [Mike Corbin] and as he could not cash it left it with him to take out his \$20. (see May 26) and 1.00 for Mr. Dan Lowell for my sub. to the Bellevue well, and to give me the balance 16.37 when I call for it. Four of Dolly's pigs had died to-day. Finished setting out sweet potato plants. Sent by Willie letter to Sally W. Took letters to Sally and to Sue.
- 2 Willie Tew left on the early boat. Harry brought out the twine from Wilder. Dolly has lost 5 of her 13 pigs. Joe says he went to hunt shoats and cut bushes.
- 3 Joe worked ½ day, cut some clover. I went to Rising Sun—stopped at Mike Corbin's and got the balance on the check 16.37 (see 1st). There was a shower towards sundown. Sent letter by Harry to early mail to Buddy.
- 4 Sunday. Hot bright day.

- 5 Joe worked—went to get bolt for machine, cut grass after dinner. Jesse worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. They raked and put the hay in _____. I went to Bellevue. Got letter from Patty. She said the thermometer was 94° there.
- 6 Hot day. Harry took Kitty down to be shod. I forgot to say Harry ploughed the garden some yesterday. And I set out some peppers Georgy gave me. Harry raked some hay and pulled off hay with horses. Joe and Mr. Rains and Jesse worked all day getting in hay. Dick and his team and Jim worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. They got in all that was cut. Jesse, Harry had Kitty shod. Katy came over late. Sent letter to Patty by Harry this morning. The clover is fine this year and the bloom profuse and beautiful.
- 7 Joe worked fixing knives and cutting clover. I got the first cherries to can. Harry took down Allan and Patty's colt to be shod.
- 8 Went to Bellevue and got barrel of salt. Put in P.O. letter to Susie Tew. Mr. Rains and Frank Cantwell came. They worked in the garden till the grass was dry, then they and Joe turned hay and they brought in part of a load I think. About 3 it rained and they had to quit. The time spent turning the clover was fooled away. After sundown, it rained heavily with thunder to match. I rode to Mrs. Doll Walton.
- 9 Did n't write in this till 12th.
- 10 Jesse said he worked $1\frac{1}{2}$ days this week. No one worked for me. Got letters from Patty and Sally Woolley. Joe said he worked $4\frac{1}{2}$ days for me this week.
- 11 Sunday. Ernest and Lily came to call. We had pears and I pulled a few cucumbers. Thundered heavily and sprinkled a little.
- 12 Sent Harry to Mr. Lee Huey's after Belle (having received word), but Mr. Huey said she would have to stay longer. Mr. Rains and Frank Cantwell came. They worked in garden then turned hay and hauled in load before dinner. Afterwards Dick with his team and Jess and Jim hauled hay. They got all that was down. Cy fell through the barn floor but the men got him out.
- 13 Harry shipped on the early boat basket box of 5 hams to A. J. Ross Louisville. Sent letters to Patty and Sally. Got letter from Patty inclosing check for 15.00. Put the new carpet down in Patty's room. Katy came over in the evening. Joe cut clover and later ploughed melons, &c. in the garden. It showered off and on.
- 14 Cloudy rainbow in the east early. Rained off and on during the day. Joe worked in the garden. Broke up again the strip next pike and planted in sweet corn and ploughed, &c. Went to Bellevue and McVille and to see about getting rye cut. At the P.O. got money order for 7.20 and sent it to J. Wilder & Co. 134 & 141 W. 8th to pay for twine. Got Mike Corbin to cash a check for \$15 that Patty sent. I think it came Sat. Got letter from Sue and invitation to the wedding of Miss Edwina Forwood and Walter Gordon Resor Burnet's son, to be the 17th. Got a package from Cap. Wilkins for Patty from Gov. Roosevelt.
- 15 Joe worked—hauled out manure and ashes, turned hay and went down with hogs. Took down 26 hogs including the two white sows and the stag and left them to be shipped by Workman to George Skinner Sr. Skinner's Goods. Went in to see Mr. Roland and engaged him to cut rye. Got letter from Sally.
- 16 Took down letter to Julia and note to Mrs. Forwood. Met Ellen and she came home with me. Very sudden change. 56° about sunup. Mr. Rains and Henry worked $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day in the hay and Dick helped after dinner a while and Jim and Jesse. Dick got a load of hay for himself. He says he helped Joe turn hay $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Took Ellen to the river and went to see about getting rye cut. Joe worked in the hay. Settled for October 28th.
- 17 About sunup 52°. Dick got 5 balls (25 lbs.) of twine from me for wheat and the machine and Mr. Setters came to cut wheat. It was a perfectly beautiful day. No hand worked for me. Joe

went to Burlington. Ernest and family came to speak as they passed by. Got a letter from George Skinner whose stock yards I shipped the hogs to. The 26 weighed 4860 lbs. off 100 price 3.65 and they came to \$173.74. The expenses came to 12.16 which leaves a balance of \$161.58 and he inclosed a check for that. I took the check to Mike Corbin and gave it to him and paid my note for 100.00 with int. since Aug. 25 totaled 104.85 and got the note. I left in Mike's care \$50 to be called for and took the rest. Went to see Mrs. Clorey and to McVile. Jess said he worked 1 day this week. Settled Oct. 28. Had the little back room cleaned after taking the carpet up.

- 18 Sunday—another cool bright day. At sunup 54° and beautiful. Mr. Roland sent his little children to tell me about rye.
- 19 At sunup 62°. Let Dick have 15 to pay for cutting wheat. Went to Bellevue and McVile. Put in P.O. letters to Sally, Willie Dinsmore, May Wetherill and Matty Dinsmore. Got from Mike the \$50 left with him Sat. Left with C. Brown's (wife) 5.00 to get shot, tars with. Mr. Roland came to cut rye. Joe took Cy down to have shoes put on. Mr. Roland cut. Joe and Jim E. shocked. Turned much warmer. Hot even.
- 20 Red cow has a calf—seems a day old. Heifer red with white in face and head. Mr. Roland came back and finished cutting rye by noon. Paid him for 11 acres 6.60. Joe helped Dick and Jim E ½ day. Then Joe cut clover in pasture on mud road. I went to Burlington to see Hilda who got home from Jacksonville Sat. night. Got letter from Julia. Turned much warmer and before I went to bed rained with plenty of thunder and unusual lightning.
- 21 Joe and Jesse worked for me. They made a rail fence to make a calf lot and Jesse turned clover and Joe cut. Got letter from Patty saying she was going with the Hills on a Lake trip from Duluth to Buffalo and won't start home till next month. Hot.
- 22 Joe cut clover in the morning and Harry raked it. After dinner they put it in the barn. Dick and Jesse and his team worked and Jim E. and Mr. Rains and Joe. It was a very hot day. I put down the new rag carpet in the little back room upstairs.
- 23 Went to Bellevue and McVile. Got a letter from Mrs. Leila Johnstone (Mrs. E. Coffin) about Mary Caswell. Joe worked—ploughed melons. Raked hay and after dinner hauled hay. Dick hauled hay on the shares. loads for me. Very hot. Katy coming.
- 24 Jesse said he worked ½ day this week. No one worked for me. Went to Bellevue and McVile, got letter from Sally and pair of shades and letter from Susie Tew and Mattie Dinsmore. It rained very hard after noon, in torrents.
- 25 Sunday. Hilda stopped on her way from church and dined with me. The (show) Phipps sow has 7 pigs apparently two days or more old.
- 26 Joe worked cutting clover. Got letters from Patty and Sally W.
- 27 Went down to Bellevue & McVile. Charlie came out to see about window weights. I took letter to P.O. to Sally Woolley inclosing 3.00 to get linoleum. Joe was cutting hay and hauled. Dick hauled hay on shares too. Did n't write in this till 29th.
- 28 Charlie came out to work. Put windows in the gable ends of the house and tinkered at various things. Joe worked for himself in his garden a while and then in the hay. Dick was hauling too. I think on shares.
- 29 Much cooler. Sent Harry down for window sashes that came on the boat. Charlie put them in, painted them and shutters, and tinkered as usual. Joe worked in hay and cut clover. Dick finished hauling after hauling one load after noon they said. Charlie scraped some of the ceiling in Hilda's room, &c.
- 30 Cool 58° at sunup. Mr. Rains got 2.00 on Dick's account. Joe worked in the hay. Charlie worked. Harry ploughed late corn and garden stuff. I remembered the day.

