

1900

January

- 1 At sunup 10° above 0 and a little snow fell during the night on the snow. Sent letter to T—D. Got letters from Natl Met. Bk. Washington with draft for \$12 and paper to sign—also letter from Julia and from Mrs. McIntosh.
- 2 Cold all day and a wind like Dakota. Sent letters to Sally, Julia and signed paper to bank. Got letter from Julia.
- 3 14° at sunup. Bright day. River still full of ice and gorged. Got letter from Natl. Bk. Wash. with draft for \$75 and one from Julia Loving.
- 4 At sunup 16° turned bright. Went to Bellevue and took the draft that came yesterday to M. I. Corbin and endorsed it for him and got him to credit it on my account for 1899. Put in P.O. a letter acknowledging it. Got letter from Sally in Albany at the Roosevelts and one from Mrs. Brown. Sold Ed. B ____ my young black sow and 4 pigs for 8. Dick attended to shoats 7 or 8 Harry said.
- 5 Warmer—rained almost all day, a cold, slow rain. Sent letter to Sally.
- 6 Misting rain and cloudy. Got letter from Julia and from Susie Tew.
- 7 Sunday—cloudy misting day.
- 8 At sunup 30° and bright pleasant day. Went to Bellevue—took letter to Mrs. Brown and one to Farmers and Mechanics Natl. Bk. Georgetown.
- 9 At sunup 30° bright and turned warm. Went to Bellevue twice. Sent P.O. order for 2.00 to Luther Tucker & Son for Co. Gentleman. Got paper with particulars of the burning of Spring Hill Dec. 27.
- 10 Cloudy misting day. Went to Bellevue. Raining early and rained all day and at night. Sent letter to Susie Hart (Mrs. J. N. Camden Jr.) this evening. Got letter from Belle R., Mattie D. and May Wetherill.
- 11 Joe hung my meat to-day the hams sides and shoulders of 8 hogs and 3 jowls. Not raining and colder. Patty and Sally W. went to Hilda's. Patty got my check for 12. (see 1st) cashed and paid for the Recorder to Jan 1st 190—1.50. Sent letter to Sally.
- 12 Snowing this morning, skim of snow _____ and misted rain.
- 13 Went to Bellevue, got letter from Farmers & Mechanic's Natl. Bk. Georgetown, D. C. with draft for \$28. Went to M. J. Corbin and endorsed the check and paid it and 4.93 cash on my bill for 1899 leaving me owing him 90. on it now.
- 14 Clear and mild. Almost like spring. Sunday. Ernest sent me a card announcing the marriage of Louisiana Grigsby Gibson to Bartlett Arkell New York Jan 1st.
- 15 At sunup 38°. Sent letter for Sally, got letter from Sally and postal card receipt from Co. Gentleman.
- 16 Went to Bellevue. Spring day. Went to Doll Walton's—he says to find if it pays to feed corn multiply 8 lbs. meat by the price per lb. and it will make the value of the corn per bushel—for example 8 lbs. x .04 = .32 cents for bus. Told him about his young cattle.
- 17 Misting rain all day. Got letter from Sue and from Mrs. Hart.
- 18 Cloudy and gloomy. Sent by Lou letter and photograph to Mrs. Hart. Went to Bellevue and think it misted rain—gloomy.
- 19 Rainy or misty raining hard straight.
- 20 Rained hard all night and till afternoon. Amy and Harriet came down.
- 21 Sunday. The girls went away after dinner. Sent by Harriet letter to Sally. Beautiful spring-like day.

- 22 At sunup 28° but turned out a lovely spring day again. Went to Rising Sun. River rising. Went to see Aunt Eliza &c. Got letter from cousin Mary Goodrich telling of Belle's engagement to John C. Breckenridge.
- 23 At sunup 34°. Sent letters to Julia and Ellen. Got T. D. Very mild. The jonquils have been up for days. Did n't write in this till 26th.
- 24 Joe and Jesse worked ½ day for me. Dick all day. They ran the noses of the shoats and pigs 57 then Joe and Jesse sawed walnut log in barn lot. Dick hauled manure. The girls went to Rising Sun. Spring day.
- 25 Turned cooler fast. Got letter from Sally.
- 26 At sunup 16° cold all day. Patty got letter from Sally. I got letter from Julia who was to leave for Florida to-day.
- 27 Did n't write in this till 31st. Cold &c. Sent letter to Sally I think.
- 28 Sunday. Turned colder, snowed.
- 29 4° above at sunup. Cold and windy.
- 30 At sunup 15°. Snowed again.
- 31 4° above again. Ellen went home and came up with the girls the 24th. Georgie brought Dick's book up and he worked 5 days the week ending the 23rd and 4 the week ending Jan 29. Got letter from Julia at Palm Beach. Cold and disagreeable all day. George brought note from Hilda.

February

- 1 At sunup 3° and a cold strong wind.
- 2 At sunup 23° and bright day. Sent letters to Sally for to-morrow's mail. Got copies of T—D. Turning warmer.
- 3 Mild bright and pleasant. Sent letter to Sarah, and postal to Co. Gen and paper T—D. to Sally. Lily and Flora came.
- 4 Sunday. Raining and rained nearly all day with flirts of snow sometimes.
- 5 Colder 29° at sunup. Turned warmer.
- 6 Cloudy and warmer. Very muddy.
- 7 Rained off and on hard at night.
- 8 Blew hard and rained hard both. Sent letter to Sally. Doll Walton came and gave me the measurements of the rock 17 per _____ 15 ft. and an order on R. A. Brady for 17.60 for it and I paid James Slayback who finished breaking it 4.28 in full.
- 9 Clear pleasant day. Went to Bellevue to the funeral of Mrs. Eva Drake.
- 10 Patty and Sally W. started for Cin. on the early boat. Sent letter to Julia. Heard and saw robins this morning. Yesterday got letter from Julia. Heard redbirds singing like spring. Got letter from Sally. Gave Harry order on Mike Corbin for 2.00. (paid 13th). Pleasant.
- 11 Sunday. Pleasant bright day.
- 12 Joe worked ½ day for me. Hauled manure out of yard and some wood from the walnut tree in barn lot. It rained and hard at night. Patty and Sally W. came home on the late boat.
- 13 Blew hard and rained early and was chilly. Went to Mr. Bob Brady's and got him to cash the order Doll Walton gave me (see 8th). Sent by Harry 2.00 to Mike Corbin and got order (see 10th).
- 14 At 7 A.M. 24° and chilly all day. Sent letter to Sally to Bellevue and one to Julia when the girls went to R. Sun.
- 15 Went up to see Ernest and to Bellevue. Turned colder with a keen wind.
- 16 At sunup 18° and cloudy. Sent by George letter to Belle R. Snowed late.

- 17 At sunup 3° and a skim of snow. Cold all day. Sent by George letter to Sally to Bellevue. Patty and Sally W. went to R. Sun on Swan. Got letter from Sally.
- 18 Sunday. 14° when I looked. Cold all day.
- 19 At sunup 9°. Frost on everything, beautiful.
- 20 Went to Burlington and to see Hilda. Went to Bank to see Mr. Revill—got him to cash a check of Patty's and paid for her the interest for 6 months on her note (see) and got him to renew it for 6 months. He gave me a new note which Patty and I signed and I gave it to Harry to take to P.O. in an envelope to Mr. Revill. Harry brought out a barrel of flour for me from Corbin's. It was much milder to-day. Pleasant.
- 21 Rained last night and off and on to-day, and raining at night again. Patty got letter from Sally. I got letter from Julia. She was going to Nassau again. Julia's brother in-law Mr. Whelpley died suddenly the 19th.
- 22 Disagreeable—misting rain and turning to snow sometimes and colder. Sent this evening letter to Julia and to Sue.
- 23 At sunup 28° bright and pleasant. Patty and Sally W. left on the noon boat, Patty on her way to St. Paul. Sent by Sally W. letter to Sally with 1.00. Got letter from Sally and note from Patty.
- 24 Snowing and blowing hard, 29° at sunup. Stopped snowing and turned colder at 8 P.M. 10° and blowing. Got note from Patty in Cin.
- 25 Sunday. At sunup 2° below 0. Clear and a keen wind blowing.
- 26 14° at sunup cloudy. Sent letters to Patty, Belle R. and to Sally W. with bills and list. Dick came in to settle up about his milking and feeding since Dec. 4, to now and he made it 6.00. Got letters from Patty in Chicago, from Sally W. and little Julia F.
- 27 14° at sunup, moderated at sundown to 28° and began to snow hard. Fanny Strader came to see me. Got letters from Sara, Susie Tew and Julia, who was back from Nassau. George went on his trip to Erlanger. Sarah inclosed a letter for Sally with check.
- 28 Sent this to Sally in letter of mine also letter to Sally W. with weights of meat, and letters to Patty with Ernest's, Sarah's and Susie's. At sunup 36. the snow last night did n't amount to much. Turned to rain and still raining steadily at night. Dick was going to Bellevue and brought out clover seed from Mike Corbin. 4 ½ bus. Sent by Dick letter to Sarah acknowledging her letter to Sally with check, see yesterday. Got postal from Patty in St. Paul and letter from Belle R. George brought me letter from Hilda.

