

1905

January

- 1 Sunday. 36° at sunup—like spring again. Went to big pasture to see another dead heifer the 4th that I know of losing this fall.
- 2 Warm again, cloudy morning rained a little off and on after noon. Went to Aurora to ship 5 boxes to Sally—got home by 12 P.M. Put in Aurora P.O. for Sally receipt for boxes and letters to Mrs. Graham, Hilda, Susie T. and Julia. Rained at night and snowed.
- 3 21° at sunup. About 2 in. snow and winter again. Got letter from Natl. Bk. Wash. with a draft for 75. Also letters from Sally, Lucy J. and Fanny Strader. Heard Mrs. Corbin was worse and went down to see her.
- 4 4° this morning. Cold all day. Gave up trying to fatten the sow and had her turned out. Sent letters to Sally inclosing Lucy's and to Belle R. Got letter from Julia and one for Margaret Tew.
- 5 Milder, snow melting fast. Went to Mrs. Huey's and to Mrs. Corbin's, the latter very sick. Put Margaret's letter in P.O.
- 6 Snow again, but mild above freezing. Got letters from Sally and Sarah H. Made citron preserves.
- 7 More snow this morning and snowed a while. Got handbag from Sally and letter from Patty. Sent to P.O. Sally's letter from Sarah. Colder. News came that Mrs. Laura Rogers died last night in the Hospital in Cin.
- 8 Sunday
- 9 Went to the funeral of Mrs. Laura Rogers at the Baptist church and new cemetery. I went to Betty's. It was a most disagreeable snowy day, snowed hard most of the day and still at night snowing. Put in P.O. letters to Patty & Sally and to Julia. Got one from Wm. J. Campbell about St. Memin pictures.
- 10 2° below 0 at sunup—at 9 P.M. 18° and snowing again.
- 11 The snow of last night turned to rain that froze on the snow—31° at sunup. Turned warmer and snow melts fast. Sent letters to Farmers & Mech. Natl. Bk., to Wm. J. Campbell 1218 Walnut St. Phil and to Mrs. Brown. Got letters from Hilda, Julia and Isabella. Raining at bedtime.
- 12 Cloudy and rather colder, disagreeable.
- 13 Cloudy at 2 P.M. it was snowing hard and snowed for hours. Sent letters to Sally, Harriet Young and Lucy J. Got letter from Sally. Turned colder.
- 14 [no entry]
- 15 Sunday—bright, windy and cold 8° at sunup.
- 16 14° and bright. Joe hung the meat in the upper smoke house—12 hams, 12 shoulders and 12 sides and I think 3 jowls. Got letter from Patty and from F. & M. Natl. Bank Georgetown with draft for 28. Also another from Wm. J. Campbell about pictures.
- 17 Milder—sent letters to Sally and Wm. J. Campbell. Got letter from Mrs. Brown saying she had her eyes operated on and her sight is restored. Joe hauled some hickory to smoke meat. Harry says he found another heifer dead on Cherry Hill.
- 18 Milder—gloomy. Sent letter to Mrs. Brown got one from Julia at Palm Beach.
- 19 Raining a little—the air a veil of fog or mist. Harry began to smoke the meat. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Sally and put in one for Julia.
- 20 26° cloudy. Thawed and was mild. I walked up on cherry hill to see the heifer that died. Sent letter to Belle R, got one from Julia.

- 21 Cloudy and not very cold—after dark, snowed. I heard one of the big boats whistle to-night.
- 22 Sunday. Ernest and family spent the day.
- 23 22° and snowing after breakfast. Sent letter to Sally and to Everybody's Magazine. Got letter from Julia Loving from White house where Isabella is visiting the President.
- 24 28° snowing hard ground white, stopped about 11 and turned cold 6° at 9 P.M. Went to Bellevue—stopped at Mrs. Corbin's. Got T.D. and paper from Julia's Julia about Isabella in Wash.
- 25 2° above—cold all day. Got letters from Julia, Hilda and Belle R.
- 26 Rather warmer 5° at sun-up I think—went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty. Mrs. Lucien Clore came here with the paper for the Burley To. Association and Joe West and I engaged them [for] this 1904 crop. If they don't get the money raised to take the crops by Feb. 2nd it is all off.
- 27 Did n't write in this—went to B.
- 28 Fresh skim of snow.
- 29 Sunday--12° at sunup. Heard that Mrs. Mary Corbin died last night and went down there. Snowed after noon.
- 30 Not so cold and bright. Went to the funeral of Mrs. Corbin from her house—she was buried in the old cemetery. Got letter from Sally saying she got boxes and from Julia.
- 31 Cloudy dull day—got letters from Patty and Sue, sent letter to Sally.

February

- 1 Chilly cloudy day.
- 2 2° at sunup. Bright and cold all day. No mail across the river for the first time this winter on account of ice. Sent letter to Sue, got one from Wm. J. Campbell. Joe and Dick had wood sawing to-day.
- 3 5° at sunup cold all day 11° at 8 P.M. Sent letter to Patty—got one from Julia. They were crossing the river on the ice at Bellevue. Harry says he crossed on the ice.
- 4 Cold all day. Went to see the river—stopped to see Mrs. Ida Aikin who is sick and whose mother Mrs. McMullen was buried to-day.
- 5 Sunday. My precious own's wedding day—she has been married 14 years. 16° at sunup at noon 21° snowing hard since sunup, apparently from the east. Wound up with a little fine hail sleet.
- 6 Colder. Sent letters to Sally and Julia.
- 7 At 0 at sun-up. Went up to 20° the highest I noticed. River frozen over hard yet and I hear people are crossing with wagons.
- 8 Sleet and rain all day. At night it seems to be mostly rain. 22° the highest I saw. Sent Harry down to get Tom shod. Got letters from Sally, Julia and Hilda inclosing one from Belle R.
- 9 Roads ice and as smooth as glass. Went to B. and McVile to see Mrs. Ida Aikin. Put in P.O. letter to Sally. Harry finished smoking meat.
- 10 Sent Harry down to get Alan rough shod. Bright cold day.
- 11 Went to Burlington to Bank—got my balance there 42.80 went to McVile to see Mrs. Aikin. Got letter from Julia. River still closed. Lost my bank book or left it at Bk.
- 12 Raining and kept on most of the day. 34° at sunup. About 4 P.M. began to snow.
- 13 2° at sunup. Got postal card from Otto Bremer City Treasurer St. Paul with statement of assessment due on my lots total 23.90. Wrote to Frank Cutcheon and inclosed it and draft for 28.00 (see 16th) took it to Bellevue and put it in P.O. Mike Corbin said this was the coldest day of this winter that it was 1° below 0 by his thermometer this morning—that it had been below 0 three times and down to zero 5 times including those days. The river

looked dreadful a mass of rough ice and snow, still gorged at B. and up and down the river. 2° below 0 at 8 P.M.