July

- 1 Dick and Jesse and their team hauled hay ½ day. Mr. Rains worked for me and they went after noon to help the Arnold's thrash. I went to Bellevue. Saw Doll Walton and paid him 5.00 for the 5 calves of his stock animals. Got letter from May Wetherill. She was to unveil the memorial tablet on the Ft. Thomas water tower this evening. Got note from Patty and two letters from Sally. Did n't write in this till the 4th.
- 2 Sunday. Went to B. and McV. late. Left letters for the 3 banks with Ott's wife and one for Sally. Sent back ____.
- 3 Mr. Setters came and thrashed Dick's wheat 276 bus. I let Dick have 11.80 to pay for the thrashing. My rye came to 126 bus. Mr. Setters said and I paid him 6.00 for thrashing. The neighbors sent teams in exchange and they thrashed from the _____ and 3 left after 4. P.M. Charlie worked here painting and tinkering generally. Hot. Sent by Charlie to the P.O. letter to Mrs. E. Coffin.
- 4 Went to Bellevue & McV. early. Borrowed from Mike Corbin 5.00. Found Susie Tew's wheel there. Also box from Sally with pair of glass candlesticks, and the doz. window weights. Got jug of whisky from Cap. Aikin. Asked M. J. Corbin to write for sacks for my rye. Got letters from buddy, Sarah, Sally W. and Susie Tew. Got letter from Natl. Bk. Wash. with draft check for \$75. and one from Natl. Met. Bk. with draft for \$12.00. No one worked for me. Joe was going down and had Tom shod. Hot day.
- 5 Charlie worked. The weights would n't fit and he went down to try to have a few made. Harry brought out Susie's wheel. Got letter for her. Sent letters to Sarah and Sally. Charlie painted in Hilda's room. Joe worked on the thrasher, mowed graveyard, &c. and after dinner went to Mr. Rogers. Sprinkled off and on and cooler.
- 6 Charlie came out and worked some—left before dinner. I gave him 2.25 to-day to get some irons that would hang the windows. He hung one in Hilda's room. Joe and Mr. Rains thrashed at Mr. Rogers. Went to Bellevue for Susie Tew who came in the afternoon boat. Got letter from Patty saying she expected to come on the boat to-morrow—also letter from Sally and Sally W. Took my check draft for 12 (see 4th) to Mike Corbin and got him to cash it, paid him the 5.00 (see 4th) and left with him 20 for Mr. Henderson and paid him 1.00 for Joe West.
- 7 Joe thrashed for Doll Walton ½ day. After noon cleaned out spring in barn lot and cut grass in yard. About 5 P.M. there was a rain. Mild and not very much. Harry took May & Becky down to have them shod. Got letter from Farmers & Mechanics Natl. Bk. Georgetown with draft for \$28 and postal from Natl. Met. Bk. Harry went and got the hogs out of Mr. Doll Walton's field—found blk. Storer sow with 11 pigs—Rover also has 10 pigs.
- 8 Did n't write in this till the 16th like a simpleton. Joe worked ½ day. Cut some grass and took wagon to the river. Patty, Isabella and Julia came on the morning boat, the Swan. Ernest stopped in passing.
- 9 Sunday. We drove and Patty rode to Ernest's—all away.
- 10 Joe cut grass and weeds. Patty went to Big Bone and Harry brought Belle back from Mr. Lee Huey's. Took up matting in the big passage and had it cleaned. Charlie B. worked putting in window weights, &c. Got letter from Joe.
- 11 Patty and Susie Tew went up on the noon boat. Sent letter by Patty to Sally. Joe worked—cut grass and took the trunks to Bellevue, brought out sacks for rye. After noon, he sacked and hauled rye to the river. Jesse helped ½ day with the rye. Let Joe have 1 and about 5/6 bus. rye, Charlie ½ bus. Settled with Charlie Burns and owe him on work 5.00.

- 12 Patty and Sally W. came on the 9 PM boat. Got letter from Sally to-day or to-morrow. Joe finished cutting grass and weeds. After dinner Dick and Jesse helped get in some hay. Joe to return the work—they said the hay for was bent and I sent it down.
- 13 I think Joe went down for the barrel of sugar, &c. when they got the hay in he ploughed for Dick. Yesterday got from Mattie D. photograph of the ruins of their home by the cyclone.
- 14 Isabella and I went to Burlington and brought Hilda home with us. Went to Bk. and got Mr. Revill to cash the two drafts for \$75 (see 4th) and for \$28 (see 7th). Put letter to Sally in P.O. Pd. Miss Furlong 10. for Patty on check for 15. (see June 13). Took Hilda to Bellevue and got the paper for Hilda's room. Joe said he ploughed in all 1 day for Dick—afterward he ploughed garden corn. Saw Hilda pay M. J. Corbin the balance on her cemetery lot and he gave her a deed.
- 15 Went to R. S. on Swan. Pd. Gibson for the hay rake 17.50 and for the grind stone 2.75 and got the receipt. Paid Jones' Aunt Eliza's bill to date 12.75. Paid C. Burns 5.00. He worked to-day for Patty. Joe worked ½ day—hailed out roofing iron and coal for Patty. Got letter from Susie Tew. Joe said he worked 5-½ days in all this week. Very hot days.
- 16 Sunday—very hot, towards night a thunderstorm with hail and very heavy rain. The old plumm [sic] tree by my window blew down and other trees.
- 17 Joe went to meet the early boat and Mr. E.V. Newman and assistant Mr. Williamson came out and papered Hilda's room. I paid him in full 2.90. Joe put the shingles on his meat house. Harry took Hilda home and the men down.
- 18 Charlie Barnes came out and worked painted &c. and put a temporary floor in the old buggy house of the lumber from the wine house granary mostly, and patched it up. Joe cut weeds in garden corn, helped Doll Walton thrash.
- 19 I remember the day. Lord love her soul. Cooler part of the time. Patty and I went to Ernest's to call on Mrs. Leila Grant and to Bellevue. Joe and Jesse worked—they got the hogs out of Doll Walton's field and put strands of wire on the line fence. Joe ploughed and Jesse mowed in the garden to finish.
- 20 Sent Harry to look for Storer sow but he did n't get her. Hilda came down and dined with us. Sent by Patty letters to buddy Sarah and Julia. Got letter from Julia.
- 21 Mike Corbin sent me the letter from Union Grain & Hay Co. N.W. Co. Rose & Water Sts. about the rye. They said it was 6535 lbs. and at 56 lbs. to a bus. came to 116 bus. 29 lbs. At .60 this came to 70.01. Expenses 6.72, balance 63.29 for which they sent a check to M. J. Corbin as he shipped it. Like a simpleton I did n't write in this till the 28th. Joe probably hunted hogs. I think Joe and Jesse worked hauling rails from the fattening pen to make a fence in clover field.
- 22 Started to Bellevue, came back with telegram for Sally W. Joe worked ½ day on termi's [?] ground.
- 23 Sunday. Patty went to Cin. with Sally W. via Anderson's Ferry. Came home in the evening. Hot day.
- 24 Joe began on fixing the paling fence in clover. Jesse helped ½ day. Hilda and Miss Furlong were here. Think it was to-night I killed a snake in the big passage.
- 25 Rained some to-day I think. Joe worked ¾ day at fence, Jesse too.
- 26 C. Burns came and put up the moulding in Hilda's room, &c. Joe and Jesse worked at paling fence. Ernest and Lily came after dinner. Got letter from Julia, that crossed the one I sent her.
- 27 Joe and Jesse worked. They finished fixing the paling fence on pike and I sent them to look for hogs. Hot day. Got telegram from Sally.