March

- 1 Went over Harry's account and according to his statement about school time &c. I am now owing him 7.00 to Mar. 2nd. Very disagreeable day, raw and chilly. Sent letter to Julia & got one from Sally.
- 2 30° the same as yesterday. Very unpleasant, tried to snow off and on. Went to Bellevue to see Mike Corbin and the clover seed was 5.00 a bushel. Sent to Atlee Burpee a list of seeds and P.O. for 1.95 to pay for them. Sent letter to little Julia Foster and to Patty. Got one from Patty.
- 3 The first bright pleasant day since Patty left. Joe has not worked for me since she went. Dick worked sowing clover on wheat. Harry hauled two hog houses with the fattening pen and we put Dolly and Rover in it. Put the best Phipps sow in a stall. Went to ask about Milly H. and to Bellevue. Got letters from Julia, Belle H. and Sally W. Sent Harry down for shipping baskets, none to be found. Saw in to-day's Enq. the death of Bishop Maklon N. Gilbert of Miss. who married Sally and Frank. Nellie B. came to see about shoats.
- 4 Sunday—dull gloomy day.

- 5 Joe set in to work for me again. He began on the garden hedge, but by noon it was raining and still is at bedtime. Then Joe sorted or sprouted potatoes. Jesse worked too. Got letter from Sally.
- 6 Joe and Dick started to work on hedge, but it rained right off. They began after dinner and worked ½ day. When it quit raining, Harry took 2 trips to Bellevue. Brought out the baskets Sally W. said McCombs shipped. I sent letter to Sally.
- 7 Joe and Jesse worked at the garden hedge, finished putting on the wire 6 strands and tore down and rebuilt the cross piece of fence to the wine house. Dick sowed clover. Sent Harry down with Belle and Kitty to have some shoes replaced. Sent him to Mr. Huey's. Got letter from Patty saying they expected to start for N. York to-day. Sent letter to Patty to St. Paul. Did n't rain. George made the last trip for the girls to Erlanger, &c. Mr. Wm. Rogers came with a letter from Mr. Lassing about ins. George brought me a letter from Hilda.
- 8 Sold C. Burns 3 pigs for which he paid 5.00. Best Phipps sow has 10 pigs to-day. Got garden seed from Atlee Burpee. It was a bright pleasant day. Joe and Jesse worked at building fence in lane next field. Dick finished sowing clover and then hauled manure on watermelon ground. Sent by L. Burns letter to Patty care Sally, to Julia and Sally W.
- 9 30° at sunup. Dolly has 11 pigs. Pleasant and springlike most of the day. Towards evening rained. Joe and Jesse worked at fence in lane. Dick was hauling manure. Sent Harry for mail. Sent letter to Susie Tew. Sent by Harry the money to pay (paid by W. L. J. Sep. 23) Patty's bill 3.85 and he brought the receipt. Got birthday letters from Sally and Julia.
- 10 At sunup 38°. Heard doves cooing and later heard frogs. Joe and Jesse worked ½ day. Joe said he worked 5 days this week. Jesse, 4 ½. Lily and Frances came to call.
- 11 Sunday. Up to date Dick says he worked 14 days. Pleasant spring like day. Turned colder towards evening. Katy came over.
- 12 26° at sunup, chilly. Sent letter to Sally with one for Patty. Found Rover with 11 pigs, 7 living. The fool thing had them out in the cold instead of in the hog house. Went to Bellevue. Harry got 3 rolls of fence wire. Got letter from Patty at Hotel Netherland New York dated 10th. Joe cut garden hedge as Jesse was helping make plant beds. Mike said it was 24°.
- 13 Pleasant bright day. Mr. Mauer came to trim grape vines. Joe cut hedge.
- 14 Chilly cloudy and unpleasant. Mr. Mauer finished trimming vines. Sent by him letter to Isabella. Joe cut hedge and helped Mr. M. a little. Mr. Henderson came and I said I would take a book of him at 1.75.
- 15 30° at sunup and snow on the ground, light. Turned colder and snowed again after sundown. Joe said he cut hedge. Got letters from both Julias.
- 16 At sunup 14° and another skim of snow. Joe found Phipps sow with black spot in belt with 8 pigs, afterwards had a hog house hauled into fattening pen and the sow and pigs brought down. It was cold and the wind blew hard with gusts of snow. Joe worked, cut wood by garden hedge before noon, after that began to haul hedge. Jesse began to work at noon. I went to Bellevue. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Patty sailed on the St. Paul the 14th with the Hills, Sally saw her off, no wonder I hate to hear this wind blow. Settled with Minnie and paid her in full to the 12th 14.00.
- 17 8° at sunup. No one worked for me. A cold wind all day, horrible weather. Sent by Minnie letters to Patty & Sally. Got letter from Mary Callaghan a friend of Lizzie O'Reilly Wills and an embroidered skirt that Lizzie left me. Lizzie died Feb. 3rd may she rest in peace.
- 18 Sunday 32° at sunup. Cold wind.
- 19 Rained off and on almost all day. No one worked for me. Went to Bellevue. Took letter to Mr. Graham inclosing one to Mary Callaghan. Got letter from Julia Loving with letter and postal for Patty inclosed. Rained so I stopped at Mrs. Acra's. Saw a beautiful rainbow.

- 20 At sunup 30° cold wind and disagreeable. No one worked for me. Sent Harry to B. for Hilda but she could not come, she was in bed. Sent by him word to Mr. Smith about pigs. Sent letter to Mrs. Athey Cov. about letter she sent to Patty. Got letter from Julia.
- 21 24° at sunup. Sent kingbolt to be welded. Got notice from the F.& M. Natl. Bk. Wash. Mr. B. Walton came to see about line fence. Joe and Jesse worked getting out fence posts.
- 22 Isabella's birthday. Bless her life 14. Mr. John Smith came and got the 5 pigs of the listed gilt. Paid me 5.00. At sunup 31° and windy but sunny. Went to Bellevue. Put in P.O. letter to Isabella with 2.00. Got letter from Sally and note from Julia Loving inclosing letter to Patty from Louisiana Arkell. Went to see Miss Laura Moody. Joe and Jesse worked on fence up by the ranch [?] and towards Bee W.
- 23 Went to Burlington and brought Hilda home with me. Put in P.O. there letter to Sally and Louisiana Arkell. Got letter from Mrs. Athey Cov. Joe and Jesse worked at fence. Milder and some sunshine.
- 24 Went to Bellevue to take Hilda. Got letter from Sally saying the ship Patty sailed in had arrived the other side. Also letters from Julia and Fanny G. Joe and Jesse worked ½ day. Jesse said he worked this week and last together 4 days. Got book from Harriet Eckstein.
- 25 Sunday—rained a fine drizzling rain most of the day.
- 26 Sent by Harry letters to Patty, Fanny G. and Harriet Eckstein. Found the first turkey peas. Went to Bellevue, sent letters to Sally and Julia. Got one from Isabella. Joe and Jesse worked at wire fence. Chilly and raw.
- 27 Went to Mrs. Luly Walton's. Much milder. Joe and Jesse worked on wire fence. Got letter from Kate Willis Conner.
- 28 Got letter from Isabella. Joe and Jesse worked taking away old slat and wire fence &c. Cloudy and chilly, rained in the night.
- 29 Got letter from Susie Tew. Rained off and on all day. Sent letter to Kate Conner.
- 30 Joe West met with a bad accident from a tree falling on him. Dr. Furnish and Williamson came to attend to his case—thought he had broken the joint of his hip bone. Jesse was working with him getting out locust posts. Hilda went home. Harry took her and went to B. for doctor. Got letter from Fanny Gibbons. Very bad day, snowing off and on, chilly.
- 31 34° at sunup. Jesse says he worked 3 ½ days this week. Gave Dick Loudon order on Corbin for barrel of flour 3.90. Got letter from Julia.

April

- 1 28° at sunup, at Bellevue 26°. Sunday. Chilly day. Found more turkey peas in the woods. Dr. Furnish and Dr. Williamson came to see Joe again—decided that his hip bone is broken, the neck of the joint that works in the hip socket.
- 2 Chilly. Jesse worked—hailed posts and hedge brush and began to clean fence row next to Mr. Doll Walton. I went to Bellevue—got letter from Isabella and one from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. with draft for \$14. Sent letters to Patty and Sally early.
- 3 30° at sunup—ice on chicken water, very heavy fog. Turned pleasanter. Jesse worked—pulling down rail fence and grubbing fence row. Got letters from Sally and from Patty in London and from Julia.
- 4 Chilly, unpleasant day with keen wind. Got letters from Isabella and Ellen. Jesse worked, grubbed fence row and after dinner, ploughed in the garden.
- 5 Went to Rising Sun. At the bank got Mr. Perkins to cash the check for \$14.00 (see 2nd). Went to see Aunt Eliza—found her up and about as usual. Jesse worked. He ploughed in the garden and grubbed fence row. Warmer and stiller than yesterday.