- 14 0 at sunup—cold and windy all day, but bright. Gilly Weisickle came and got 5 bus. corn paid me 2.50. Sent letter to Hilda—got letters from Patty and Sally. Sent note to Mr. Revill by Mr. Clutterbuck.
- 15 Susan went to her mother's. Harry took her to Burlington—sent by him letter to Patty. Joe said he sawed wood for me. Dick said Leeomar helped Joe saw. It was bright but cold and a keen wind. Mrs. Louly Walton stopped to see me.
- 16 Not quite so cold 26° at 8 P.M. Got letter from Mrs. Brown. Joe said he was sawing wood again.
- 17 Thawed to-day and was bright. Harry crossed the river on the ice going to R. Sun. The 10th volume of Les Miserables came from Miss Nourse for Patty.
- 18 Bright 16° at sunup here. 14° at Bellevue. I went down and stopped to see Betty.
- 19 Sunday. 22° at sun-up. 34° at 8 P.M. thawing during the day—mostly cloudy.
- 20 Thawing and cloudy, snow disappearing. Harry went to Burlington for Susan who came home—sent by him letter to Patty. Got letter from Frank Cutcheon saying he got my letter with draft (see 13th) and letter from Natl. Met. Citizens Bk. Wash. with draft for \$16.00 and letters from Julia and Nina C.
- 21 34° at sunup and heavy fog and thawed all day. Went to B. and to McVile to see Mrs. Aikin and look at the river. Got letters from Sally and Sue. Harry cleaned the chicken house.
- 22 32° this morning, cloudy and chilly but thawed. Joe cut hedge and I saw Everett hauling tobacco stems. Went to see Mrs. Laura Botts.
- 23 32° at sun-up. After noon it turned warmer and the sun came out and it seemed pleasanter than it has done for weeks. Harry hauled out ashes &c. and went to Mrs. Laura Botts's. I got letter from Patty with one from Charlie in Mexico and one from Hilda telling about her fall down steps the 9th. Cleaned my room for Sally. Harry did n't and changed the bedsteads, &c.
- 24 31° at sunup—thawing. Harry cleaned some stalls and I think Everett worked after noon hauling manure. Sent letters to Patty and Julia—got telegram from Sally saying she expected to be in Erlanger to-morrow. Got a barrel of flour from Corbin's. Got letter from Aurora man about apple trees.
- 25 Sent Harry up to Erlanger for Sally—she could not catch the noon train and did n't get home till after dusk. It rained early, then snowed a little and cleared. The mail could n't cross the river. Sally brought me the papers which stated that the Burley Tobacco Ass. had failed to raise the money and the contracts were released (see Jan. 26th).
- 26 Sunday—pretty day, bright and mild.
- 27 Snowing hard—31° and regular snow storm. The paper said the snow was 4 in. deep—cleared up. Got letters from Belle R. and Mrs. Parish. Frank Cutcheon wrote Sally that he had written to find out about my lots and that the assessment was 50.70 and taxes 72.74 total 123.74.
- 28 Sally and I went to Burlington and to Miss Furlong's. Went to Bank and got my bank book (see 11th). Pleasant day.

March

- 1 Mr. Acra came and I sold him 5 bus. corn. Mr. Acra pd. 2.50 March 31. Also told Bob Brady he could get 30 bus. all at .50 a bus. Went to B. and McVile. The ice gorges had broken and boats and barges were drifting down. Put in P.O. letter to Mrs. Parish.

- 2 Aunt Nancy sick—sent for Dr. Williamson who came to see her. Got letter from Sue. With my consent Joe West sold his tobacco crop to Mr. Pepper Smith who is buying for Mr. M. F. Wingate at 9½ cents.
- 3 Mild bright spring-like day. George Coons came and got the 30 bus. corn for Mr. Brady. Joe West delivered his tobacco to Al Rogers Bellevue. He had 3 loads said Dick hauled one load. I went to see Al Rogers and got the weights Joe had 5378.80 lbs. and at 9 ½ it came to 511.10 and Al Rogers gave me a check on the Farmer's Bank Petersburg for the amount signed M. F. Wingate.
- 4 Let Joe have an order on Corbin for lb. flour. Bob Brady came and paid me 15.00 for the 30 bus. corn.
- 5 Sunday—beautiful bright day.
- 6 My birthday 72. Chilly raw day—got handkerchief from Fanny and letters from Patty and Hilda and Julia.
- 7 Rainy day. Settlement with Joe West
Settled with Joe West. Our last settlement was up to Jan 3-1903 and we settled on the 8th. Since then Joe says he has worked 150½ days which comes to 112.88. The milking for 1903 he says he paid his children so I owe them 24. He also charged 4.50 for hauling fodder total \$141.38. He owed me for cash paid Corbin for him in 1903 41.41 in 1904-39.74. Sundries for 1903 & 4 \$49.21 cash 4.00 total 134.37 so that I owe him a balance of 7.01. Joe contested an item of 7.46 that Mike Corbin charged to him in a bill. I have receipted and I let that go till he could see about it.
Sent letter to Patty.
- 8 Rained nearly all day—sent letter to Mrs. P. Sally got telegram from Frank about going to California. Sold Mr. Clutterbuck over 3 doz. chickens for 9.73.
- 9 Sent Harry to Aurora with Sally's telegram. Sally and I went to Ernest's. Sent letter to Julia by Harry.
- 10 Mr. Maurer came to trim grape vines. Sally and I went to Burlington to Miss Furlong's. Saw bluebirds. Went to Bank in Burlington and gave Mr. Revill Mr. M. F. Wingate's check for 511.10. My half being 255.55. I left \$200 of it in Bank and took the balance of 55.55. Went to Bellevue later and paid M. J. Corbin's account to date 52.70. At Joe West's request brought his half home. Got letter from Patty.
- 11 Joe came and got his money. As M. J. Corbin said the item of 7.46 (see 7th) had been all right Joe paid me .45 and the rest went to settle the 7.07 I owed him so we are now again square to March 7th. I also agreed to pay Everett for his work .65 cents a day this year. Mr. Maurer finished trimming vines and I pd. him 2.00. Got letter from Julia. Sally went to Aurora to take the train on her way back to N. York. Harry took her via Woolper to Aurora. Letter came from Patty for her. Cold to-day 28° at sun-up.
- 12 Sunday—chilly day.
- 13 28° at sun-up and chilly all day. The men are working plant beds. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty. River high and rising fast.
- 14 34° at sunup. Sent letter to Patty. Yesterday sent P. Order for my garden seed to Burpee. Mr. Parsons came and bought 10 bus. corn and paid me for it 5.00. Mr. Harry Acra came and engaged corn. Sent Harry to B. and got from M. J. Corbin 4 bus. clover and 2 bus. timothy seed the latter 1.60 per bus. clover 7.80 with sacks total 34.94. Sent letter to Fanny Gibbon. Katy came to see me. Chilly all day.
- 15 Rained a little early—then mild and pleasant. Got letter from Sally who got home Sunday and little picture from Patty—letter from Susie Tew.