- 28 Sally came on the morning boat (Swan) from St. Paul. Joe worked. Drove the wagon to the river. Put in my little turnip patch the first thing—after noon went to help thrash. Sent Harry to bring home the black Storer sow and 9 pigs from Mr. Moody's. Very hot day—shower about sun sown. Our muskmelon vines are dying for want of rain. There was heavy thunder but little rain. I went down for Sally—Mike Corbin gave me \$25 on my rye money (see 20th). It rained that night and during the night.
- 29 Did n't write in this till Aug. 9. Early this morning a good rain. No one worked for me.
- 30 Sunday. The girls rode to Burlington. I pd. Patty 5.00 the bal. on check (see 14th). When foolish enough not to write in my book every day all gets wrong.
- 31 Much cooler 57° at sunup. We all rode to Big Bone—Patty, Sally, Isabella and I and Harry too. Got home about 8 PM. Had a pleasant ride and the country and views fine. Joe took a cow to the stock animal Doll Walton has. He spent most of his time he said getting hogs home from Doll's.

August

- 1 Poor Patsy has been a widow four years. Still cool comparatively at 6 A.M. 61°. Joe went after hogs and cut weeds around the inside of the clover field. I went to Bellevue.
- 2 Dick turned 9 head of hogs on clover field. Did n't write in this till 4th. Joe went to McVille and below hunting corn. Joe worked cutting round fences. Very hot, they say it was 99° in the shade in Bellevue.
- 3 Joe cut off piece of tree that the wind broke. Cleaned out spring in hog lot and cut weeds. Extremely hot day and night. Patty and Isabella went to Burlington. Did n't write in this till the 6th.
- 4 Think Joe worked cutting weeds. The girls went to Ernests. I sent letter to Julia. Towards evening look like a storm and rained. Rained harder before day and after. Very hot.
- 5 No one worked for me. Rained some off and on.
- 6 Sunday. Hilda dined with me. Ernest and family called. Not as hot. Did n't write in this till the 10th.
- 7 Patty went to Cin. on the early boat for a trip. Sally and I went to Burlington and dined with Hilda. Lovely cool day. Think Joe cut fence rows.
- 8 Jesse worked ½ day cutting weeds where Dick is ploughing for wheat. Joe worked cutting weeds. Went to Bellevue. Saw in T.D. a notice of the death of Mary Caswell (Mrs. Porter). Got barrel of flour at Corbin's. Got letter from Julia.
- 9 Joe worked cutting weeds in vineyard. I canned tomatoes. Sally got a letter from Patty. Hot day—rained a little late.
- 10 Joe took away Blanche cow. Then he cleaned out a ____ or so and took Sally's trunk to the river. Sally left on the noon boat for N. York. Sent by her letter to Sue in answer to one I got this week. Joe cut weeds. It rained some time last night and early this morning. Hot day. Dick gave me 10.00 watermelon money.
- 11 Rained last night with heavy thunder. Joe went after corn got it from Wm. Clore on Lick Creek. The weights were gross 3100 lbs.

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Joe had to drive back to Bellevue to get the wagon weighed. Got letter from Patty at Phoenix Hotel Lex. Hot sultry day. I made chili sauce. Jess says he worked ½ day this week, none last and 3 ½ days week before.

- 12 Joe worked ½ day—hailed manure out of yard and repaired outhouse then cut weeds. Isabella got a letter from Patty. Hot sultry day. A notice from Boone Co. Bk. came for Patty.
- 13 Sunday. Another hot day. Ernest Lily and Frances came to call.
- 14 My darling big baby's birthday. Lord love her. Cooler and pleasanter. Went to Bellevue with letter—got there too late for mail. Left letters for Patty and one for T.D. Got letter from Sally from Ardsley. Joe and Jesse worked getting out some posts for the wire fence next to graveyard. They called me to see snake eggs that Dick Loudon ploughed out in the field above the hedge on the pike. I saw 18 snake eggs with live spreading adders in them. Dick says he ploughed out two nests before in the same field one of 26 eggs the other 10 in all 54 eggs.
- 15 Hotter. Got letter from Patty written at Nicholasville. Joe worked on fence. Jesse helped him ½ day.
- 16 Cool and pleasant. Joe worked on the fence. Went to Bellevue. Pd. Mr. Henry (Pete) Clore for the corn and asked him to give it to Mr. Perry Clore. He said it came to 28 bus. 5 lbs. and at .40 a bushel to 11.23 which I paid him in full. Got letter from Sally on yacht Aileen postmarked Newport. Put letter in for her. Did n't write in this till 19th.
- 17 The day my beloved mother died. Lord love her soul. Isabella and Julia went to Ernest's. Got letters from Sally and Sue. Joe worked on fence. Hot day.
- 18 Joe and Jesse worked on the fence.
- 19 Dick Loudon brought me 10.90 watermelon money. Joe took 24 b. 40 lbs bushels of his share of the wheat. Joe . Did n't write in this till the 24th. Isabella and I went to a picnic on Rattling Bend given by the Roberts family. Climbed over the cliffs we used to go to in our young days. Hilda came home with us.
- 20 Sunday. Warm bright day.
- 21 Sent Hilda home. Patty came home on the 4 P.M. boat from her coaching trip to the interior. Hot day. Got letter from Sally still yachting. Joe and Jess worked on the wire fence by the graveyard.
- 22 Went to Burlington with Patty. Patty renewed her note for 6 months (see Feb. 16) and I worked on it again. Went to Bellevue with Isabella. Got from Mike Corbin the rest of the rye money 38.29. (see July 20-28). We called to see Hilda in B. Joe and Jesse worked on wire fence Joe said.
- 23 Went to look at wire fence. Joe finished up and I told him to haul rails of the old fence. Isabella and I went to spend the day at Ernest's. 100 degree°.
- 24 My beloved father's birthday. Lord love his soul. Settled with Minnie up to the 21st and paid her in full 13.00. Got letter from Sally. Sent letter to her by Patty and one to Mattie D. with 5.00. Joe cut weeds—hot day.
- 25 Ellen came up. Joe did n't work. Jesse said he worked 2 ½ days last week and two this, paid him 9.00. Ernest and Frances and Miss Florence Prowl or Prole came to call. Hot day. Joe worked 4 days this week.
- 26 Did n't write in this till 29th. No one worked for me. Nearly all went to the Lawrenceburg Fair. Think I got letter from Sally. Thunder and sprinkles.
- 27 Sunday. Mr. Graham came on the noon boat. Hot day. Hilda stopped to see us.
- 28 Took Ellen down to the morning boat to go home. Ernest and Clara called. Joe cut weeds and hunted hogs in corn. Got letter from Sally and Julia.
- 29 Went down to Bellevue to send Sally a package by early boat. Mr. Graham went away via Aurora. Sent letter by him to Sally. Joe worked. Cut weeds till noon and then helped Dick cut tobacco. Hot and very dry. Tobacco firing and garden drying up. Got T.D.