- 6 At sunup 31° turned pleasant and felt like spring. Set out 7 peach trees up on the hill near graveyard, seedlings from peaches Harriet Eckstein brought me summer before last. Sent by Harry letter to Susie Tew and verbal order to Mike for clover. Jesse worked—ploughed a little in garden and over where Joe broke up last spring. Paid Harry in full to date 13.50.
- 7 Jesse ploughed ½ day. Says he worked 5 ½ days this week. Ellen came and brought me the Hoosier gobbler. Got note from Susie Tew and letter from Sally W. from Baltimore. Went to McVile for whiskey and to Mrs. Rice's and to Bellevue.
- 8 Sunday. Pleasant mild day—went to Mrs. Henderson's to see about turkey hen. Few flowers in the woods. Turkey peas on the wane, some others in bud.
- 9 Jesse took down my side meat and Harry packed it away. Jesse worked ploughing and harrowing. Ellen went home. Got letter from Sally. Dick's kitchen roof caught fire to-day but was fortunately seen and put out in time. It turned colder—chilly and cloudy and windy.
- 10 30° at sunup. Chilly and disagreeable. Jesse worked—hailed wood from back of the house. Got letter from Susie Tew. Sent letter to Ellen.
- 11 My beloved sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. Rained last night and raining cold. Poured off and on most of the day. No one worked for me. Went to McVile and Bellevue—got letter from Sally with one from Patty from London. Sent letter to Sally.
- 12 Susie Tew came on the late boat. I put in letter to Julia and got one from her. Jesse hauled wood. Very chilly and unpleasant.
- 13 Still chilly and bad. Jesse hauled broken rails from fence row.
- 14 Turned warmer and was right pleasant. Jesse worked ½—says he worked 4 ½ days this week. Ernest and Lily called.
- 15 Easter Sunday. Bright and pleasant.
- 16 Sprinkling and towards noon rained. Jesse worked before the rain in the garden. Planted onion sets and some radish seed. Got letter from Sarah.
- 17 Rained during the night, pouring to-day. Susie Tew went away on the early boat. Sent by her letter to Sally inclosing Sarah's.
- 18 Rained hard last night and showers, this morning turned clear. The grass is fast turning green and the country looks like spring. Jesse worked—hailed pieces of rails and some manure to peach trees, &c. Got letters from Patty in Paris No. 92 Champs Elysees inclosing letters from cousin Gilbert Kennedy also letters from buddy and Sue and Festival programme from Julia. One came for Susie T. which I sent back by Rose.
- 19 Pretty bright day. Jesse worked ½ day in the front yard, helping with rose vines, &c.
- 20 Cloudy and windy and cooler. Jesse worked ½ day in garden—planted peas, Valentine beans, lettuce, beets. Had the noses rung of Dolly, Rover and the big Phipps sow. Rained after noon.
- 21 Jesse says he worked 2 ½ days this week.
- 22 Sunday. Did n't write in this till 30th like a simpleton.
- 23 Went to Burlington—dined at Hilda's and went to see Mr. Lassing about insurance. Jesse worked for me ½ day ploughing Joe's garden.
- 24 Jesse worked ½ day for me in my garden had to quit with a sore hand. Went to Bellevue and McVile. Got telegram from Frank saying Sally was coming.
- 25 Sally came on the P.M. boat. Lovely weather this week. Fruit trees in full bloom.

- 27 Went to Ernest's with Sally. Got insurance policy from Mr. Lassing—it insures in the Phil. Fire Ass. the home for \$2500 for 5 years from April 2. For \$56.25, which I am to pay Mr. Lassing. (paid June 16th). Got photograph of Belle Goodrich.

- 28 Took Sally to Burlington—dined at Hilda's. Took the insurance policy to Mr. Revill and he said he would put it in the safe. Got letter from Julia yesterday I think.
- 29 Sunday. Ernest, Lily and Frances came and dined. Lovely weather still.
- 30 Bright and pleasant. Turned cooler. We went to Bellevue and McVile. Got letters from Patty in Paris.

May

- 1 Another beautiful bright day. We heard the whip-poor-will this evening and I heard it before Thursday. Sent Harry round hunting turkey eggs, could n't get any.
- 2 Sally and I went to R. Sun. It was warm and looked like rain. I planted watermelon and musk melon seeds. Sent letter to Patty.
- 3 Bright but cooler.
- 4 Mr. Henderson came and I paid him 1.75 for the book I got. Sally went away on the early boat the Swan. Colder with a chilly wind, feels like frost. Hilda came down. Paid Minnie in full to Apl. 30.
- 5 Warmer and bright, getting dusty. Charlie Burns came and worked—he hung gate in sheep cellar, made 3 chicken coops, &c. Doll Walton came and said he had ten young cattle coming two years old and I said I would pasture them conditionally at .75 a head. Dick says he worked my team 5 ½ days this week and 2 last. Got postal from Sally from Cin. Ellen came up on the noon boat.
- 6 Sunday, warmer with sprinkles and later it rained a good shower. Hilda went home.
- 7 Did n't write in this till the 15th. Went to Cin. on the noon boat and by the big 4 to Julia's—stayed there to go to the Festival. Minnie stopped work a week.
- 8 There was a hard rain after noon with thunder and some hail and it poured down at night too. First night of the Festival.
- 9 Went in town to see Amy, Mrs. Woolley, &c. Got box from Sally by ex. and two letters from her. Stayed the rest of the week with Julia and went to the 7 concerts of the Festival. It turned right cool after the rain and was cool till Sat. They had this rain at home too. Sally sent me a letter with one from Patty in Paris of Apl. 30th. I sent Sally some letters at different times during my visit.
- 12 Joe says Mr. Doll Walton put 10 head of cattle on my pasture. Jesse says he worked 1 day for me putting in corn.
- 13 Sunday. Came down on the City of Cincinnati, got home after 12 __. Everything grown and beautiful weather lovely. Home safe thank Heaven. Peaches on many of the trees also some cherries and plums, grapes in bud.
- 14 Minnie came back to work after the week she stopped during my absence. Went to Bellevue and to McVile. Harry said he ploughed Joe's potatoes Sat. Hot 90° in Bellevue.
- 15 Sent Harry to see about the cow. The cow they call Lucy has a calf a heifer red with white face. Ellen went home on the Swan. Sent by her letter to Julia. Got one from Sally. Had Alan's hind shoes reset and his front shoes put on new. Set out dwarf tomato plants.
- 16 Did n't write in this till 18th. Began to clean house took up dining room carpet first. Went to McVile and to Bellevue to a wedding. Miss Grace Rogers was married to Mr. Forrest Brown of Gallatin by Rev. Hoover in the Baptist Church about 8 P.M. Pretty warm evening. Got letter from Julia. Cleaned storeroom.
- 17 Cleaned house and went around to see about Will Rice's hogs and for George Coons. Set out row of large tomatoes. Sent letter to Sally. Planted muskmelons.

- 18 George Coons came and cleaned chimney. I put one foot through the ceiling in Patty's room while hunting for something in the garret. Had a good shower about sundown. We continued to clean house. Rained at night a good soaking rain.
- 19 Blanche has a heifer calf white and red with white head. I set out another row of large tomatoes. Did n't write in this again till the 23rd. Rained again this evening I think.
- 20 Sunday. Bright pretty day.
- 21 Cleaning house again. Dick attended to 14 pigs. Took up the company room carpet &c. Got note from E.
- 22 Went up to dine at Ernest's to meet Mrs. Ed Grant and Frank and Ed. Came home by Bellevue, got letter from Mr. Graham and from Mr. Lassing with another insurance paper. Cool and bright.
- 23 Put the dining room carpet down. Got letter from Sally. Rained again after 4 P.M. Hoed my melons—had only worked them with the trowel before. Set out most of another row of Matchless tomatoes. Continued to rain at night.
- 24 Good tobacco season. Dick and Jesse set out some in new ground. I finished setting out my tomatoes. We cleaned house. I put down the carpet in the company front room and we cleaned the room back of it.
- 25 Went to Mr. Bob Brady's to see about sending cattle up there. Sent 3 head, the Jersey heifer that was sent to Mr. B Walton's, Louise's heifer (which I named Louise) and the line back young cow. Jesse and Harry took them up to leave. Jesse was gone under two hours. I worked in the garden, Harry helping. Planted some bush lima beans, some Thorburn's cucumbers. Harry planted some Burpee's bunch beans and I hoed, &c. Beautiful day.
- 26 Went to Burlington and Hilda went with me to see Mr. John Lassing. I got from Mr. Revill the policy in the Phil. Fire. Ass. (see April 27 and 28) and gave it to Mr. Lassing. He said that company wished to cancel the policy and he would get me one on the same terms in a company equally good so I had to leave it to him. He promised to have it made out and give it to Mr. Revill. Hilda lent me \$25. Paid June 16th. She came home with me. I put in the Burlington P.O. letter for Sally. We went to Bellevue and I got letter from Sally and from Patty in Paris saying they did not expect to sail till June 2nd. Beautiful bright day.
- 27 Sunday. Another beautiful day. Hilda went home this evening with Mr. Lassing. After 8 P.M. rained hard, with thunder and lightening [sic].
- 28 Eclipse of the sun—partial here. It rained and was so cloudy that I only saw a little of the eclipse. It seemed chilly after the rain. Harry cleaned the pantry. Rained during night.
- 29 Went to Bellevue and to Mr. Setter's, got 400 sweet potatoes and Harry set them out. Also fixed fence again on account of pigs. Rained. I think it was this evening Ernest and Lily stopped by.
- 30 Rained off and on. Harry got up the 4 sows and their pigs and put them in the kitchen lot.
- 31 Rained again off and on. Dick set out tobacco in the sand field in front of the yard. The seeds I planted Friday are up and coming up. Got letter from Sally.