- 16 Pleasant spring day—bright and warm. Susan got home from R. Sun. I planted a few pepper and Egg Plant seeds of 1904. Harry sacked the hams and shoulders 12 of each. Meat very large. Ernest came and I signed his petition for R.F.D.
- 17 Warm spring day—heard doves. Went to B. got 2 qts. onion sets and Harry planted them. Gave Dick some lettuce & cabbage to sow in plant beds. Pd. Al Rogers 2.70 for canvas ½ to be charged to Joe. Old Tom sick apparently with colic; they drenched him—seems better. Sent letter to Julia.
- 18 Another warm day—very windy. Old Tom seemed better—went to B. on Kitty. Put letter in P.O. for cousin John B. Got letter from Sally in Chicago.
- 19 Sunday. Found a little lone turkey pea, first. Warm and like April, sprinkles & sun. Susan went to R. Sun.
- 20 Smoky and rather chilly, towards sundown rained. Susan came back from R. Sun. Dick Burns brought his horse down for me to work. Everett hauled manure and fodder. Joe and Dick sowed clover and timothy on wheat & rye. Went to B. and McVile—left jug with Cap. Aikin. Stopped to see Mrs. Ida Aikin. Put in P.O. letter to Sue and one to Sally W. with 2.00. Got garden seeds from Burpee.
- 21 Raining this morning. Sent letter to Patty. Mr. Gilly Weisickle came and got 5 bus. corn and pd. me 2.50. Charlie Snelling came and got 10 bus. corn paid me 5.00. I went to Mr. Bernard Berkshire's to see a cow.
- 22 My darling Isabella's birthday 19. Lord love her. Joe and Dick sowed clover and timothy before noon—finished up the 6 bus. A pleasant day—partly sunny. Everett hauled loads of fodder with Burns horse. Harry went and brought the Berkshire cows home on trial. He did some work in the garden set out a few more onion sets pulled poles &c. Went to McVile after whiskey—stopped to see Mrs. Aikins. Planted in cans a few fresh seeds peppers 2 kinds tomatoes 2 and egg plant.
- 23 Warm and very windy—sowed in 2 boxes peppers and tomatoes and egg plant. Harry cleaned up in the garden. Joe was fencing plant beds he said. Sent letters to Isabella and Sarah—got notice from F & M Bk. Wash. and postal from Julia. Mr. Herbert Conner said he would bring me 100 each at .50 per 100 of Buback Kansas and Haverland Strawberries, sold him eggs 14 doz. for 1.67. Got letter from Patty at Atlantic City.
- 24 Rained last night mostly cloudy and chilly. I made pickles. They say Leomer moved.
- 25 42° at sunup. Harry said there was a little frost. Mr. Bernard Berkshire came to see about his cow if I wanted her, so I paid him for her, gave him \$10. and a check on Burlington Bk. for 15.00.
- 26 Sunday. Went to Bellevue to leave word about seed potatoes, put in letter to Sally.
- 27 Spring like day. Joe ploughing—gave Dick order on Rogers for 10 bus. oats which he got. Lily stopped to tell me about Frank Grant. Got letter from Julia.
- 28 Warm and windy. Mike Corbin said the thermometer was 82° to-day. Sent Harry to take the Burrus pony back to Ernest's. A colored woman Olive Mitchell came to-day also her son Ed. She is the step-grandmother of Ellen's great grandchild Leona and is raising her. She came to ask about Aunt Eliza's property. Dick was ploughing in the clover ground across the pike and Joe on hill side. I went to B. took letter to Patty. Harry trimmed and hauled manure in the yard.
- 29 Warm and very windy—toward evening it thundered blew hard and rained. Harry put the sides of bacon in the old smoke house. Dick Loudon and I sold his tobacco to Mr. John (Pepper) Smith for 5½ all round to be delivered at Bellevue. It is a pitiful price and I did n't want to take it but Dick says it is bad tobacco and wanted to sell it. Harry took Kitty to be shod and began to work onions, the multipliers. Raining at night.

- 30 Heard Hilda was home, went to Burlington for her and brought her home with me. Went to B. Bank and got 15.00. Brought my dress home from Miss Furlong's. Dick Loudon hauled his tobacco to Bellevue and Al Rogers gave me the weights 4485 lbs. tobacco at $5\frac{1}{2}$ = \$246.67. He had no Wingate checks. Joe was breaking up the hillside on the pike—it was warm and pleasant. Mr. Conner brought while I was gone 300 strawberry plants. Buback, Haverland and Kansas to be .50 each. Got letters from Patty and Sue.
- 31 Bright warm pretty day. After noon Joe ploughed in the garden till the Swan whistled—then began ploughing for his potatoes. Harry set out the strawberries. Mrs. Kate Corbin and Bernice came out after dinner, and Lily and Frances stopped. Went to B. got letter from Julia. Everett worked grafting in vineyard and clover field. Mr. Harry Acra came and got 10 bus. corn to be paid for later. He paid me 5.00 in full July 11th. The month of March has been unusually pleasant. The grass is green, daffodils in bloom, trees coming out and some days I have not had a fire.

April

- 1 Dick said he got 6 bus. potatoes for seed from Mr. Flick at .50 a bus. He hauled out 5 bus. seed potatoes I got for Joe to plant in the garden—and $\frac{1}{2}$ bus. I got for my own use. Harry planted these and Joe his in the garden. Went to B. and to Betty Rice's. Got letters from Sally, Julia and Mrs. Parish, and Lucy Johnstone.
- 2 Sunday. Hilda went to church. I found plenty of turkey peas going out of bloom and some anemones.
- 3 Hilda went home. Took up the carpet in the room over the parlor and began to clean the house. I did n't write in this from Sat and forgot to say that Al Rogers sent me out April 1st a check for my half of Dick's tobacco 123.33 signed by M. R. Wingate on Farmer's Bk. Petersburg. Got letter from Natl. Met. Citizen's Bk. Wash. with draft on N.Y. for \$16.00. Very windy with sprinkles. Did n't write in this till the 10th and may get things wrong.
- 4 Think I put down the matting in the room over the parlor, and went on with the house cleaning.
- 5 Sewed on the old carpet and put it down in the passage upstairs—got telegram from Patty saying that she and Isabella would be down Thursday. Pleasant weather.
- 6 Got note from Lou Cleanay. Patty and Isabella came on the Swan—bright and windy—they left N.Y. at 5 P.M. the 5th and got home before 5 P.M. Turned colder.
- 7 Went to Burlington to the funeral of Albert Snyder and to bring Hilda down. It was uncomfortably cold—very disagreeable, a sprinkle of snow during the night. Got letter from Sally.
- 8 At sunup 28° and ice really cold. Got letter from Belle Raymond.
- 9 Sunday. Turning pleasanter—bright day. Patty has been poorly and in bed most of the time since she got home.
- 10 Warm—afternoon windy and thunder lightning and a little rain. Took Hilda home. Went to Bk. in Burlington and got Mr. Revill to cash Mr. Wingate's draft (see 3rd) and left in Bk. 80. of it. Patty got letter from Sally. Heard whip-poor-will to-night.
- 11 My beloved sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. Mr. Clyde Berkshire brought the fruit trees from Stark's and I paid him 5.20. Set out some. Got letter from Sally Woolley. Turned colder had fire at night.
- 12 Got letter from Sally from Chicago on her way back to N.York from Cal. Set out the rest of the fruit trees. Ernest stopped to see Patty—later she heard his brother Frank was dead. Katy came over. Chilly—fires to-day. Did n't write in this again till Monday.
- 13 Found a steer dead on the hill back of the house, the 6th head I have lost since last fall.