- 30 Got paper from Mattie Dinsmoor with notice of her mother's death Aug. 21. Got note from Mr. Graham. Ernest and Miss Prole and Frances called. Not as hot. Joe said he helped. Dick in tobacco.
- 31 Went to Burlington. Borrowed of Hilda \$20. Got from Mr. Revill draft on N. York for \$25 and put it in a letter to Mattie Dinsmoor and put it in the Burlington P.O. Saw a morning rainbow. Had a few slight sprinkles then very hot. Joe helped Dick in tobacco. Got T.D. copies.

September

- 1 Patty and Isabella left early on mail boat for Cin. Harry took young Mr. Rouse to Burlington. Katy came over after dinner. After 4 P.M. had a shower with a rainbow. Joe helped Dick in tobacco. Very hot.
- 2 Dick brought me 10.95 watermelon money, also brought me 2.25 for the month's clover pasture for his 9 hogs. Joe worked ½ day helping Dick in tobacco. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Sarah. Very hot.
- 3 Sunday. Very hot.
- 4 Joe cleaned out springs, &c. before noon then helped Dick ½ day cutting tobacco. Dick Loudon sold to Mr. W. L. Pope 32 bus. of his share of the wheat at .70. Mr. D ____ Marshall came to see about getting the rock handled for Hilda's vault foundation. Took sick with pain in his heart and died at the toll gate house going back. Sent for Patty and Isabella and got word they would come Thursday. Not so hot this morning. Very dry.
- 5 Did n't write in this till the 7th. Joe worked for Dick helping him in the tobacco. I went to Bellevue. Took letter to Sally—went to Betty's. Later went to Mr. Marshall's funeral at Mrs. Annie Rice's. Very hot—things parching with ____.
- 6 Betty Rice and I went to Burlington to the Association. Dined at Hilda's. Hot as 'John' and dry—a shower about 4 P.M. and no dust coming home. Patty, Isabella and Sally Woolley came on the boat. Joe says he helped Dick in tobacco.
- 7 Very hot, sweltering. Joe cut briers. Sent letters to Sarah and Sally.
- 8 Joe worked for Patty & Sally W. ½ day packing hams. Worked for me ½ day hauling rails from fence rows. Very hot, had a shower towards evening.
- 9 My beloved mother's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. Cooler and bright. Got letter from Sally. Joe worked ½ day hauling broken rails.
- 10 Sunday. My darling little sister's birthday. I never forget it. Cool 55° about sunup. Hilda came to stay all night. Ernest and family came and spent the day.
- 11 Sent note to Mr. H. Ryle. got letter from Sarah. Hilda and Patty and Sally W. went to Burlington. Joe worked mowed ____ and cut briers.
- 12 Patty and Sally W. came home from B. Sarah and Lucy Johnstone came from Erlanger. Mrs. Ryle brought them. Joe worked cutting briers. Cool and bright.
- 13 At sunup, 49°. Beautiful day. Lucy and Isabella rode to Ernest's and later they came down to see Sarah. Got letter from Sally. Joe cut briers.
- 14 At sunup, 47°. Sally W. left on the early boat. Bright and cool. Joe worked for himself digging potatoes. Hilda came down before dinner and stayed to see about her cemetery vault. Mrs. Minerva Clore died.
- 15 At sunup 45°. Went to Mr. Clore's to ask about funeral. Ernest and family came to call on Sarah. Joe dug potatoes. Did n't write in this till 19th.
- 16 Joe was working for himself digging potatoes. Got letter from Belle R. Patty, Lucy and Isabella rode to Ernest's.

- 17 Sunday—warm again. Went to the funeral of Mrs. Clore who was buried in the new cemetery. Ed Grant and his wife came to call in the evening. Hilda went home.
- 18 Patty went to Aurora with Sarah and Lucy to see them on the cars. Cloudy day and after 2 P.M. showered off and on gently. Joe worked for himself digging potatoes.
- 19 Patty, Isabella and Julia started for St. Paul on the noon boat. Joe drove the wagon with the trunk; except that, dug his potatoes. Sent letter to Sally by Patty. Cool and cloudy, sprinkles.
- 20 Cloudy and chilly all day cleared off, colder at sunset. Joe worked for himself, hauled in potatoes. Harry went to Erlanger to take D____ Patty's colt to Harry Ryle to ship to her. Got letter from Sally. Harry took Patty's horses and Belle to have there [sic] shoes taken off and turned them out. Dick attended to some pigs. at 8 P.M. 50°.
- 21 At sunup 41° and foggy. Dick gave me 1.00 watermelon money. He attended to some more pigs. Joe worked for himself making kraut. Hilda came down with Miss Furlong who went back. I went to Bellevue.
- 22 Warmer, very dry and dusty. Went to Bellevue to take Hilda—got postal from Patty and letter from Isabella postmarked St. Paul. Joe worked for me. Hauled rails to pasture fence and fixed it and rails pieces from new wire fence row and fixed key. Went to see the cabbage patch.
- 23 Joe worked 3 days last week and 1½ this week. Made kraut this morning. Minnie went to Cinti.
- 24 Sunday. Went to church with Hilda, Zen Scott took her home. Went to Mrs. Huey's to see Franklina Grant. Wind blew like Dakota all day, dusty.
- 25 Harry started to school. Dick took to mill 26 bus. 20 lbs. wheat, few apples and got up heifer. Last night rained gently, some time. Turned cooler this evening.
- 26 Joe and Jesse worked—took heifer to Bee Walton's—then made part of a barrel of cider. Then Jesse cut a little fodder in the garden. Joe took Cy to Bellevue to get him shod. I got telegram from Patty about saddle. Dick attended to a pig. Dick began to sow wheat, said he got six bushels. Very cool all day. At 9:30 P.M. 44°.
- 27 At sunup 37° and a white frost the first this fall and I have fire in the dining room for the first time this fall. The frost did n't kill the gourd or flower vines. Joe and Jesse worked hauling rails and making fence for fattening pen. Joe took Patty's saddle to the Larson's for Roll to express. Got letter from Patty, Julia and Lucy Johnstone. Pretty day. Dick sowed wheat got more bushels.
- 28 Warmer—49° at sunup. Dick got 5 bus. wheat to sow. Dick took out his 9 hogs that I have been pasturing since Aug. 2nd. Joe and Jesse worked fixing fattening pen, hauling rails, working stock hog pen &c. Towards evening it rained gently. Got letter from Sally Woolley about sending meat.
- 29 Dick got 1 ½ bus. wheat to sow and said he would finish what ground was broke. Dick attended to one blk pig. Joe and Jesse worked at hunting hogs and finishing stock hog pens, &c. Joe went to Bellevue and shipped out a barrel of wine, 7 hams weighed lbs and 6 pieces of bacon 38 ½ lbs to Sally Woolley by Am. Ex. also box to Patty by same Ex. with break book and 5 pairs mittens. Bright cool day.
- 30 At sunup 32° and ice on the chicken water. Pleasant bright day. Joe and Jesse worked ½ day. Jesse says he has worked 5 ½ this week. Joe 5 ½ days. They got up the hogs and we put in fattening pen 30 including 5 sows. They moved hog houses, hauled some rails, &c. I went to Bellevue, put in P.O. letters to Sally and Julia and one that came for Sally W. Got letters from Sally, Isabella and Sue with picture of Jamie. Paid Mike Corbin .50 for Mr. Mauer for Patty. Did n't write in this till Wednesday.