June

- 1 Raining of course—showers off and on. A man named George Wells, who is buying for a man over the river came and bought 3 sows Rover and the 2 Phipps sows and 26 pigs for \$46.00. He is to send me the money by Mr. Bob Brady who was with him. I also sold Mr. Wells my stock hogs 40.00 upward for 4 ½ all round. Mr. Bob Brady brought me the money.
- 2 Sent by Dick to R. Sun letters to Julia and to Sally inclosing letter for Patty from Fanny Gibbons. Got letter from Patty saying she expected to sail to-day.
- 3 Sunday

- 4 Charlie Burns came out and worked. He patched plaster of ceiling tinkered furniture, &c. and made 3 chicken coops. He used one elm board said it was 8 1/3 ft. Mr. Will Gibson came by to offer barb wire at 3.25 at Bellevue. Gave Charlie Burns 5.00 to get some iron roofing &c. and for his pay. Sun shone out—pleasant day.
- 5 Cloudy morning but cleared, warmer. Minnie cleaned out my room. Harry planted in the garden. I hoed tomatoes, sweet potatoes, &c. The man did n't come for the hogs and I had them turned out.
- 6 Mr. George Wells came for the hogs. We got them up and what we got to the scales, Mr. Clore's scales weighted 4965 lbs. and at 4 1/2 came to \$223.42. at Mr. Henry Clore's in his presence, Mr. Wells endorsed a note of R.O. Conaway for \$200.00 on the Bank of Dillsboro and gave me with 23.40 cash in full. After we got home we found they had left in the lot a young sow, Dolly's pig, Harry says, and he turned it into the stock hogs' pen. I saw another hog in the rye field this evening and ____ hunt up those that escaped. Stopped at Betty Rice's during the rain. It rained hard again this evening. I set out more eggplants and cayenne and mango peppers. Got letter from Sally saying Patty was to sail on the St. Louis the 2nd. Also got letter from Belle Raymond.
- 7 Sent letter to Patty by Harry early. The hog I saw was the sow we turned out of the fattening pen that had 5 pigs. She came up and was put in the lot. Went to Rising Sun and at the Bank got Mr. Perkins to cash the check for 200.00. that Mr. George Wells gave me yesterday. On the way home I paid Mr. J. Corbin the \$80 balance on my bill there for 1899 and he receipted the bill. Looked like a storm—thundered, &c. but only sprinkled about dusk rained lightly. Harry set out 50 more s. potato plants. Got letters from Julia and Sally Woolley. Went to see Ellen and Aunt Eliza.
- 8 Harry worked cleaning Patty's room and took Cy down and got him shod. George came over to pack the hams Sally W. wanted sent to-day. I cleaned house and worked in garden—hoed and replanted lima beans and okra, hoed melons, &c. Settled with Harry and paid him in full to date. Warmer. Got letter from Patty in Paris saying she had heard Isabella had had measles.
- 9 Sent letters to Isabella and Sally W. Put down the carpet in Patty's room. George came and took the barrel of hams to Erlanger to send to Mrs. Payne. I gave him the 2.00 Sally W. sent for him. George brought me 1.25 for side meat he sold—also took 1 side himself 10 lbs. at 8 1/2 which he did n't pay.
- 10 Sunday. Warm, bright day.
- 11 Got letter from Patty in N. J. She arrived there thank Heaven safe and well Sat. the 9th and Sally met her. Sent for Ellen but she did n't come. Joe worked to-day the first time since his accident March 30th. He cut weeds and hoed, &c. Dick harrowed & laid off the ground for corn in the garden and then worked by himself. Harry ploughed in the garden and I worked hard, too. Planted cucumbers, big and little butter beans. Joe planted sweet corn and beans, some squash Mr. Foster gave me, California Squash, &c. Cymbblings, too and the garden is clean. Sent Harry to Mr. Brady's for the three cows—he brought this memorandum.

Red cow (line back)	May 27
Jersey heifer	May 29 th
Spotted (Louise)	June 9 th

Turned the two young sows out of the stock hog pen. Hot to-day and thundered—but only sprinkled a little. Minnie took up the matting in the passage upstairs.
- 12 Clear and warm. Joe worked—hauled manure and ashes out and cut weeds in my piece of corn that Harry ploughed. Mr. Clutterbuck came and bought 35 lbs. of the girls' side meat at .08 and paid me the 2.80. Cleaned at Hilda's room.

- 13 Charlie Burns came out and worked. Put fly screens at windows and screen doors in the kitchen and tinkered up things as usual. Joe worked—finished chopping weeds in corn, mowed weeds and fixed up fence next to Mrs. Annie Rice's line. Dick had Cy to plough this week till noon to-day. Harry turned Dolly in stock pen. Harry went down for screen doors iron roofing, &c.
- 14 Charlie came out to work again. Sent Harry down for boxes—sent letter to Sally. Got letters from Sally and Isabella. Settled with C. Burns (see 4th). He paid for material &c. 2.85 and his work 3 days and making screen doors came to 3.50 total 6.35 so I pd him 1.35 in full. Joe worked cutting weeds in vineyard and helping Charlie. Had a good shower at noon. Katy came over this evening. Rained a little late.
- 15 Cloudy all day and cooler. Joe did n't work for me. Let Dick Loudon have 5.00 to pay hands—he said he would return it. Cleaned house—worked in Isabella's room and passage. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Buddy. Settled with Minnie in full to 18th. Harry turned Dolly out of stock pen yesterday. Mr. Williamson turned in the lot of the 10 head of Doll Walton's cattle that got out.
- 16 Put the matting down in the upstairs passage. Went to Burlington to Bank. Got Mr. Arthur Rouse to take for Mr. John Lassing 56.25 for the insurance (see May 26th). Also gave him 25. to put to the credit of I. H. Brady and left as deposit \$75. Mr. Rouse gave me certificates for all and I gave hers to Hilda. She came home with me. Got letter from Patty.
- 17 Sunday. Beautiful day. Ernest and Lily came down to call with Frances.
- 18 Joe ploughed my piece of corn. We cleaned the parlor. Cool, lovely day.
- 19 Joe ploughed in the garden and cut weeds in the vineyard. We cleaned the big passage. Mr. Bob Brady came for Hilda to take her out to Burlington. Another cool, bright day.
- 20 Joe went to Bellevue to get king bolt made, ground knives and after dinner cut some clover in sand field. I got letter from Sally. Cloudy.
- 21 Joe worked in the garden and cut briars round my patch of field corn. He planted more sweet corn, hoed stuck tomatoes, &c. Had poles cut and put around some tomatoes. Cloudy and windy this morning. Mr. Stevens (Jonas?) the census man came.
- 22 Began to rain after breakfast. Had Dolly's 8 pigs turned out of the lot. George got a side 10 lbs. of the girls'. Rained off and on. Joe tinkered with the down hay and cut some weeds. Went to Bellevue and McVile. Put in P.O. letters to Sally and Belle Raymond. Got letter from Patty in St. Paul.
- 23 Sent Harry down for 2 sacks of ship stuff Roll Aiken got for me. Got letter from Sally. Mr. Setters came to cut some of the wheat. Let Dick have one ball of twine. Joe worked ½ day, planted the last sweet corn and cut weeds. Threatened rain—sprinkles.
- 24 Sunday. Hot day. Looked like rain, sprinkled. Went to look at young buzzards.
- 25 Joe, Dick and Jesse got in the clover that was cut in rye field 5 loads. Sent Harry for Ellen but she did n't come. Worked again in tomatoes. Went up to Ernest's to hear about the accident. He, Lily and Frances were all on the Dick Brown that was wrecked Sat. about 6 P.M. near Riverside, and escaped. Emma, Dick Porter and little Jenny were on board, too. Saved. The country looked beautiful, river view shower rainbow and all. Hot day, rained after dark. Put in P.O. in Bellevue letter for Patty from Cousin Mary Goodrich. Dick said he and Jesse worked ¾ of a day.
- 26 Joe ploughed my pieces of corn till it rained. Good showers. I worked again at tomatoes. Sent Kitty to have her shod. Got telegram from Sally saying she expected to come on the early Swan Thursday, also letters from Patty & Julia. Hot yesterday and to-day.
- 27 Went to Bellevue and to McVile to tell Cap. A. to wait for Sally. Got letter from Cousin Belle saying she expected to come Sat. and from M. J. Seward R.S. bill for Aunt Eliza's coal. Hot

and showers. Put in P.O. letters to Patty and Julia. Pd. Mr. Bickle's bill 6.65 and got it receipted.

- 28 Did n't write in this till July 3 and never will get things straight. Went down for Sally who was to come on the Swan but did n't because Roll did n't wait for the train. Later she came in a skiff. Ellen who came up on the Swan came out with her.
- 29 Went up to Aurora and took Ellen to Dr. H.H. Sutton. Sent Harry out for Hilda who came. Hottest day so far, in Bellevue, extremely sultry. Rained a little after dark and turned cool.
- 30 The unforgotten day sister Belle died. Thought of it as I always do. Went to the river for Cousin Belle who came partly on the Swan and the rest in a skiff. Joe did n't work for me. Got letter from Julia. Joe said he worked 5 days this week.