- 14 Went to Petersburg to the funeral of Frank Grant. It turned very chilly. Letter from Julia.
- 15 Cold and disagreeable—got telegram from Sally saying she had got home. Sent letter to Julia. At sunup, 36°. Pd. Everett for his work to date 16 days.
- 16 Sunday. Cold and cloudy about 7 A.M. it snowed hard for a little while, melted as it fell—glad to sit by the fire.
- 17 Sent letter to Sally by Joe West and sent for plough by him. He got one and I pd. 4.00 for it. Jesse Loudon got 3 bus. potatoes at .60 and paid me 1.80 for them. Cold and disagreeable and windy. Got letter from Julia—her Joe is ill and not out of danger. Lou West began to work for Patty.
- 18 Cold but bright. Everett took the work horses and Allan—had all reset but Tom. After noon Everett hauled wood for me. Got letter from Julia. Her Dr. said Joe was better.
- 19 30° at sunup, but bright. Mrs. West said they had got 2 bus. potatoes and got some more. Joe and Everett worked raking off and putting in gullies trash off the clover. Then I think Joe tinkered a fence. Sent letter to Julia. Turned warmer.
- 20 56° at sunup and showered. Went to Lizzie Flick's to see her sick daughter, Emma.
- 21 Rained thundered and turned cooler. Got letter from Julia with bad news about Joe F.
- 22 Got another letter more encouraging. Sent letter to Julia. Colder—had fire. Ernest came.
- 23 Sunday—bright but chilly. Easter Sunday. Did n't write in this again till May 4th and may get things mixed up.
- 24 Went to Cin. via Aurora. Stopped at Lizzie Flick's—her daughter Emma died yesterday. Went on Swan and 11.30 train. Bought a carpet for the dining room and curtains &c. Went to Bank in Aurora and got Mr. Davis to cash 2 drafts, see Jan 3rd and Feb. 20th. Went out to stay all night at Julia's and after night to see Joe Foster who was apparently better.
- 25 Went home. Found Patty had Mr. Aikin working painting, &c. This evening Jos Foster killed himself in his bath tub.
- 26 Got telephone message from Julia to return. Patty took me to Aurora and I went up on the trolley—got to Julia's at 3 P.M.
- 27 Stayed at Julia's and think I wrote to Sally and to Belle Raymond.
- 28 Joseph Cutter Foster was buried from his home in Spring Grove. Rev. Mr. Cox officiated. Beautiful day, rained hard at night with thunder and lightning. Patty had tomato plants planted she got. Susan told me that Mr. Aikin finished working at noon to-day.
- 29 Left Julia's to come home—went to see Sally Woolley—came home via Aurora on the 2 P.M. train and Swan. Cool.
- 30 Sunday—bright but chilly. Patty and Isabella went to Ernest's. Went to see Pink and her calf a pretty red and white b. calf that Leomer saw yesterday and it looks two or three days old.

May

- 1 Chilly. Patty went to Cin. to meet her company. I had cattle turned into the big pasture. 11 head but had to have 2 cows turned back so only 9 were left. They brought up Amy with a calf.
- 2 Patty came down on the Swan with Mr. Robert Munro Ferguson who came to see Isabella. They brought some cabbage plants and Harry set them out. Much warmer. Gave Joe order on Rogers for flour.
- 3 Warm and looked like rain. After noon Joe and Everett worked in the garden and planted seeds, &c. melons. Had the crêpe myrtles set out of the cellar. Perry was here helping Harry. Warm and looked stormy. Got letter from Julia.
- 4 Hot and threatening—had 2 buckeyes deadened in back pasture. Got letter from Sally. Patty got letter from Charlie F. who had just returned from Mexico and he sent love to Cousin

Julia! Isabella told me to-night that she and Mr. Bob Ferguson are engaged. Lord love them. Such is life.

- 5 Rained last night right hard with heavy thunder—beautiful day—Isabella and Mr. F. went to call on Hilda.
- 6 Rained hard again but cleared off. The carpet rug for the dining room came. Got invitation to Willie Tew's wedding.
- 7 Sunday—very pretty day—bright but cool. Turned chilly in the evening.
- 8 Rode to Rabbit Hash and went to R. Sun. At the Bank got a draft on N. York for \$25 for Eleanor A. Scott (Willie's fiancée) and got cash 48.54 leaving in Bk. 50. Went to Hemphill's and the court house and pd. Aunt Eliza's taxes for 2 years and got receipts. They amounted to 4.57 also pd. Hemphill .70 he let Ellen have. Beautiful day—thundered later but no rain. Got letters from Sally, Julia & Mrs. Brown.
- 9 Turned cooler—fire in the evening. Sprinkles.
- 10 Thundered last night and rained hard this morning—chilly too. Sent by Patty letter to Miss Eleanor A. Scott inclosing draft on N.Y. (see 8th) also letters to Mr. Brown, Julia and Sue. Suddenly turned hot. Got letter from cousin Belle R.
- 11 Raining—in the evening torrential rains with much heavy thunder and lightning and a dreadful wind. I went to Bellevue to tell Mrs. Rice about her line fence—left word for her with Lizzie Flick.
- 12 Early between 4 & 5 another terrific rain and thunder storm—Middle Creek from hill to hill and Searcy branch over all the bottoms—corn ground torn up and ground carried off and the work of weeks destroyed—the wire bridge broken, &c. Doll Walton came and bought my sow and six shoats (of July 25th 1904) for \$50. Harry found Spot with a calf and Dick's too. Resacked my old hams.
- 13 Dick says his Nancy has a mare colt. Doll Walton came and got the hogs. Is to try to get me a sow and pigs and then settle for them. Cool and sprinkling. Set out some tomato plants. Went to Burlington after Hilda who came home with me. Got letter from Sally with draft. Rained at night.
- 14 Sunday. Rained very hard in the morning and again at night. The ground is soaked and the creek was out of banks again. The country is torn up—bridges and water gaps and fences laid low and washed out.
- 15 Patty went to take Hilda home. I gave her a check for 100.00 and she cashed it.
- 17 Wednesday. Went up on the Swan—missed my train and went from Aurora later. Left Cin. on the 6.30 P.M. train for N.Y.
- 18 Got to N.Y. at 6 P.M. Frank and Sally met me and we stayed all night at the Waldorf.
- 19 Went to Belle Breckinridge's to meet Sue and lunch with them. Then to the Scott's to see them and the wedding presents then went home with Sally to their place on L. Island.
- 20 Sue came down to Sally's with Frank at 3.30 to stay till Monday.
- 21 Sunday. They drove Sue and me to see the Island[,] Dana's Island the beach &c.
- 22 Sue went back to N.Y.
- 23 Sally and I went to N.Y. to lunch with Belle B. to meet the Scotts and William Tew.
- 24 Doll Walton bought for me a sow and 7 pigs from Mr. Elijah Parker for 15. Sally and I walked and drove.
- 25 Went with Sally to lunch with Mrs. Jane Cox.
- 26 Went with Sally to N. York and to Julia Etheridge's—took lunch with her, then went to Willie's wedding. William Henry Tew and Eleanor Atwood Scott were married in Trinity Chapel by her kinsman Rev. Scott. Sally and I went to the reception and got home at 10 P.M. Sue, Cousin Mary, Belle B. and others were there. James D. Tew was bestman. All went off

well and the bridal pair sailed the next day for Germany. I stayed at Sally's. It was cool most of this month but at the end turned warmer.

31 Sent Patty check on Burlington Bk. for 15.00

June

5 Patty says Mr. Ferguson started home.

13 Sue Grigsby came to Sally's to lunch and Mr. Ferguson came home with Frank.

16 Sally and I went up to Staatsburgh to visit at Willie Dinsmore's. Cousin Frankie had written and set the time. It turned hot and was hot all the time we stayed. The men found Belle R. with a mare colt 13th.