October

- 1 Sunday. Bright pretty day.
- 2 Joe began to haul coal from Bellevue, hauled 3 loads I think. I took up the dining room carpet, &c. Got letter from Nat. Met. Bk. Wash. with draft for \$12.
- 3 Joe hauled coal again—3 loads, I think and beat carpet. We cleaned the room &c.
- 4 Joe hauled coal again—3 loads. Dick let Will Rice have 14 bus. of his share of the wheat yesterday. To-day hauled me some potatoes grown in bottom. Put the dining room carpet down. Got letter from Patty. All this week the weather has been bright and beautiful. Ground dry and hard. To-day was warm and I saw a snake in the woods. Dick says he has hauled me so far 3 loads of corn. He cut an elm tree for lumber.
- 5 Bright warm day. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Sally. Sent one this morning to Patty. Got mem of coal Joe hauled—10 loads in all 418 bus. Joe picked over and put in cellar the potatoes. Dick put in lard shed. Jesse helped him some after dinner and they then hauled some rails.
- 6 Another bright pretty day, only Joe worked for me. He finished hauling rails and hauled some manure out of stalls west round fence of fattening pen and ran hogs back in. Sent letter to Sally early. Went later to get manure fork and took letter to Sue and Patty's horse pictures. Got letter from Julia. Will Rice got 4 bus. of Dick's wheat. Mr. Rogers said I might haul 10 perches of rock on pike.
- 7 Did n't write in this till 9th. No one worked for me. Joe hauled 44 bus. coal for himself. Hilda came.
- 8 Sunday. Misted rain part of the day. Will Rice and Mr. Harnest came to call. Hilda and I went to church. Ernest, Lily and Frances came to spend the day.
- 9 Clear, pleasant day. Joe worked—took wagon down to be fixed and went again after a load of Mr. Utz' things. Went to Bellevue with Hilda. Dick let Will Rice have 8 bus. wheat.
- 10 Warm, windy day. I rode around to see about price of corn, &c. Engaged of Dick Loudon what corn he has to share at .30 a bus. Got letter from Susie Tew, Versailles. Joe worked for me—hauled a load of furniture for Mr. Utz out on Gunpowder.
- 11 Raining a little. Will Botts brought his implement to fix wagon wheels to lend me. [Julia drew a hand-drawn picture of hand with pointed finger to the right at this point in her journal.] Settlement with Joe West from Oct. 23rd 1897 to Oct. 7th 1899 as in his account book. The balance due him is 9.87. Went to Bellevue and got Mike Corbin to cash my draft for 12. from Nat. Met. Bk. Wash. Got letters from Patty 2, Sally and Mag. with Patty's Yellowstone piece. Warm and cloudy when not raining. Dick got ½ bus. wheat to sow.
- 12 Paid Joe West 9.87 and settled up with him to the 7th of this month. Dick let Will Rice have 1 bus. wheat. Rained a little in the morning—a drizzle. Joe worked ½ day after dinner and cleaned out crib, sorted hogs and put them out barn lot spring &c. I went to Mr. Sutton's to see about stock hog.
- 13 Joe worked—took wagon down to have it fixed. He put the wheels in boiling linseed oil and began to paint them. Hot to-day and dry as a powder horn. Went with Hilda to see vault. Took letters to Patty, Sally and Sally W.
- 14 Joe worked ½ day painting wagon and patching paling. 4 days this week. Hilda went home. Mr. Bob Brady took her. Annie and Sam's wife came to see Aunt N. Hot to-day 88° in the shade on the gallery after 3 P.M. Got invitation from Sally Gray and notes from Sally W. and Aunt Eliza.
- 15 Sunday. Warm as summer and dry as a powder horn.
- 16 Went to Bellevue and McVile. Put in P.O. letter to T. D. and to Sally W. Warm, windy and dusty. Joe worked. He cleaned out springs, &c. and hauled some rock to pike.

- 17 Raining off and on nearly all day gently and slightly at times. Dick brought out the sacks for wheat. No one worked for me. Got letter from Patty. Turned cooler after rain, but no fire to-night.
- 18 Rather cooler—cleared off. Joe hauled some rock to pike, dug a few sweet potatoes, patched holes in fences, &c. Got letter from Sally. Made kettle of soap. Sent note to Sally Gray.
- 19 Cooler 44° at sunup. Sent letters to Patty and Sally. Joe and Jesse sacked the wheat and hauled 2 loads. Dick hauled 1 load to ship on Workman's. Made 2 kettles soap. Had fire in dining room at night. Rained after noon not heavily and stopped.
- 20 Joe worked—patched holes in fence and hauled rock on pike. Made 2 kettles soap. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Sue and from Cousin Louie Rucker saying she was going to marry her cousin Mr. James. Dim, cloudy most of the day and cool.
- 21 Sent letters to Cousin Louie and to Mr. H. Gratz asking for bill and to stop the KY Gazette. Joe worked ½ a day hauling rocks on pike. Got letter from Sally W. about shipping hams. Made sixth kettle of soap. Cool morning but lovely day. Went to see Katy. Yesterday Harry and his brothers crippled one of my burrows (sic).
- 22 Sunday. Beautiful day. The weather has produced some singular freaks. Within the last month I have seen cherry blooms pear blooms and new foliage on the same pear tree and now the largest crepe myrtle that had lost its leaves from frost has put out new sprouts just like spring and to-day I pulled out a fresh nest that sparrows were building in the kitchen. Went to see Mrs. Ora Rice.
- 23 Dick took 6 ½ bus. wheat to sow. Joe worked of which ½ day was for the girls. He and Mrs. West got ready 48 hams and Joe packed them in 3 barrels and took them to the noon boat. One barrel contained 18 hams weighing 184 lbs in sacks and shipped to A.L. Meyer Clifton—2 barrels containing 30 hams weighing 310 lbs. in sacks shipped to Pryor L. Stoutenburgh 132 Front St. New York, both by fast freight. Got letter from Patty. Told old Mr. Winkle he might crack the 10 perches of rock. Sold Mr. Henderson 15 bus. potatoes at .35 and Joe sorted them after noon. Beautiful warm day.
- 24 Cooler 43° at sunup. Sent letters to Sue, Patty and Sally W. Got letter from Fanny and bill from Ky. Gazette \$14. Mr. Henderson came and got 20 bus. potatoes for which he paid me 7.00. Joe worked, cleaned springs, sorted potatoes, &c. Went to McVille for Mrs. Louisa Aikin who spent the day with me. Warm bright beautiful and still dry. Dick had my team to plough.
- 25 Dick got 6 bus. wheat to sow. Joe went to Mr. B. Walton's and brought home the heifer (Blanche's calf) see Sept. 26th and said to count from the 14th of this month. Afterwards he hauled some manure on garden. I rode to Mr. Charlie Steven's place to try to find a stock hog. No one at home; then went to Bellevue. Mike Corbin showed me the returns from the wheat from Gale. Bros. 14 W Front St. Cin. 72 bus. 5 lbs at .68 he made 110.90 expenses 7.56 leaving \$103.34.
- 26 Dick brought back ¼ bus. seed wheat and took it and the rest 11 ½ bus. in his portion and took it to mill. Joe worked—hauled sugar tree wood and rocks for the gully in the lane. Got letters from Sarah. Warm, clouds early and late. Saw 12 petunias in bloom.
- 27 Sent letters to Patty, Sarah and Sue, but Lou forgot them and I took them down this evening. Also went to P.O. and sent postal order to H. Gratz for 14.00 to pay for the stupid paper Sarah had sent to me and for 7 years I hadn't sense enough to stop it—such is life. Got letter from Sally on train Chicago. Went to Mr. Charlie Stevens's again and on to Mr. Will Clore's where I engaged a Thinrind stock hog at 10. Got Mike Corbin to let me have 10 on the wheat check (see 25th). Dick had a load of corn weighted and Mike gave me the weight 21 bus. at

70 lbs. to the bushel. Harry did n't go to school and we ran out the pigs and shoats from the fattening pen 40 head or more. Then he went with me and then took Alan to Mr. Bickle and had front shoes put on new. Joe hauled rails and fixed fattening pen fence and hauled rocks to gullies.