July

- 1 Sunday. Went with Hilda to plant the Japanese Ivy that Sally W. sent by her valet. Sent letters to the 3 banks. Got letter from Natl. Bk. of Wash. with draft for \$75 and from Natl. Metropolitan Bank with draft for \$14, also letter from Sally Woolley.
- 2 Mrs. Ed and Mrs. Horace Grant and Miss Burnett came to call in the evening. Harry took Hilda home. Rained good showers after breakfast. Joe worked hauling rails and fixing the fence next the Arnold's in the big pasture and cutting weeds. Sally got letter from Patty.
- 3 Went to Rising Sun to Bank. Mr. Perkins was gone but I got a draft Cousin Belle brought me for \$250, a present from her changed for a draft on Western National Bank New York payable to Charles E. Flandrau, signed S. Beymer Pres. Got the 2 checks (see 2nd) for \$75 and \$14 cashed. Pd Aunt Eliza's bills ____ 21.75, M. I. Seward 9.00 and paid Gibson's 33.10 for 1000 lbs barb wire and .60 staples. Also paid W. W. Grant in full to date 3.50. Very hot and sultry, 98° in Bellevue.
- 4 Very hot again. Joe worked in garden and making ____ &c.
- 5 Went to Bellevue and gave O. Grant a letter to brother Charlie inclosing the draft on New York that I got in Rising Sun (see 3rd). Later sent letters to Patty and to Natl. Bk. Wash acknowledging receipt of draft (see 2nd). Joe worked. Very hot.
- 6 Very sultry. Joe worked in the garden and painted iron roof, &c.
- 7 Hot but breezy. Went with Belle to Burlington—spent the day at Hilda's. Got letter from Farmers Mechanics Natl. Bk. Georgetown with draft on Gallatin Natl. Bk. for \$56. Rained at night. Did n't write in this again till the 10th.
- 8 Sunday—turned much cooler.
- 9 Sent for Ellen who came. Joe cut hay and ploughed corn. Got letter from brother Charlie saying he received the draft for \$250 (see 3rd and 5th) also letter from Patty. Belle, Sally and I went to Ernest's to call. Dick cut 10 bus. corn for me.
- 10 Went to Aurora with Ellen to take her to see Dr. H. H. Sutton again. Went to the bank and got my draft for \$56 cashed (see 7th). Left with Mr. Acra 1.00 for Mr. Lavell to finish paying for 10 bus. corn Dick got yesterday for which I had given him 4.00 for m 10 bus. Cool pleasant day. Joe ploughed corn and got in 2 loads of hay. Jesse helping and went to Bellevue for 5 rolls barb wire that Gibson had sent down.
- 11 Ernest and Lily stopped to say they could n't spend the day on account of thrashers. Joe worked—ploughed in the garden and cut weeds around graveyard and elsewhere. Got letter from Patty. Still cool and pleasant.
- 12 The thrashers came and thrashed the little dab of wheat 41 bus. Joe helped and helped at other places. I went to meet Mrs. Rice (Annie) who sent her son instead and Will Rice to see about line fence.

- 13 Sally went away on the noon boat expecting to meet Frank at Utica and go to Murray Bay. Got postal from Gibson's about wire. Sent Harry for Hilda who came with Betty Rice but took the latter home. Turned warmer.
- 14 Joe cut weeds ½ day—said he worked 5½ days this week. Let Dick have my stock hog for which he is to pay \$10.
- 15 Sunday. Hot day. Hilda went home after dinner.
- 16 Hot. Between 2 and 3 P.M. had a fine hard rain. Joe and Jesse began to work getting out fence posts I think. Got letter from Patty saying she and the rest expected to be down on the Wed. morning boat.
- 17 Did n't write in this till the 22nd. Ellen came up on the noon boat. Harry took Patty's horses down to be shod.
- 18 Patty, Isabella, Julia Loving and her niece Julia Harris came on the ten A.M. boat.
- 19 I took Ellen to Aurora again to see Dr. H. H. Sutton. It rained off and on.
- 20 I worked making jelly all day. Hot.
- 21 Jesse says he worked 4 days this week. Joe worked days. Got letter from Sally at Quebec. Have had another from Montreal and a postal this week. Got letter from Julia. Still warm and humid.
- 22 Sunday—did n't write in this till Aug. 1st and can't get things straight again.
- 23 Joe worked mowing the yard.

- 25 Rained most of the day, hard.
- 26 This week was making jelly and jam. Blackberries are ripe. Got letter from Sally at Murray Bay I think to-day.
- 27 Went to Burlington with Belle to dine at Hilda's. Put letter to Sally in P.O. Joe worked in the yard I think.
- 28 Joe says he worked 4 ½ days.
- 29 Sunday. Ernest and family came to spend the day. It poured down rain while we were at dinner.
- 30 Joe and Jesse worked on the fence next Bee Walton's and he came to show me about the line. Cooler since the rain.
- 31 Belle went away on the noon boat. Patty went to Aurora with her. Got letter from Julia. Mr. Birkle shod Alan and put a shoe on Kitty. Cool this morning early. Joe was working on the fence and helped Will Rice thresh a while. Jesse too, I think. I paid Mike Corbin .80 freight bills on the wire Gibson was to deliver free of freight at Bellevue.

August

- 1 It is 5 years since Tilden died. May he rest in peace. Warmer but still pleasant. Got letter from Sally at Quebec on their return to N. York occasioned by the death of Mr. O'Hare's sister Mrs. _____ in London. Joe said he was going to work on the road.
- 2 Warm. Had a rain with very heavy thunder and lightning before noon. Patty and Isabella went on the noon boat on their way to Cin. Sent by Patty letters to Sally and to Miss Charlotte Hill. Got letter from Sally in N. York Monday. Joe said he worked cleaning fence row.
- 3 Last night very heavy thunder and some rain. This morning early, too. Cleared. Hot. Joe worked on fence row. Went to Bellevue. Did n't write in this again till 8th.
- 4 Very hot. Jesse says he worked 1 ½ days this week. Joe worked 4 ½. Mrs. Susie Walton Ryle and three children came. Very hot day.
- 5 Sunday. Another oppressive day.

- 6 Joe did n't work—went to primary election. Harry went up for Patty and Isabella who came on the late train from Lex. Hot day, sultry.
- 7 Joe worked on fence and went down for coal oil barrel, &c. and had the work horses shoes reset. Very hot.
- 8 Went to Mr. Morton Green's funeral. Mr. Charles Ames and Margaret came on the early boat from St. Paul. Joe worked, hauled some rock I think and worked on fence row. Got letter from Belle Raymond. Hot.
- 9 Joe went up with Dick to take my wheat to Belden's Mill. Mine came to 21 bus. 15 lbs. and Dick brought me a check for that for Julia Gilsmore! Mr. Ames went away. Got telegram from Sally yesterday. Got letter from Mrs. Woolley with inclosure for Patty and to-day she came on the evening boat from N. Y. Got note from Ellen.
- 10 Joe sowed turnip seed in the garden. He worked, hung gate, &c. I went to R. Sun. Paid Gibson balance on wire 2.17. Sent to P.O. letter to Mr. Ben Belden inclosing check to be replaced. Very hot over 100° in Bellevue they say. Went to see Ellen. At night Amy Campbell came with a Miss Henry and a Miss Whittaker.
- 11 Joe said he would take Blanche cow to Mr. Brady's. He worked 4 ½ days this week. We all went on a picnic to the cliffs to amuse the company. Very hot. Got letter from Mr. Ames.
- 12 Sunday. Very hot. About 4 P.M. rained and later with beautiful rainbow at sundown. Amy and Miss Henry and Miss Whittaker left after the first shower.
- 13 Rained part of the day. Joe said he would cut briers in corn. Sent for Ellen who came up later. Harry brought out boxes of candles and Lenox soap. Went to see Mr. Hunt.
- 14 My big baby's birthday. Lord love her life. Went to Aurora to take Ellen. Did n't see Dr. Sutton. Thunder storm with rain and wind. Joe said he cut weeds.
- 15 Very hot. Thunder and showers, the lightning very vivid. Joe cut briers.
- 16 Very hot, sprinkles. Joe cut briers. Got letters from Lucy J. and Miss Anne Lawson Henry and Miss Mary Whittaker.
- 17 The day of my beloved mother's death. Lord love her sweet soul. Hotter than usual—thundered off and on all day with a few sprinkles. Joe cut briers on cherry hill.
- 18 Mr. Fred came and said he had been cutting weeds in big pasture. I paid him in full 1.65. Did n't write in this again till the 22nd. Joe said he worked 5 ½ days. Very hot.
- 19 Sunday. Still hot as pepper.
- 20 Patty and Sally went out to see Hilda who was gone to Carrollton. Patty went to Bank to renew her note. She brought a new one back. Joe cut briers.
- 21 I signed the note for Patty, the one for 200 for her to send Mr. Revill. Joe cut briers and took boards off shed by office and put them in the garret. Hot. A thunder shower, right good rain.
- 22 Got letter from Mrs. Wetherill saying May is to be married Sep. 29th to Dr. B. F. Van Meter of Lexington. Joe worked cutting briers. Very hot. Got letter from Julia.
- 23 Still hot. Joe cutting briers. Got letter from Julia.
- 24 Papa's birthday. Lord love his soul. Dick let me have \$25 watermelon money. Went to Bellevue. Sent letter to Mrs. Wetherill. Frank Cutcheon came. Dick brought me 22.75 watermelon money this evening. Think Joe worked ½ day.
- 25 No one worked for me—all gone to the Fair. Joe worked 4 days this week. Very hot, rained hard about sundown and after. Ernest stopped by.
- 26 Sunday—hot. Rained after dark again.
- 25 Sally and Frank went away on the noon boat. I did n't write in my book till too late to get things right.
- 27 Hot day. Patty went to Burlington. Joe cut weeds.