19 Monday. Sally and I went back to N. York and started for Boston from the Station. It turned cooler as she left N.Y. This same day Isabella went to Cin with Patty and started for N.Y. with Mrs. Annie Anderson and her party. Patty says it was sweltering hot in Cin. As Sally and I reached Boston it rained. We went to Hotel Somerset to visit by special invitation [of] Cousin Mary Goodrich. Sue and Susie were there and Belle B. came down to see us and Jamie Tew came to see us. We stayed till Saturday 24. Went to see all the Harvard and Boston sights. Cousin Sally Marvin's daughter Mrs. Robert William Neff 45 Gardner St. Allston came to see us. Class day was the 23rd we went to that and to the baseball game. Susie Tew was to sail Sat. for Italy Greece &c.

24 Sally and I got back to Locust Valley found Isabella there, also Mr. Ferguson and Pauline Ferguson and her fiancé Mr. Grenville Emmet.

28 Isabella left for Geneseo.

29 Sally took me to N.Y. and I started home.

30 Got to Cin. in time to take the train for Aurora and catch the Swan and got home safe thank Heaven. Patty met me. Aunt Nancy has been in bed ever since the first of March. Poor Alan has had a terrible foot ever since I left home—has had the Vet. Dr. Crisler and is crippled. Found Hilda here with Patty. Patty gave me a little book that came from Mrs. Neff (Cousin Lizzie). Doll Walton came. Gave me check for 35.

July

1 Warm or rather hot. Miss Annie Cason was here. Dick Loudon finished his wheat cutting. It rained some. Sunday.

2 Hot. Hilda went home.

3 Zecky Rice cut some of my rye on the hill on the pike—pd. him 5.00. Also gave Dick 18. to pay for his wheat cutting. Joe had cut some of my clover before I got back. Patty went to Bellevue. Brought me letter from Nat. Met-Bk. Wash. with draft for 75. and one from Nat. Met. Citizen's Bk. with draft for 10. The check Doll Walton gave me the 1st was in full payment for the hogs see May 12th.

4 All went to ball game. Got first blackberries. Got letter from Julia 3rd.

5 Joe worked for me part of the day cutting clover in the field next the Arnold's. Patty and I went to see Ernest who is laid up having had an operation on his foot.

6 The hay looked ready to come in but a shower came while the hands were in for dinner. I went up to Geo. Coon's to engage hands. Coming home by Mrs. Wiesickle's I found there had been a frightful accident. By a coal oil explosion she was burned horribly so was her baby about a year and a half old and her eldest girl burned trying to save them. Went there. Doll Walton came to talk business but I was not here.

7 Mrs. Dolly Clore Wiesickle died about 2 A.M. I was told also her baby. Patty and I went to the funeral at 4 P.M. in the new graveyard. Jack Coons came down. He and Joe and Everett

worked in hay after it dried. Dick L. worked ½ day with his team and they got the hay in. It rained later. Got letter from Mrs. Lucy Scott N. York.

- 8 Harry took Belle R. to Mr. Conner's said the trip did n't count. Patty went to B. for Hilda who came to go to church.
- 9 Sunday—rained sometimes. Hilda went home after dinner.
- 10 Rained off and on. Ernest and Lily came to tell Patty goodbye. Doll Walton came to talk about his business proposition.
- 11 Raining off and on. Patty and I started for Aurora in the spring wagon but it poured so she went to Bellevue and got on the Swan. I got Al R. to telephone a livery man to meet the boat. Then it quit raining and is hot. I put in the P.O. letter to Farmers & Mechanics Bk. Mr. Harry Acra came and paid me 5.00 for 10 bus. corn (see Mar. 31st). I got barrels of flour and salt at Corbin's. Susan left. Said she was not coming back. Went to R. Sun with Ethel. The picture Sally sent me came. At night it rained again lightning vivid. Got letter from Sue from Chautauqua.
- 12 Dr. Crisler came to see Alan's foot. Harry went to R. Sun on the boat. Doll W. came by to tell me about cattle. Rained some.
- 13 Doll Walton came and got my stock animal, heifer out of the back pasture—the dark red wide horned cow and her calf and Dolly and her calf to sell in town. Mr. Cason got 6 bus. corn and paid me for it 3.00. Harry came home. Got letter from Patty in Cin. Later got telegrams saying she got to N.Y. safe and that Isabella is to be married Saturday. Lord love her. Got letter from Julia.
- 14 Went to Bellevue. Gave Mike Corbin the check Doll Walton gave me for 35.00 (see 1st) on my account—went on by ship to Rising Sun, and took to Bk. to Mr. Perkins the draft for 10. and left it on deposit (see July 1st) also the draft for 75.00 and got the cash. Returned to B. and paid M. J. Corbin my account in full to date 86.81. In R. S. got fencing & fence wire from Gibson and a stove boiler 2.50. Put letter to Patty in R. S. P.O. got two from her.
- 15 Sent down and got the fencing &c. Got letter from Patty saying Isabella is to be married today at 11 A.M. She was. Got letter from Farmers' & Mechanics' Bk. with draft for \$56.00. Gave Joe West order on Al Rogers for flour 6.00. Doll Walton brought me Mr. Fred Utz's check for 100.45 for the cattle (see 13th). Ernest and Frances came after his sheep. Did n't write till the 18th.
- 16 Sunday. Hot day.
- 17 Very hot 95° in Bellevue Harry said, sultry too. Susan came up and agreed to cook for work again to-morrow. Got telegram from Patty saying Isabella's wedding went off perfectly—also one from Isabella and Bob Ferguson and a note from her, also a letter from Julia Foster saying she had seen a notice of Isabella's wedding in Sunday's paper and two postals from Susie Tew the last from Gibraltar and a letter on business from Natl Bk at Washington with proxy to sign. Went and telephoned Ernest about Isabella.
- 18 Wrote letter to Frank Cutcheon and inclosed one to Isabella and sent it to the P.O. by Harry early. Susan came back on the Swan to work again. It is intensely hot. Got Times-Democrat of Sunday 16th with notice of the wedding of Isabella and Lieutenant (Rough Rider) Robert H. Munro Ferguson.
- 19 An unforgotten day—its pang is never assuaged. Went to Burlington and took the note of Mr. Fred Utz for 100.45 (see 15th) to Mr. Revill—got him to give me a draft on ___ payable to F. W. M. Cutcheon and inclosed it in a letter to Frank to give to Isabella and put it in the B. P.O. also. Did n't write in this till Sunday. Went to Doll Walton's to see about getting Mr. Davy Aikin to build fence. Joe was working at it. Had to send for more wire.