- 28 Dick Loudon came in and we went over the wheat account. After settling all we got and his paying 1/5 of the expenses up there remained to him out of the wheat check 23.30 I had advanced him on the wheat 2.50, 15.00 and 11.80 = 29.30 (see June 17-19 July 3) which left him owing me 6.00 on the wheat. I agreed to wait awhile for this and gave him an order on Mike Corbin for \$30. of the wheat money to pay for 100 bus. corn from Dick. No one worked for me. Joe hauled a load of coal for himself from Corbins. It rained last night and almost all day, part of the time hard.
- 29 Sunday. Did n't rain—cloudy and dull.
- 30 Went to Mike Corbin and got the balance on the wheat check—deducting from the 103.34 (see 25th) the 10. I get (see 27th) and the 30. for Dick Loudon (see 28th) it came to 60.34 which he paid me. I got the order to Dick and destroyed it. Met Mr. Mike Clore and agreed to take from him 300 and about 40 bus. corn at .35 a bus. Sent Joe to Mr. Will Clore's for the stock hog. Gave him \$10 to pay for it. He ran cows out and such. Hilda came down to stay. I went to Mr. Bob Brady's to take a message. Got letters from Patty, Julia and Sally W. At sunup it was 41° a bright pleasant day. Sent letter to Belle R.
- 31 Mr. Kassobaum came out and Hilda (Mrs. S. R. Brady) settled with him in full for her vault in my presence. She had already paid him \$400 in two checks of 200 each and this check was for 241 and he signed a receipt for it in full including corner posts and extra element and gave her the lock of the vault. Mr. Bob Brady came and he went down with him to see the vault. Joe hauled 3 loads of corn from Mr. Clore. Had the first load weighed 4040 lbs. wagon 1400 leaves 2640 lbs. Got insurance notice from Lassing L. Riddell and T.D. Saw 2 green cherries on tree in yard.

November

- 1 Cooler 26° at sunup, frost, pleasant, bright day. Joe hauled 3 loads of corn from Mr. Clore—he had the last one weight gross 4090 lbs. tare 1380 lbs net 2410 lbs. 38 bus. 50 lbs.
- 2 Joe hauled 2 full loads and 1 piece of a load without side boards. Gross 1570, tare 1305 net 265 lbs=3 bus. 55 lbs. It rained after dinner—had sprinkled and set in to a steady rain. Sent by Joe letter to Patty. Got letter from Sally in Chicago and wedding card from Cousin Luly and invitation from Mrs. ____ to her daughter's wedding Elsie to Mr. Donn Barber the 22nd _____. Sent early letter to Lucy with her button and one to Julia. Hilda went to Burlington with Mr. Bob Brady. She sent by him \$10 to lend me in addition to what I got Aug. 31st. Paid her back 5.00 Nov. 27th.
- 3 Rained last night and snow with it that was on roofs and grass here and then at sunup. Raining and chilly this morning. Settled with Minnie Loudon and paid her in full to Oct. 30th 15.00. Joe worked sorting potatoes. Had the crepe myrtles put in the cellar. Rained most of the day and sometimes snow fell with it.
- 4 Clear, chilly day. Joe worked ½ day breaking rock to pike gully. Sent down to [Mike?] Corbin a ____ Mr. B. Brady left. Got letter from Patty. Later letter from Julia. Went to Bellevue to see Mr. Clore about corn—arranging the loads it came to 309 ½ bus. at .35 = 108.32.
- 5 At 7 a.m. 36°. Bright pleasant day. Walked in the woods and tobacco patch and found many tobacco suckers in full bloom. Sunday.
- 6 Cool, frost. Joe hauled rock. Harry took Alan to McVile to have his shoes put on. Ran pigs and shoats out of the pen again.

- 7 At sunup 28 degrees and heavy frost and fog. Sent letters to Patty and Sally. Election day. No one worked for me. Harry has n't gone to school this week.
- 8 Went to Cin. via Aurora and out to Julia's where I stayed till Sunday morning. Went to Dr. Clenay's Friday and had my teeth fixed. Paid him in full 12.00. Went by Julia's invitation to 4 operas—Barber of Seville, Lohengrin, ___ and Faust. Beautiful weather till Friday when it rained and turned cooler. Joe says he worked 4 days this week—hailed and broke rock while I was gone.
- 12 Sunday, came home on the New South. Lovely bright cool day.
- 13 Sent letters to Patty and Julia. Had one from Patty at Julia's and wrote to Sally there. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Sue. Joe broke rock in the lane. Turned warmer.
- 14 Like a spring day. Went to Burlington and brought Hilda back. Got paper there with notice of little Seth Foster Stettinius's death, poor Mary. He died Sunday 12th. Pauline's 85th birthday. Joe broke rock. Got ___ 1.50.
- 15 Misting rain. Harry turned Dolly into the stock hog's pen. Hilda and I went to Ernest's and to Bellevue. Joe broke rock.
- 16 Sent letters to Julia and Sally W. and T.D. to Patty and Sally. Went to Bellevue church to the funeral of Mrs. Polly Botts. Joe broke rock. Ella Scott stopped in here. Warm as spring. Charlie Burns came out to look at cistern—found it cracked. I gave him 5.00 to get cement and pipe.
- 17 Sent letter to Sally. Got one from her by to-day's mail. Joe worked—cracked rock and sifted sand. Dick hauled dirt for Hilda on her lot in the cemetery. Warm.
- 18 Joe worked ½ day cracking rock. Dick worked for Hilda again. Sent letter to Patty—got letters from Patty and Julia. Rained at night a good rain.
- 19 Sunday. Still warm. Started with Hilda to take her home. Met ___ Scott coming for her and I came back. Cloudy, misting rain sometimes. Cleared. Harry put Rover in stock pen. He went to McVille for cement.
- 20 Charlie Burns came out cemented the office cistern, also tinkered in the kitchen, corn crib &c. Joe helped. Sent letter to Sally. Charlie paid 1.60 for German cement / bushel.
- 21 Charlie came again, set Joe's grate over again. Made steps for the office. Fixed cellar step, &c. Joe helped him.
- 22 Rained hard all day. Joe helped Dick strip tobacco. Got letter from Julia and letter from little Julia and card and letter from Sally.
- 23 Sent letters to Mary Foster and her mother. Cloudy and misting part of the day. Joe did n't work for me. Went to Noah's. Got letter from Patty with note from Isabella.
- 24 Sent letter to Patty. Joe hauled a load of corn from the upper to the lower crib. Went to Bellevue for barrel of flour and lime and cracked rock. I went to Hilda's and brought her home with me. Pleasant bright day. Got at McKim's 9 lbs. sage at .30—2.70 for the girls.
- 25 Turned out of the fattening pen a sow that has been there 8 weeks, for she's to have pigs—such is life. Joe worked ½ day cracking rock. Jesse came in to go over our books. Since our last settlement (see May 7th & 14th, 1898) he has worked 131 ½ days. I had already settled with him and paid him for the milking &c. while Joe was working (see March 23). He has had in money and orders to date 33.50 and also pasture. See Jan. 11th 1901.
- 26 Sunday—cool and bright. Katy came.
- 27 At sunup, 28° and bright pretty day. Hilda removed Mr. Brady's coffin from the ground in the old Belleview graveyard to her vault in the new one. Mr. Hogan came down to open the sealed grave and superintend the removal. There were present Hilda (I. H. Brady), myself, Mr. Bob Brady, Mr. Kassebaum, Charlie Burns, Mr. Charlie Acra, Dick Loudon and Joe West. Mr. Bob Brady and Mr. Kassebaum came by chance. The coffin was put in a new box and in

the catacomb to the right as you enter the vault. May Mr. Brady rest in peace. Joe worked for me ½ day; hauled a load of corn to the hogs, &c. Katy came. Mr. Harry Acra came and I bought of him for the girls 8 hogs at 3.85, also of Mr. Hensley 4 hogs at the same.