- 28 I went to R. Sun to see Ellen. Got letter from Belle Raymond. Joe cut grass in the yard, &c. Very hot day.
- 29 Will Rice brought me a check from Mr. Ben Belden for 14.90 (see 10th). Did n't write in this again till Sep. 1st. Think Joe cut briars.
- 30 Joe cut briars till noon then helped Jesse cut tobacco. We all went to Ernest's. Patty and I went to Bellevue on our way home. I got letters from Sally. Patty got letter from Charlie saying that on Monday buddy was found on his porch unconscious having fallen out of his steamer chair and remained unconscious for 25 minutes. Still very hot.
- 31 Patty went to Aurora on the early boat expecting to go to St. Paul, but got favorable news from Charlie and came home on the noon boat. Very hot. Sent Harry up for Hilda who came down. Joe helped Jesse. I sent letter to Sally by Patty.

September

- 1 Dick brought me 9.00 melon money. Patty got still better news from Charlie. Joe worked ½ day helping Jesse. He worked 5 ½ days this week, 2 of them for Jesse. Very hot yet. Sent letter to Sue.
- 2 Sunday. Hilda went home. Hot day.
- 3 Very hot. Joe worked helping Jesse in tobacco. Ellen came up on the early boat.
- 4 Went up to Aurora again with Ellen and took her to see Dr. Sutton. Went to Bank and got Mr. Davis to cash the draft for 14.90 (see Aug. 29). Not quite as hot. Patty got letter from her father. Joe helped cut tobacco.
- 5 Ernest Grant came this evening. I paid him 12.50 the subscription I promised to the Woolper Bridge and Patty gave him her check for the same amount. Joe helped in the tobacco. Did n't write in this again till 10th.
- 6 Joe helped Jesse in tobacco. Either to-day or to-morrow got letter from Belle clipping about Mary C. Hot. Still parching hot. Joe helped in Jesse's tobacco.
- 7 Went up on the noon boat to take Ellen to Dr. H. H. Sutton again and she came home with me. Very hot. Joe said he worked 6 days this week, 5½ helping Jesse and ½ helping Dick. Put in Aurora letters to buddy & Sally.
- 8 They say it was 100° in Bellevue. Dick says he took his hog out.
- 9 Sunday—my Mother's birthday. Lord love her soul. Very hot.
- 10 My sister's birthday. Lord love her. Very hot, sultry.
- 11 Blew all day like Dakota. Got letters from Julia and Sue.
- 12 Went to see Hilda to find to find out about her news from Galveston after the horrible storm and tidal wave of Sat. 8th—she had n't heard.
- 13 Sent the 2 heifers and young cow back to Mr. Brady's. Got letters from buddy and Sally.
- 14 Sent letter to Sally. Joe cut corn. Patty had box sent to Cousin Belle—hams.
- 15 Patty went to Burlington for Hilda but she was not at home and came later. We saw in to-day's Enquirer that her three cousins Mrs. Barnard and Miss Emma Hubbell and Miss Maggie were dead in Galveston, storm victims. Harry brought back one of the yearling heifers from Doll Walton's pasture. Patty got a letter from Mrs. Brown. Joe said he worked 5 ½ days this week, 1 of the days for Dick in tobacco. He finished cutting my piece of corn—made 50 shocks he said. Turned cooler—60° about sunup.
- 16 Sunday—cooler.
- 17 45° at sunup, cool all day. Patty took Hilda home. Patty got letter from Mr. Graham about coming. Joe cut corn in Dick's corn beyond the creek.
- 18 55° at sunup and cloudy. Got letter from Julia. Every thing looks like fall. Corn is drying up fast and grass too. Let Dick have 5 lbs. twine ball. Joe cut corn.

- 19 56° at sunup. Sent letter to Julia. Joe took Blanche to Mr. Brady's again. He cut corn. Mr. Graham came from Aurora. Sprinkled after dark.
 - 20 Raining a little. Joe worked ½ day cutting corn. Mr. Graham went away—Patty went with him to Cin.
 - 21 Sent letter to Mrs. Brown, and later to May Wetherill. Got note from Patty. Joe cut corn.
 - 22 Joe worked for himself. Patty and Sally Wooley came. Ernest and Lily called.
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- 26 Joe drove the wagon with the baggage to the early boat. I got a barrel of flour and a barrel of salt and he got a barrel of flour at Corbin's. He afterwards worked for himself digging potatoes in the garden. Harry took May, Becky and Belle to have their shoes taken off. I got letters from Patty, Sally and from Jimmy Dinsmore. Hot as pepper again.
 - 27 Went to meet with early Swan—sent by Cap. Aikin Patty's two saddles to be sent by Ex. to her, also letter to Jimmy D. to be put in Aurora P.O. Put in the Bellevue P.O. Sally's book and letter to Julia. Got Aunt Nancy's whisky. Went to Mr. Roger's to see about seed wheat. Left word. Joe dug his potatoes. Hot as 'Toba' again.
 - 28 The young gilt has 3 pigs. Cooler, very pleasant. Joe worked for himself digging potatoes. Uncle John's Jimmy Dinsmore came on the early boat. He lives in Hebron, Nebraska. Later I went with him out to see Hilda.
 - 29 Dick brought me some White Star potatoes. Joe worked for himself. Rained a good shower about 11 A.M. Jimmy D. left on the noon boat. The sow that had 5 pigs before had 3 pigs. Cooler. Got two letters from Patty and one from Sally and from Sarah.
 - 30 Sunday. Cool, bright and beautiful.

October

- 1 Sent Joe after seed wheat that I engaged of Mr. James Rogers at 1.00 a bushel. He brought 31 bus. 14 lbs. Jesse brought me some more White Star potatoes. Sent by Lou letter to Patty and another with her cuff buttons one to Sally and one to Belle Raymond, with receipt for her box. Harry started to school to-day. Joe delivered my half of the potatoes he raised in the garden. He worked ½ day for me. Bright, pleasant day. Got letter from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. with draft for 14.00 also letter from Patty saying the saddles had come.
- 2 Went after Hilda who came home with me. Joe cut fodder, cleaned out springs, &c.
- 3 Went to R. Sun to Bank and got Mr. Perkins to cash the draft for \$14 (see 1st). Went to Gibson's and got a cistern chain wheel and a sack of timothy seed on credit 7.60. Paid Bennett for mending harness 2.00. Ellen came home with me (pd. Dec. 8th). May Wetherill's marriage cards came for Patty and me. Joe cut garden fodder and jimson weeds.
- 4 Got letters from Sally and Belle R. with photographs from the latter. Went on the Swan to Aurora and took the train for Louisville to visit Mrs. Brown. Got there about dusk. Warm as summer. Minnie left.
- 5 Mike Corbin says it was 95° in Bellevue to-day. I did n't keep any memoranda of things in Louisville. Think Mrs. Ed. Grant called to see me. I sent postals to the children and Hilda of course.
- 6 Went to take supper and spend the evening at Judge Burnett's, the parents of Mrs. Ed Grant. It rained. Rose West began to work for me.
- 7 Sunday. Rained hard, turned cooler.
- 8 Think Mrs. Horace Grant came to call and Mrs. Brown's kin.
- 9 Mrs. Brown took me to lunch at Mrs. Thruston Ballard's beautiful country home, fine river views, &c. Joe says he took Siegra away.