- 20 Went to Hilda's—she was gone to Cin. Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Sally about the wedding and she inclosed me one from Mrs. Cowles also a list of those present at the wedding.
- 21 Rained off and on. Mr. Aikin did n't come. After noon sent for Hilda who came and said Mr. Lillard was dead. Think Joe worked at gate—rained more later. Dick attended to the pigs.
- 22 Went to take Hilda to Mr. Lillard's place and again later to his funeral—he was buried by his wife on Hilda's lot. Got letters from Patty, Frank (saying he had sent Isabella a check for 100. and my note, (see 17th)[]) and from Julia and Mrs. Brown, also wedding cake from Sally. Cooler since rain. Mrs. Walton stopped as they went by.
- 23 Sunday. Hilda started home after dinner. Sent by her letter to Patty. Rained again.
- 24 Mr. Davy Aikin came out and worked on the wire fence across the barn lot and Joe helped. After noon Dick and Everett worked patching up the paling fence. Sent letter to Sue late—got letters from Patty, Isabella with a note from Bob F. from Frank Cutcheon saying he got draft (see 19th) and from Cousin Rebecca and from Cousin John B.
- 25 Sent letters late to Sally inclosing Cousin R's to Cousin Rebecca and to Mrs. Brown.
- 26 Cool. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Julia, rode on to Doll Walton's. We had corn the first time this summer. Harry worked in garden.
- 27 Had turnips sowed. Yesterday they found the cow Louise with a calf—had her driven up this evening. She has a . Joe and Everett worked at the fence on the calf lot and made another calf pen. I went to R. Sun via ferry and went to Bk, got Mr. Perkins to cash the draft for \$56.00 (see 15th) and left 30. there to my account. Bought gutter for barn cistern and sundries at Gibson's. Paid W. W. Grant to date 5.00 and paid Al Rogers 6.00 for Joe's flour (see 15th) and got receipt.
- 28 Sent Ty and Hector to be shod. Harry said Ty new shoes all round, the colt's reset. Doll Walton came to see me about buying some sheep in partnership and I told him to do so. Went to Ernest's and got him to sign with Lily too as witnesses the bank paper (see 17th) took it and put it in P.O. Sent by Harry letter to Julia.
- 29 Doll Walton came and said he bought 97 head of sheep including 1 lamb for \$470.00. He brought 48 sheep 1 lamb down here and turned them in the back pasture, the lamb is sucking and there is a buck among them. Dick Loudon got 16 bus of corn and said he got 4 bus. before so he owes me 20. Later Doll Walton brought 48 more sheep and left them in the kitchen lot. Got a letter from Patty and Sally—they said Isabella and Bob were to set sail to-day on the Campania.
- 30 Sunday. This morning old Alan was down—Harry got him up and he went under a maple tree and lay there on one side all day. After sundown when Harry came back he got Alan up and he hobbled up by the coal house and lay down again. He seems given out. It was hot but there was a breeze.
- 31 Went to see Dr. Crisler about Alan but he was not at home. Alan down most of to-day but when helped up hobbles around a little. Went to see Hilda (I. H. Brady) and borrowed of her 200. which I left in the bank and gave her my note due in a year from date and earning 6 pr. cent int. for the amount. She got a letter to-day from Isabella thanking her for her gift. Put in P.O. there letter to Sarah. Got letter from Patty written Thursday night telling me that she got a letter from Mrs. Graham telling her that Uncle Ben had left her \$7,500 which deducted from the inheritance tax leaves 7,143.75. I wish Uncle Ben could know how I thank him for my darling b.b. Also I got a letter from Cousin Rebecca.

August

- 1 It is ten years ago since dear Tilden died. Lord love his soul. Dr. Crisler came to see poor Alan, said he was n't dead yet by a good deal. Mr. Jonas Slayback was stacking my rye to-day, finished Dick's wheat to-day that he began to stack yesterday. Lent my cider mill to Mr. Ed Botts. After he finished working in the wheat and rye Joe fixed the wire fence by gate in big pasture. Sent letter to Hilda by Dr. Crisler. Harry dug the onions.
- 2 Everett cut weeds in the vineyard and helped Harry put wire round stacks. Got letters from Patty & Sally. Patty in the Adirondacks at Wawbeek. Doll Walton got Dick to milk some of the ewes and we put the 48 ewes in the big pasture. Joe worked a little while stopping watergaps &c over there.
- 3 Everett worked in vineyard. Went to B. Hot and getting very dry.
- 4 Everett worked in vineyard and on fence. Joe helped a while after dinner fixing fence.
- 5 Mr. J. J. Walton (Doll) came to get my half of the money for the sheep (see July 29th) that he bought in partnership. He wrote a check on the Burlington Bank for \$235.00 payable to his order and I signed it. I also signed 10. to get the iron bridge over Willoughby. Sent letters early to Patty and Sally, got one from Julia. Intensely hot. Hard wind and heat, lightning at night and after ten hard rain with very heavy thunder.
- 6 Sunday—hot and very sultry, about 8 P.M. rained hard again with much lightning and heavy thunder.
- 7 Hot and sultry again. Sent letter to Belle R. Got one from Patty in Adirondacks with kodaks of Isabella's wedding. Packed box for Patty. Got letter from Hilda. Rained again.
- 8 Still hot and sultry. Sent Harry down with Patty's box for Cap. Aikin to send by Ex. also sent to P.O. letter to Cousin Rebecca. Went to see Sophie Wiesickle. Later sent letter to Sue and got one from her saying Cousin Harvey is sick. Sold Mr. Clutterbuck 3 sides 54 lbs. and he paid me 4.86 cents for it.—also butter and eggs for 1.00 of sugar. Sent by him note to Hilda.
- 9 Still hot, sweltering. Made canned tomatoes. Sent letter to Patty—got one from her also package of letters to read and letter from Sally and Sally W.
- 10 My darling sister Belle's wedding day. Warm and rained some. Mr. Cason got 3 bus. corn and paid me 1.50. I went to Burlington after Hilda but she had company and could n't come. Went to Bank and got 25. to pay wages, &c. Got letter from Hilda.
- 11 Did n't write in this till 13th. Miss Pearl Botts brought me peaches that her brother sent. Hilda came down with Ab Gains to stay. Sent letters to Sally, Sally W. & Sue.
- 12 Everybody went to the Lawrenceburg Fair, white & black. It rained off and on in showers. Got letters from Sally, Sarah and Belle R. Very hot.
- 13 Sunday. Sultry, some showers. Hilda went to church with Betty Botts and there to dine. Old Alan worse these days.
- 14 My darling Patsy's birthday. Lord love her. Letter from Mary C. Hot sultry day—finished canning peaches.
- 15 Went to Bellevue twice, got letter from Patty. Mr. Acra's brother came and got 2 bus. corn paid me 2.00. Asked Mike C. to send for 175 sacks to L. so Dick told me. Got letter from Julia. Hilda went to Betty's.
- 16 Sent letter to Patty. Mrs. Will McConnell and Anna and little Robert came to spend the day. Hilda and Betty Rice came to dine and went back to her house. Rained hard yesterday. Clear and hot to-day.
- 17 My beloved mother has been dead 46 years. Lord love her sweet soul. Hilda came back—brought me 1.00. Tom Roberts sent for 2 bus. corn. Joe began to cut tobacco in the garden. Sent letter to Julia. Put up peaches.
- 18 Hilda went home after dinner. Harry brought out wheat sacks yesterday.