- 28 At sunup 28° and a frosty mist. Sold Joe West the black Starer sow fat for 11.00. No one worked for me, the men killed hogs. Dick 9, Joe 3. Took Hilda home. She lent me \$76 and went with me to the Sheriff's office where I paid my taxes dated 1899 \$76.44 and got the receipt signed Elmer Beall. The \$76 added to the 20 (see Aug 31) and the 5. (see Nov. 2) made \$101 and I gave her a paper signed to show I owed her that sum. Paid Dec. 13th & burned paper. When I got home Mr. Harry Acra was here with the hogs I bought yesterday for the girls. The 8 head weighted 1665 lbs which at 3.85 I made came to 64.10 and I gave him a promise to pay that amount. He agreed to wait till Patty was home next week. Paid Dec. 6 by M.L.S. Got letter from Sally Woolley inclosing check for 30. probably intended for corn; also letters from Julia and Susie T.
- 29 At sunup, 38° and cloudy with sprinkles sometimes. No one worked for me. Harry went to McVilleville after pipe for Patty's furnace and boxes that came for her. Got letter from Patty. Sent one to Lucy Johnstone this morning.
- 30 Joe went ostensibly on a hog hunt with no result ½ day. Mr. Edward Hensley brought 4 head of hogs weighed by Perry Clore 1030 lbs. which we made came to 39.65 and I gave him a promise to pay that amount. Dick Loudon went down this evening to take his hogs and brought out 2 loads of things sent down for the girls, salt, paper, buckets &c. Charlie Burns came out to work, brought me the bill for the furnace pipe 1.75. He reset the pass and put up the pipe and tinkered for me, then went to help Dick load up at the river. I had given him 2.00 to buy the pipe but did n't settle with him not having the money. Dick brought a mem. of the girls' freight bills 1.85. Sent by Dick letter to Sally and her cook book and letter to Sally W. Got letter from Belle Raymond and bill from Hill &c. for the girls. Got letter from Patty inclosing check for 1.00 to pay taxes, &c. 'Done bit her ma'm'. Will Rice came to see about getting pasture.

December

- 1 Joe and Jesse worked at wire fences in bottom around stalk fields. I rode around to see about pasture fences, &c. Got letters from Sally Woolley, Marie Riddell about sage and letter or bill for the girls from Curry W. W. Co.
- 2 Joe and Jess worked ½ day at fence above clover field and moving things in sheep cellar. Jesse 1 ½ days this week. Cooler, at sunup 25°. Sent letter this evening to Belle R.
- 3 Sunday. Rained last night and to-day. Patty came on the mail boat from St. Paul. Joe took the wagon down for her trunk, and rode to see about hogs for her.
- 4 My precious own's birthday. My baby 33. Lord Love her. In Patty's presence burnt up the check for \$1.00 she sent me (see Nov. 30). Joe began to work for Patty. They killed their first hogs. Sent letter to Sally and got one from her.
- 5 Very unpleasant 22° and keen wind. Sally Woolley came on the late boat.
- 6 Pleasanter, milder and bright. Sorted my hogs in fattening lots. Took 20 head to Bellevue and Mr. Perry Clore weighed them. 4640 lbs. Brought them back and turned them into the lot again for the girls. Having put my 8 head in a pen. Harry found the other sow we turned out with 4 pigs in the woods. Dick and Jesse took the hogs down to be weighed before noon. After noon Jess said he hauled 4 loads of corn to the big crib for Patty in Dick's wagon which he says holds 21 bus. Had to turn out another sow early and listed with prospects. Turned the girls other hogs in with mine they bought. Went to Bellevue and gave Mike Corbin the check for \$30. Sally Woolley sent me (see Nov. 28th) and 5.00 she gave me to-day and paid

for the 100 bus. of corn I got from Mr. Clore for the girls. Mr. Clore had asked me to pay Mike for him. See Nov. 4th. Got letter from Sarah from La. Mr. Harry Acra came and the girls paid him for his hogs and got my due bill (see Nov. 28th) and I burnt it up.

- 7 At sunup 27° chilly day. Charlie Burns came out and worked ½ day for Patty putting siding on shed. Rest for me putting rack and trough in cellar, painting gallery, &c. Paid him in full 2.15 and let him have screw .25 = 2.40. Jesse worked for me. He brought down the little black sow with 4 pigs (see Nov. 25) from the woods. She turned the cattle and horses on stalk field and turned out the 6 calves to wean. After noon they killed my 8 hogs and some others. Dick, Joe and George all worked at it.
- 8 At sunup 22° and clear. Joe cut up my meat and salted it down. The sides, shoulders and hams of 8 hogs.
- 9 At sunup 24° turned warmer and after dark rained some. Sally W. went to Cin. on noon boat. Sent by her letter to Julia and postal to Sally. Got letter from Mary Foster. Patty gave me her check for \$1.00 on the hogs. They weighed 4640 lbs. (see the 6th) and at 3.82 came to 777.24. I took it to Mike Corbin and endorsed it and paid him the 73.32 for Mr. Mike Clore the balance on the corn (see 6th) and got M. Corbin's receipt. Also paid him 20. that he let Jesse Loudon have this morning on my account. Jesse worked 1 ½ days for me this week. Patty and I went up to see Ernest. Harry did n't go to school.
- 10 Sunday. Cloudy day. Katy came over.
- 11 Rained about all day. At night very hard and strong wind. Sally W. came up on the late boat. Got letter from Susie T. and sent one down for her.
- 12 Sally W. & Patty paid me the balance on check \$77.24 (see 9th) also for money I paid out for them 4.75 and for bones George sold 6.00 and for sausage meat 10.50. Got letters from Sue and Lucy Johnstone. Windy last night and this morning. Cleared off. Lily Grant stopped by.
- 13 Chilly cloudy day. Went to Burlington and paid Hilda (I.H. Brady) \$101. in full of what she lent me (see Nov. 28) got the paper I had given her and burnt it. Got letter from little Julia and scissors I left. Sent letters this morning to Sally and Sue. Mr. Edgar Hensley came and the girls paid him for his hogs and got my due bill for the amount (see Nov. 30th).
- 14 Very disagreeable winter day. Sleeted raining and snowing nearly all day. Ground white and crusty, trees covered with ice. Got letter from Julia. Dick Loudon and I sold our tobacco to Mr. Henry Clore for 6 ½ for the bulk Dick calls Jesse's and 5 ¾ for the rest to be delivered at Bellevue. Sent letters to Sally and Lucy J.
- 15 At sunup 26° think snow and frost and ice on everything. Dick Loudon hauled the tobacco down to Clore & Walton. It came to 3770 lbs. of this Dick called one load Jesse's which was
1480 lbs. at 6 ½ lbs. 96.20
Dick's 2290 lbs. at 5 ¾ lbs. 131.64
227.87

Mr. Clore sent me a check for the amount on the Boone Co. Bank signed Clore & Walton. Harry saw the listed sow we turned out (see 6th) had 6 pigs. Colder 24° at 9:30 P.M.