- 10 Went to Versailles. Lewis Johnstone met me and took me to Sumner's Forest and in Versailles to see Ridie Tevis (Mrs. Field). Lucy said her mother and Joe started south last Sunday 7th. Beautiful day, country lovely. Miss Ruth Ferlice Fortin of N. O. at Lucy's.
- 11 Sent note to Mrs. Brown and postals to Sally Johnstone Tevis and her two children Henry and Elinor came with Miss Simons to Lucy's.
- 12 Went to Ridie's to stay all night. Susie Camden came to see me. Sent letter to Hilda.
- 13 Ridie took me to Spring Hill to see Susie and Mrs. Hart and the new house the Camdens are building on the old site. Lucy came and took me back with her. Perfectly beautiful weather. Joe says he was sick part of this week and only worked 3 days, worked days last week.
- 14 Sunday. I got a letter from Patty at Sumner's Forest one day. 81° in Bellevue Mike says.
- 15 Lucy took me up to Lex. to the depot and put me on the cars. The drive was beautiful and very pleasant, weather perfect. Came to Erlanger and got the omnibus for Burlington. Met Hilda in Burlington who had gone up with Harry. She told me that Minnie left the day I did the 4th and that Rose began to work for me Saturday the 6th. I got home to dinner, so thankful for a home to come to. Found letters from Julia, Sally Woolley, Margaret Ames and Cousin Jimmy. Dick Loudon said he finished sowing wheat and that he got ½ bus. from Al Rogers and 1 ½ bus. from Will Arnold to finish out. Joe Sent by Lucy postals to the children.
- 16 Sent postal to Sally and remailed a letter to Patty. Joe and Jesse finished putting wire on the fence next to Mr. Bee Walton's and hauled rails from fence row. Harry dug sweet potatoes.
- 17 At sunup 38° and frost, the first I have seen this fall. It bit the pumpkin vines and tobacco suckers a little. Harry says there was a slight frost while I was gone but it did n't leave any sign. Joe and Jesse worked; they pulled down old fence on the pike, grubbed, hauled rails and after dinner got out posts. Harry trimmed trees in the yard. I went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty. I have a little fire night and morning since I got home but the weather is perfect. Dick put a load of corn in the crib, 21 bushels.
- 18 35° at sunup. Sent letter to Patty. Went to Burlington for Hilda who came home with me. Joe and Jesse worked on the fence on pike. Mr. Jim Rogers told me about hauling rock on pike. Frost this morning, beautiful bright day. Dick Loudon put in my crib 2 loads of corn 42 bushels.
- 19 Joe and Jesse worked on fence on pike. Dick put 1 load 21 bus. of corn in my crib. Got papers with notice of Dick Marvin's marriage to Mrs. Grace Lohmann. Settled with Harry in full to date. He says he has n't been going to school since I left. Went to Bellevue, got letters from Sally and May Wetherill Van Meter. Lovely day. Katy Arnold came and stayed all night. Jesse says he worked 5 ½ days this week, 3 days last and 3 days the week before.
- 20 Sunday. Warm, some sprinkles. Went to church with Hilda. Took her to church yesterday. Took her home after dinner.
- 21 Sent letter to Lucy Johnstone. Mr. Jim Rogers came and offered me 3.60 for my 4 steers. Dick put in my crib 2 loads of corn on the first from the hill field across from the new fence. He has finished the piece next the Arnold's. Joe and Jesse worked on the wire fence. Got Patty's letter from Ft. Garrett. Warm as summer, no fire in the home to-day. Took up dining room carpet and the men beat it. Sprinkles during the day and at night, and windy.
- 22 61° at sunup. Sent letter to Sally. Dick hauled load of corn to the crib. Harry began school again. Jesse worked ½ day helping Joe on fence and they shucked 3 shocks of corn on my own piece then Joe put rock under fence. Went to Bellevue. It rained enough last night to lay the dust and there were puddles in B.
- 23 Ves Gaines came and I sold him the 4 steers at 3.75 for the largest 3 and 3.50 for the smaller one and the yellow cow Amy for \$21 to be weighed to be at Jack Walton's he wants them

Sat. Joe sowed timothy on the piece of corn he cultivated. Afterwards cut stalks with machine. He went for the dab of black walnut lumber. 48° at sunup, beautiful day. I put the dining room carpet down. Dick hauled 2 loads of corn to crib.

24 Went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty. Sent letter to Lou. Went to Aurora to take Ellen to Dr. Sutton but he was n't at home. Crossed the new bridge over Woolper and saw it for the first time. Beautiful day and scenery—coloring is so fine. No fire in the house to-day, warm. Joe said he mended rock bed and cleaned springs.

25 Joe hauled rock on pike. I went to the mill and paid Mr. Parsons for sawing and lumber 1.13 then to Mr. Snelling's to see about the sick. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Sent letter to Julia. Warm, noticed it was 80° between 3 and 4 P.M.

26 Sent up to Mr. Jack Walton the cattle I sold V. W. Gaines (see 24th). The three steers at 3.75 weighed 3340 lbs and came to 125.25
one steer at 3.50 weighted 1170 lbs and came to 40.95
The dry cow was 21.00
187.20

Ves Gaines brought me a check on the Boone Co. Bank for \$187.25 which I took and returned him .05. Weaned the two heifer calves see May 15-19. Turned Dolly and the 8 shoats into the fattening pen and the 2 young sows and 6 pigs out. Joe worked 5 ½ days this week Jesse 1 ½. Warm as summer and dry. Ellen went home. Sent letter to Patty by her. Got letter from Hilda at Haddonfield.

27 Sunday. Summer day, went to church.

28 Went to Burlington, got Mr. Revill to cash the check (see 27th) and paid him my taxes for 1900, \$68.88 and got his receipt and deposited 50. in the Bank. Went to Mr. Jim Roger's house and paid him for the seed wheat (see Oct 1st) \$31.25 in presence of Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Ella Rogers. Went to Bellevue. Mike said it had been 85° for 3 days. Put in P.O. letter to T—D. Got one from Julia saying Fanny's mother, Mrs. Hubbell was dead. Joe hauled rock, said he quit at 4 P.M. I paid Rose 4.50 in full to last Sat.

29 Like summer again, some sprinkles early. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Sue. Joe hauled rock. Dick hauled 3 loads of corn to the crib.

30 Sent letters to Sally, Hilda and Julia. Joe measured Patty's corn, it was 9 tubs equal to 15 bus. He threw it next the door. Joe hauled rock. Dick hauled 3 loads to crib. Very warm and windy.

November

- 1 Rained gently before day and after. Cleared and turned cooler, had fire at night. Sent letter to Belle R. Got letters from Sally, Mrs. Brown and invitation to the wedding of Belle Goodrich and John Cabell Breckinridge November 14th. Joe hauled rock ½ day. Dick hauled a load of corn that was put in the barn. Picked a violet in the yard—roses still.
- 2 At sunup 34° frost. Bright lovely day. Joe took Siegra away again, and then hauled rocks. Dick put not quite a load of corn in the lower crib and that finished the corn in the wheat on the pike next Doll Walton's. Told Bee Walton about fixing his fence. Went to Bellevue. Mr. Birkle put one shoe on Allan. Dick put another load of corn in lower crib.
- 3 Joe worked ½ day—put lumber in garret and hauled rocks. Got letter from Patty sent letter to her to R. Sun by Harry. Joe worked days this week. Cool, bright. Began to have chicken house cleaned.
- 4 Sunday—pleasant bright day—cool. Dick brought me letter Ott gave him from Patty.
- 5 Took to the noon boat and gave to Roll Aikin to send by Ex. from Aurora a box containing Patty's furs, a hat, book and pocket handkerchief. Got letter from Isabella. Went down again

- to baptizing. 5 ladies baptized by Mr. Atwood. Put in P.O. letter for Patty. Bright, pretty day. Joe hauled rock on pike. Dick hauled white corn 2 loads with sideboards to upper crib.
- 6 32° at sunup—ice, pleasant, bright day. Election day. Candidates McKinley and Roosevelt. Bryan & Stevenson. No one worked for me. I whitewashed in chicken house. Curious little shower after 10 P.M.
 - 7 47° at sunup. Sent letters to Sally and Cousin Mary Goodrich. Got letters from Julia, Belle R. and Lucy Johnstone. Went to the wedding of Miss Minnie Rogers and Wieden Williamson, who were married by Rev. Atwood. Stopped at Betty's. Joe tinkered up the chicken house and hauled rock. Dick put 9 loads with sideboards in the upper crib. Beautiful night but turned colder.
 - 8 Snowing when I got up. Only snowed a skim that melted, then turned colder. There are icicles on the rose vine on the porch and a cluster of roses and birds on the one by my window. Joe did n't work. Dick hauled 1 load with sideboards to the upper crib. 36° at 6 P.M.
 - 9 At sunup 32°—ice. Joe finished hauling rocks on pick and hauled 2 loads of coal from Clore & Huey's. 36 bus. each he said. Harry said Dick hauled load of corn with sideboards. I suppose to the upper crib.
 - 10 Joe worked ½ day, hauled another load of coal from Clore & Huey's—and odds and ends. Took the big slide to W. W. Grant's. Joe worked days this week. Jesse said Dick hauled another load of corn to the upper crib. I went to Bellevue, paid for the coal 110 bus. and got receipt from Mr. Clore. Engaged 300 bus. from Mike at 11 cents. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Patty said she got the furs, &c. (see 5th). A chilly disagreeable day. Ellen came up. Mike said it had been down to 28 since it turned colder.
 - 11 Sunday. Snow and rain mixed fell in the morning. Chilly all day.
 - 12 24° at sunup, ice, the coldest morning so far. Sent letters to Patty that is inclosed Lucy's letter, and to Sally. Got letters from Hilda, Sarah and Sue. Joe hauled 2 loads of coal from Corbin's for me and one for himself. Dick put in upper crib 1 load (sideboards) for me. Dick said he was shucking part of the day in my shock corn and ____shucked in Joe's place. Sent Kitty to be shod.
 - 13 Sent Doll Walton word and he came and took away his cattle 10 head (see may 12th) and gave me a check for \$45.00 on the Boone Bk. in full for pasture. Warmer to-day. Sent letter to Sarah. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Went to Bellevue and to see Mrs. Annie Rice about sheep in my pasture. Joe did n't work, went to his father in law's funeral. Dick put 1 load with s.b. in lower crib. A windy, dusty chilly disagreeable day.
 - 14 23° at sunup. Turned the 6 yearlings, 2 steers, 4 heifers into the big pasture. Sent letter to Patty by Joe. Joe hauled 3 loads of coal for me 200 bus. in all from Mike Corbin's. Dick hauled me two loads corn with sideboards, 1 to the lower crib, 1 to the big barn. Jesse said they got done shucking the corn Joe shocked about 10 o'clock.
 - 15 32° at sunup. Sent letters to Sue and Fanny Foster. Later went to Belleview and put in P.O. letter to Ben. M. Brown R. Sun for Ellen inclosing 1.00 for her insurance. Got letter from Julia. Took Mike Corbin the check Doll Walton gave me (see 13th) signed John J. Walton for 45. and indorsed it. Told Mike to keep 33. for coal as I had engaged 300 bus (see 10th) of which Joe was to get 100. He gave me the balance 12. and when Joe gets his coal we are to see if it is less or not. Paid Mr. Birkle to date 1.50. Joe shucked some shock corn till noon but it was too dry and windy. After dinner I sent him to see Mr. Kelly about the sheep that were still in the pasture. Dick hauled 1 load to the barn, Jesse said.
 - 16 17° at sunup—chilly all day. Joe hauled manure from stalls into garden.
 - 17 50° at sunup—like spring, windy. Went to Aurora by land to take Ellen again to see Dr. Sutton. Paid him what he asked 1.00. Warm and sprinkled several times. Very dry and dusty,

disagreeable driving. Joe did n't work for me—he worked days this week. Got card from Fanny Foster announcing her mother's death.