- 19 Thundered in the night. Cloudy morning and about noon rained. Mr. L. A. Conner came and I gave him a check for 10.00 on Burlington Bk. to pay for Belle R.'s colt (see June 13th). Rained very hard later. Got letter from Patty saying the box (see 8th) had got to Sally's right, and that she had had a letter from Isabella.
- 20 Sunday. Harry and Susan went on the boat excursion.
- 21 Harry hauled manure &c. out of yard deadened a buckeye tree and cut down some peach snags in the yard. Got letter from Sally who said Frank had gone to California. Doll Walton came to see about his hogs. Heard that Mr. Joe Riddell in Bellevue died. Sent letter to Sally.
- 22 Put up peaches. Susan Sick. Got letter from Fanny Strader. Hot.
- 23 Rained last night and this morning—hot and sultry. Went to the funeral of Mr. Joe Riddell of Bellevue at the Christian Church and new graveyard, buried by masons. Got letter from Patty inclosing one from Isabella at the family seat, Raith Kirkcaldy in Ross-shire. Also letter from W. W. Williams Rising Sun about Aunt Eliza's lot.
- 24 My darling papa's birthday, Lord love his soul. Hot and sultry—at night a storm with heavy thunder and rain. Mr. Jack Walton and Eliza had their buggy broken going to church and came in. I canned peaches.
- 25 Clear and beautiful and cooler. Got letter from Patty and Sue. Went to Bellevue late.
- 26 Got letter from Julia—pleasant and bright.
- 27 Sunday. Hilda came down with Gordon Gaines to go to church and stayed with me. Grapes are ripe. I put up some juice last week. Old Alan seems a little better.
- 28 Went with Hilda to church and to baptism. Mr. Maddox baptized 4. Got letters from Patty, Sally and invitation to Pauline's wedding. Hot at noon turned cooler. Joe was hauling in tobacco. Did n't write in this till Sep 2nd.
- 29 Hilda and I went to the sale of Mr. Lillard's property—there was a large crowd. Hilda went home after dinner. Beautiful day.
- 30 Canned peaches, &c. Got letter from Sally and one from Isabella with postal card views.
- 31 Had box of hams packed Patty's 6 and 20 nine for Sally.

September

- 1 Sent Harry with the box containing 8 hams and a note to Roll Aikin to ship to Sally. Gave Dick an order for 3.00 on Corbin for Doug Cook who is helping him house tobacco. Harry heard that Leeomar was bitten by a spreading adder. Very hot. Susan went to Burlington en route to the fair. Got letter from Julia. Sent letters to Patty and Sally either to-day or sooner.
- 2 Hot again. Harry went to the fair—he and Susan came home and went to R. Sun. Gave Harry an order on Mike Corbin for 1.50.
- 3 Sunday—perfectly beautiful day, cooler. Isaac Sanders and his wife and child came to see Aunt Nancy. Sent letter by him to Patty.
- 4 54° at sunup. Beautiful bright cool day. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Patty at Sally's and envelope from Sally with news from Isabella. Went to McVile to see Mrs. Aikin. Men cutting tobacco.
- 5 52° at sunup, cool all day. Worked in grapes.
- 6 54° at sunup. Mr. Jim Setters came to thresh about 4 P.M. Dick's wheat was stacked so badly that that the rains ruined it. The top of the stacks the sheafs were rotten and growing—the wheat is wet and the straw damp and mouldy—the outside of the stacks green and growing in spots. Doug Cook helped thresh on my account and Joe and Everett. Sold Mr. Clutterbuck 3 shoulders 48 lbs.
- 7 Went to Bellevue gave Mike Corbin check on Burlington Bk. for 25. and paid him 4.50 for the orders (see 1st and 2nd) and got the orders and the balance—got letter from Hilda about her

- business. Mr. Setters finished thrashing and left before noon. Dick's wheat came to 215 bus. at 5 cts = 10.75 my rye was 72 bus. at 6 cts = 4.82. I pd. Mr. Setters for both 15.10. The wheat and rye are both so badly damaged by bad stacking that they are not fit to ship to the mill where we got the sacks, and the straw is partly rotten. After noon Joe and Dick hauled the best of the wheat and rye to Bellevue to ship to Cin. Joe worked till 4 P.M. I kept 6 sacks of the wet rye and 15 sacks of damp wheat. Doll Walton sent to borrow 31 sacks that were left unfilled. Did n't write in this till Monday. Gave Joe order for four, pd. Oct.9th 5.30.
- 8 Sent for Hilda who came down. Got letter from Patty at Sally's. Put up quinces.
 - 9 Remembered my dear mother's birthday. Lord love her sweet soul. Sent Hilda to church.
 - 10 Sunday. Ernest and Lily spent the day. Hilda went back to Burlington with Ernest. Rained. I thought of my dear sister's birthday. Lord love her too.
 - 11 Dick brought me 3.30 watermelon money. Went up to see Mr. Roberts about metal roof. Harry went to the Dr. Got letter from Sally.
 - 12 Sent early letters to Sue and Sally and the views Sally sent me of Scotland. Went to Bellevue—put in P.O. letter to Sarah and photograph of monument and Patty's picture of St. Paul and note to Pauline. Bright pretty day. Had Patty's buggy harness cleaned and put away.
 - 13 Pretty day. Mrs. Louly Walton brought me some damsons.
 - 14 54° at sunup. Mr. Gaines dept. ass. came to take the tax list. Dick attended to three calves. Went to B. Asked Ben Corbin to come and see about roof. Got letter from Patty and paper from Enid Yandell.
 - 15 57° at sunup. Turned warmer. Cooked damsons. At night plenty of lightning and thunder and very little rain.
 - 16 Warm. Went to Bellevue for soap, candles, &c. Got letter from Sally and she said Frank got home Sat—letter from Isabella inclosing one to be sent to Julia.
 - 17 Sunday—warm and rained hard about 3 P.M. and later.
 - 18 Went to Bellevue—took letter to Julia and the one Isabella sent for her and one to Mary C. Went to Jane Utz's and to Ernest's and back to Bellevue. Got letter from Early & Daniel about wheat and rye and check for 117.82. The wheat was graded No. 4 and brought .76. The rye was damaged and brought .50. The wheat weighed 8190 lbs = 136 bus. rye 2910 lbs. = 51 bus. 54 lbs.
 - 19 Went on the hunt of tobacco sticks. Bought 500 of Mr. Harry Acra at .50 a hundred. Went to Bellevue. Borrowed 3.00 of Mike Corbin. Pd. Mike the 21st. Got letter from Patty and put one in P.O. for her. It rained a little.
 - 20 Sent by Joe 2.50 to pay for the sticks he went for. He brought the money back as he only got 232 sticks. Harry took Kitty down and had her shod all around. Doll Walton brought back the wheat sacks he got (see 7th). He bought 2 bucks and turned them from the back pasture to the one across the pike. I went to Bob Brady to see about sticks. Got letter from Julia.
 - 21 Mr. Wm. McConnell and Mr. Brodie came to ask for tobacco acreage. Perfect day. Got letter from Sally—put one in R. S. P.O. for Sally. Went to tell Mr. Williams about Aunt Eliza's lot and heirs.
 - 22 Joe made ash tobacco sticks on the hill. Another beautiful day, warmer.
 - 23 Dick Loudon came and got part of his wheat money—his part came to 47.57 and he got 20. and let me credit him with 27.57 towards what I had advanced. Went to Bellevue—got letter from Sarah. Joe was making sticks, boys hauled down 500.
 - 24 Sunday 48° after sunup.
 - 25 Went to Burlington, put in P.O. letter to Sally to Sarah (inclosing Hole in the Day's picture) and to Enid Yandell. Went to the sheriff's office and paid my taxes for to Miss Martin and

- got receipt for 69.85. Went to Bk. and got my book straightened. Have now only 40. there. Went to Hilda's, beautiful day.
- 26 44° at sunup. Went to Bellevue. All hands cutting tobacco—perfect days.
- 27 44° at sunup—turned warmer. Sent Harry to have shoe reset on Kitty. Went to Mr. Harry Acra's pd. his wife 1.16 for 132 sticks. Sent by Harry letters to Sue and Sally W. Got letter from Sally who said Susie Tew was home.
- 28 Warmer—rode around to see about cutting corn &c. Got letter from Patty. Said Sally was going with Frank to Hot Springs, VA.
- 29 54° at sunup. Everett said he and Tendle cut 90 shocks on the hill. Mr. Hall cut 18 in brick yard bottom and 104 on the hill. I pd. him in full 7.93 he cut for 6 cents a shock. Sent by Ethel letter to Patty. Warmer, like rain.
- 30 Warm and sprinkled some cloudy. Joe went away and I sent by him to get shiplap lumber for bottom of wagon bed.