- 16 Colder at sunup 20° and ice and frost on everything. Joe has not worked for me this week. Went to R. Sun on boat. Mr. Perkins at R. S. Bank cashed the above check. I paid Jones in full to date 15.75 also Seward 4.00. Paid R. Loudon his half of his part of tobacco \$65.85. There was a beautiful eclipse of the moon to-night that seemed to be nearly total and the sky was clear. The moon rose with opaline hats.

- 17 Settlement with R. Loudon. I owed Dick for days work deducting the days Joe helped him in tobacco 45 ½ days at .75

34.13

100 bus. corn at .30 30.00

He owed me including balance on last account see Dec. 23rd 1898, 62.14 so I paid him 2.00 and settled in full. He promising to let me have a calf to pay pasture extra.

- 17 Sunday—mild bright and thawing. Joe was to being the Sunday work to-day.
 18 Very mild and misted rain and rained at night. Ellen came up. The girls went to see Hilda. Joe worked ½ day for me and Jesse too. Dick worked. Had racks fixed in the sheep cellar for cattle. Sent letter to Julia early.
 19 Went to Bellevue—took letter to Mrs. McIntosh with 5.00 to Julia Loving with 5.00 to Isabella with 2.00. Paid Mike Corbin for my coal 36.36 and Birkle 7.15. Paid Minnie in full to yesterday 8.75. Raining this morning but stopped and turned cooler. Got letter from Julia.
 20 In presence of R. Loudon by his request paid Jesse Loudon half of the part of tobacco Dick let him have 48.10 see Dec 15th. At sunup 20° and bright. Did n't write in this again till New Years.
 21 Did not forget my dear father's death. Lord love his soul.
 22 Sally W. went home on the early boat. Susie Tew came on the late Swan. Hilda came down in the wagon with George.
 23 Rained a chilly rain.
 24 Sunday. Remembered papa and his funeral, but he is blest.
 25 Christmas. Monday 22° windy.
 26 Sally W. came back. Susie Tew went away on noon boat. Harry took Hilda home.
 27 Snow and cold.
 28 At sunup 10° above.
 29 At sunup 9°. Boat did n't run.
 30 At sunup 3°.
 31 Sunday 4°.

1900 Chickens hatched.

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| March | 12 |
| April 22 | 13 |
| 28 | 14 |
| May 23 | 3 |

1900 Poultry and eggs sold.

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| March 13 th roosters | 1.05 |
| 20 th eggs | 1.20 |
| 28 eggs .68 hens .44 | 1.10 |
| April 3 eggs .56 hens and rooster | 1.89 |
| 11 eggs | .72 |
| 17 eggs | .72 |
| 25 eggs | .64 |
| May eggs | .35 |
| 16 eggs .45 hens .35 | .80 |
| 30 eggs .20 hens 1.75 | 1.95 |
| ___June eggs .35 June 13 hens .40 | .75 |
| June 26 eggs .53 hens .40 | .93 |
| July 4 eggs | .25 |
| 25 eggs .70 roosters .15 | .85 |

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| Aug. 29 | eggs | .40 |
| Oct. 15 | eggs | 2.04 |
| | 18 eggs | .42 |
| | 24 eggs | .23 |
| Oct. 31 | 2 roosters 1 hen | .55 |
| Nov. 7 | eggs | .12 |
| | 21 hens 3 roosters 6 | 1.67 |
| | 30 hens 1 roosters 2 | .50 |
| Dec. 19 | 1 rooster | .15 |
| | During absence eggs | 1.22 |
| March 13 | eggs | <u>.82</u> |
| | | 22.38 |

For disagreeable odor of the skin use pulverized alum as a skin powder J.F.L.
 For sick poultry Penetinn Red mixed with soft food.

1900 Poultry and eggs sold

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| March 13 th | roosters | 1.05 |
| | 20 th eggs | 1.20 |
| | 28 eggs .68 hens .44 | 1.10 |
| | Bones sold | 6.00 |
| | Sausage meat | 10.50 |
| | Money paid out | 4.75 |
| | bal. on check | <u>77.24</u> |
| | | 98.49 |

1900 Sold

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| March 8 | 3 shoats | 5.00 |
| March 22 | 5 pigs | 5.00 |

1899 Calves

March 20th Blanche red & white heifer.
 March 31st. Amy red heifer white face and head
 April 20 Siegra's calf—red heifer
 April 20 Louise Shaw had red steer with white face and spots. Louise died the night of the 29th.
 May 28 Siegra, red & white steer calf.
 June 20 Red cow, heifer calf red white face and head. Turned all out to wean Dec. 7.

_____ and in cistern
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| Dick took | | Sowed for me |
| Aug 19 – 24 b – 40 lb. | Sep 26 -6 bus | |
| Sep 3 – 32 | 27 - | 6 bus |
| 25 – 26 – 20 lb. | 28 - | 5 bus |
| Oct. 3 – 14 | <u>29 -</u> | <u>1 1/2 b</u> |
| 6 - <u>4</u> | | 18 1/2 |

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| 9 – 101 bus. | |
| <u>8</u> | |
| Oct. 12 109 | |
| <u>1</u> | |
| 110 | |
| 25 th <u>11 ½</u> | |
| 121 ½ | |

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| Oct. 11 | ½ |
| 23 | 6 ½ |
| 25 | <u>6</u> |
| | 31– ½ |
| | <u>¼</u> |
| | 31 ¼ |

A ball of fence wire 100 lbs to every 50 yds.

I owe Patty \$100. borrowed Feb. or Jan. 1896—pd. Lent her \$30 Apl. –1898. She returned the 30. in a check cashed June 29th.

Mrs. Mary (Caswell) Portner 28 Cherry St. Asheville N.C.

Sally Ex. frank No. 1100 American Express early 1899.

2 bunches of shingles for w.c.

Dec. 8th 1899 – 20 hogs – 4640 lbs.

401 N.J. Life Building

Chimney top 16 x 30 inches
goes over top

2210 Ohio Ave.

128 West 59th St. N.Y. Sally

Dr. D. M. Clancey S.E. Cor, 7th & John Cin.

[Papers taken from between the pages of the day book]

Natchez, Miss
December 27, '92

Dear Aunt Julia:

I enclose the money you lent me and send you with it my thanks. I don't know what I should have done without it and I only wish I could have paid it before. Christmas has seemed strange among so many new people but they have done everything possible to make it pleasant for me. Indeed I have found the people very cordial in all ways. My girls were very kind in remembering me on Christmas. But I cannot write more now as I have promised to help trim a tree this morning. I hope to hear sometime how the pigs and everything in Boone is progressing. With much love for all of you –

Susan D. Tew

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| 3210 lbs. gross | |
| <u>1410</u> tare | |

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| 1800 |
| <u>1350</u> |

1800 net 3150 lbs.

3100 gross

1750 tare

1350 net

1750

1200

550 lbs. net

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3150 lbs. Loudon at $7\frac{3}{4}$ \$243.11

550 lbs. West at 8 44.00

3150

$7\frac{3}{4}$

3150

3

220.50

23.62

244.12

94.50 / 4

=23.62

Nov. 25th 26 coal

Joe West 427