- 18 Sunday. 50° at sunup. Looks like rain, but still dry, and warm.
- 19 Warm and very windy, little sprinkles. Joe went to Mr. Bob Brady's and brought back the cow and two heifers (see Sep 13th), said the cow Nov. 15th [?]. He hauled out the sled from Will Grant's. Joe killed a dreadful looking spreading adder in a stall. He cleaned out springs and hauled rails from new fence on pike. I went to Mr. Jack and Mr. Bee Walton's and paid the first for weighing cattle—the latter for calves & pasture. Sent letter to Julia. Went to Bellevue to take letter from Sally about Belle's wedding, and note from Mr. Brown saying he got Ellen's money—see 15th. Replanted my snow drop bulbs.
- 20 Rained last night and most of to-day and raining again to-night. Not a washing rain, but gentle and fine. No one worked for me. Went to Bellevue—took letter to Sally. Got T—D. There was thunder to-night with the rain.
- 21 Sue came down from Aurora by land. I had been to the boat for her. Ellen went back to R. Sun on the evening boat. Warm and clear. Joe hauled rails from fence row. Got letter from Patty.
- 22 Rained last night and hard this morning. Afterwards cleared. Joe began to fix harness and said he shucked shocks.
- 23 Did n't write in this again till 27th. Rained hard all day nearly. We went to Bellevue.
- 24 Rained hard again, thunder. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Joe worked days. Harry did n't go to school this week.
- 25 Sunday. Rained again, turned colder.
- 26 Snow on the ground mostly melted during the day. Joe started to haul out manure from cellar under ___ house then shucked shock corn. George R. came and got Patty's tarpaulin. I went to see Will Arnold and Will Rice about their stock on the wheat.
- 27 27° this morning at sunup, clear. Got letter from Julia and ex. notice. Sent letter to Hilda. Joe worked at shock corn.
- 28 Dick attended to the 3 little pigs. Joe worked shucking corn, finished it and hauled fodder. Went to Bellevue, got letter from Patty. Sent by George Roseberry to Erlanger a box of jam for Sally—16 glass cans. He brought the Adams Ex. receipt.
- 29 Thanksgiving. No one worked for me. Dull, chilly day.
- 30 Harry brought me the package from Ex. wedding cake from Cousin Mary. 26° at sunup and bright. Joe cut up dead apple trees on cherry hill. Got letter from Patty.

December

- 1 Harry had Cy shod. Joe took Lucy cow away. Harry did n't go to school this week. Joe worked ½ a day and days this week. We went to Bellevue. Spring like day.
- 2 Sunday—again like spring. Ernest and Lily came to call.
- 3 Cloudy and mild. Sent letters to Sally and Sally W. with postal for her. Got two letters from Sally—said the jam got there and one from Sarah. We went to Bellevue. Harry had Tom shod. Dick and Joe fixed fence on mud road this morning. Then Joe cut up apple trees.
- 4 Little sister's birthday. Rainy and drizzle part of the day. Joe said he would clean harness part of the time. Got letters from Patty and Fanny Foster.
- 5 Sent letter to Sally and later book to Patty. Harry took Alan down and had hind shoes put on. Sue and I went to Burlington and I got the money I left in Bank (see Oct 29th). It was chilly and unpleasant but cleared.
- 6 Did n't write in this will 8th. Pretty sunny day. We went to McVile and Bellevue.
- 7 Rained nearly all day.

- 8 Went to Rising Sun. Paid Gibson in full to date (see Oct. 3rd). Cloudy, gloomy day. River rising again. Harry did n't go to school this week. Joe said he worked 5 days.
- 9 Sunday. Bright but chilly.
- 10 Joe helped Dick kill hogs. 17° at sunup. Bright day.
- 11 Went to Ernest's to tell them goodbye as they expect to go south and to get turkeys. Lily gave me two hens and I bought two gobblers, all white. Saw Ernest's father Dr. Grant who is 84 to-day! At sunup 29° and chilly all day. The horse Cy was worked to-day.
- 12 18° at sunup. Mr. McGuire brought me a paper signed by John J. Walton stating that he had broken 20 perch 5 ft. of rock and I paid him in full 7.10. Harry took Cy to Mr. Birkle.
- 13 38° at sunup—much pleasanter. Sent letters to Patty and Sally, later to T—D. and to Sally W. and to Patty with 5.00, put these last in myself. Went to Bellevue. Joe took the tamest young sow to W. Price's. He worked on cherry hill chopping.
- 14 22° at sunup—cloudy and chilly. Harry brought the sow back. Got letter from Patty saying her father had another stroke Monday night.
- 15 Sue went on the noon boat. Sent to morning mail letters to buddy to Patty with 2.00 and Julia. Chilly and cloudy, looks like snow. Went to Bob Brady's and paid him in full for pasture 6.25 (see Nov. 19th). Joe said he worked 5 days this week. Harry did n't go to school this week. Got letters from Sally with check.
- 16 Sunday—bright pleasant day.
- 17 Sent letters to Sally, Julia & Hilda and Mary C. Went to Mr. Lillard's and he signed an order on R. A. Brady for 20. for the rock (see 13th) the 5 ft. left to go on the next, took it to Bob Brady who paid me the money. Joe plastered and fixed hog furnace, emptied vinegar and chopped on cherry hill. Very mild day, sprinkled early. Got letter from Sally Woolley.
- 18 40° at sunup, spring like. Sent letter to Sally Woolley and one to Mrs. McIntosh inclosing 5.00 for Katherine. Went to see Mr. Brashear about his note. Jesse Loudon came in and we went over his work since our last statement Nov. 25th 1899. He has worked to date 51 days and has received 38.00. See Jan 11, 1901. Joe chopped cherry hill. Katy was over.
- 19 Hard frost—about 26° at sunup. Had my hogs killed. Dolly and her 7 pigs and the runt Mr. Wells would not have. They have been fattening since Oct. 27th, seven and a half weeks and were in fine order. Joe, Dick, George Roseberry and Harry helped. Went to McVillie for box Sally W. sent. Got letters from Patty, Sally, Hilda and Julia. Sally was on her way to St. Paul to see her father. Patty said he was _____. Got box from Sally W. Brother Charlie's book, History of Minnesota and Tales of the Frontier that he sent to me came. A beautiful winter day, mild. Minnie Loudon and Elbert Kelly were married in Rising Sun by Rev. Carney.
- 20 At sunup 23°, bright, pretty day. Joe and Dick and George R. worked cutting up salting meat and cooking lard and grinding sausage, &c. Did n't write in this again till 23rd.
- 21 Remembered my beloved father's death. Lord love his soul. I fixed my sausage meat, &c. Sent by George R. box to Sally W. with boxes, &c. Joe worked on cherry hill, bright day. Went to Bellevue to get Christmas things.
- 22 No one worked for me. Mrs. Mary Gaines stopped in.
- 23 Sunday. Rained last night, windy and warm to-day.
- 24 It is now 28 years since papa was buried and I miss him still. Sent letter and T—D. to Patty, got letter from Sue, books from Harriet and Mr. Graham and neck box from Lucy J. Sent buckets of sausage to Julia and Sally W. No one worked for me.
- 25 Christmas—a white one with a light skim of snow and a cloudy sky and chilly wind.
- 26 Less unpleasant. Went to Bellevue got presents from Julia, Belle and little Julia. No one worked for me. Got letters from Patty and Hilda.

- 27 24° at sunup, turned cloudy and ended with a cold rain. Got letter from Sally mailed in N. York so she is home again and one from Julia.
- 28 Cloudy day not cold. No one worked for me. Dick said he had an offer on the tobacco. Got note from Julia and letter from Patty.
- 29 19° at sunup, bright day. No one worked for me. Went to Rising Sun in buggy to see Ellen. Put into P.O. there letters to Patty and Sally and Julia. Sent Julia T. D. Got letters from Sally and Margaret Ames.
- 30 Sunday. Sleeted early and turned to cold rain. Also got letter yesterday from Mrs. McIntosh.
- 31 Went to Bellevue. Put in letter and T—D. to Sally, letter to Belle R. 3 letters to Wash Banks, and one to Luther Tasker & Lou with money order for 2.00 sub to Co. Gent. Joe worked. The men loaded up and bulked tobacco.