October

- 1 Sunday. Harry and Susan gone visiting. Showered and turned bright.
- 2 Rained gently off and on. Harry went to Jane's and for mail—got letter from Julia. Susan went on the boat to R. Sun. Gave her order on Corbin for 6.25. Of this Harry gave her 1.50 and the rest was for two weeks wages and .25 borrowed.
- 3 Sent Harry down for lumber Joe got for wagon bed bottom—got letter from Sally at Va. Hot Springs, from Julia and Sue. Lovely day.
- 4 Joe was working on wagon bed. He said Everett and Tendle were cutting corn. Got letter from Patty. Harry went to B. to base ball. Perfectly lovely weather. Got letter from Natl. Met. Citizen's Bk. Wash. with check for 16.00. At sunup 56°
- 5 46° at sunup. Sent by Julia letter to Sally.
- 6 Went to Bellevue. Gave M. J. Corbin a check on Burlington Bk. for \$25 and he took out the 5.25 for the order I gave Susan (see 2nd) and paid me the balance. Got 3 postals from Sally with views of Hot Springs. Sent for Hilda but she was not at home.
- 7 Everett and Tendle came to get their money for cutting corn. I paid them in full to date 6½ for the 90 shocks on the hill. 7 for 34 they said they cut in bottom. Paid Everett 2.89 on his other work. Joe has been tinkering on one of the double stalls making it into a stripping room. At sunup 44°. Susan came home on the boat. Turned Pink's calf out to wean—a steer red and white—white face—found it April 30.
- 8 Sunday. Jane came to see Aunt Nancy. Warm.
- 9 Warm and looked like rain. Beautiful sky at sunrise. Went to Bellevue. Paid Al Rogers 5.30 for order I gave Joe West Sep 7. for flour and got order.
- 10 Warm this morning but rained and turned cooler. Got letter from Susie Tew saying she expected to come Friday. Letter from Hilda—sent her one by Mr. Clutterbuck and notice from Century Mag. Went to see about cutting fodder.
- 11 44° at sunup—rained off and on blew hard and turned colder, rained after dark. Harry went to see the Dr. again. Sent by him shaft for Mr. Grant to mend. Got paper to sign to vote from Title & Trust Co. St. Paul. Worked cleaning up getting ready for Sue. Joe was stripping tobacco to-day. Everett hauled coal for me after noon from Corbin's hauled 3 loads.
- 12 34° at sunup and frost the first I have seen this fall. It bit the tender part of the moon vines the peppers, &c. I went to gather peppers, egg plants, citrons, &c. Had a little fire this evening after dark, the first this fall. Everett hauled coal for me to-day. 3 loads from Al Rogers and 1 from Mike Corbin. Dick came for a basket to dig potatoes and I saw Joe mowing his patch in the garden. Harry helped me clean the house and get ready for

company and cold weather. Aunt Nancy said she felt better last night than she had since she went to bed March 1st.

- 13 40° frost but turned milder. Had no fire at night. Susie Tew came on the Swan and I went to meet her. Got letter from Patty saying that Isabella and Bob had arrived in Col. Payne's yacht Aphrodite after a fine voyage looking well, thank Heaven.
- 14 Got letter from Sally.
- 15 Sunday. Sue and Cousin Harvey and Julia Harris came on the boat. It rained before and after the boat came but cleared off.
- 16 42° at sunup. Sent letter to Sally. Cool and bright.
- 17 Sent letter to Julia. Sent Harry to hunt 17 sheep that got out of back pasture. Doll Walton came down to see about sheep in big pasture—said 22 were out. Warm and looked like rain. Joe was digging potatoes in the garden. 42° at sunup.
- 18 Rained off and on. Got letter from Patty—they were to move in town this week Tuesday.
- 19 Rained in the night and raining this morning and hard.
- 20 Dick brought some wet muddy potatoes to put in the cellar. Sprinkled. I rode round to see about sheep. Much cooler and windy. Hilda came down to stay.
- 21 Everett and Tendle came for their money for cutting shocks—he said they cut 44 together at 7 cts and one cut 9 at 6 = 54 and the other 12 at 6 = 72 total 4.34 I gave Everett the .34 and an order on Corbin for 4.00. Later went down and got Al Rogers to take a check on Rising Sun Bk. (Mr. Perkins) for 35.00 out of this he took the 16.90 for the 130 bus coal (see 12th). I then paid Mike Corbin the 4.00 he gave Everett and got the order. Stopped to see Betty Rice. Doll Walton came and got up the sheep across the pike 50 and marked them and put bells on them—got up the others on the back pasture and marked them. 4 were missing—put on 13 bells of mine on all. Pretty day and not so chilly. Sue and Cousin H. went to Burlington to mail letter for Susie.
- 22 Sunday. Hilda went up to Bob Brady's to dine and then came back and went home. Sent by her letter to Lizzie Hodges. At sunup 32° and bright.
- 23 32° at sunup. Turned warmer and cloudy. Doll Walton came to talk about our trade and I went to see some of his cattle. Lily Arnold Grant came to call on Sue. Dick and Joe both put in potatoes for me. Got letters from Patty and Julia.
- 24 Raining off and on all day. Got letter from Julia.
- 25 Poured down nearly all day. Went to Aurora on the Swan with Susie Tew who started for Cin. and N. Orleans. Bought stove pipe, &c. for Aunt Nancy's room and back and bricks and fire clay for Joe's grate.
- 26 Sue and cousin Harvey and I went to dine with Hilda. Chilly and cloudy.
- 27 Cloudy most of the day—warmer and sprinkled a little sometimes. Joe and his boys were shucking corn on the hill—he said they shucked 3 loads to-day. Later he went to the river to get the stone, &c. firebricks, &c.
- 28 Bright pretty day. Mr. Tew went for Hilda who came down. I had the crepe myrtles put in the cellar. Gave Joe and order on Al Rogers for a barrel of flour and sent an order on Corbin for one for myself. Got letter from Lizzie Hodges from Memphis and bill from Dr. L. H. Crisler for 9 visits to see Alan for 18.
- 29 Sunday. Jamie Tew came on his way to Mexico—came from Aurora. Hilda went home after dinner. I gave her a check on the Burlington Bk. for 15.00 and she let me have the money. I think that is the last I had there. Rather cool.
- 30 31° at sunup—turned warmer and pretty day. Joe West and Cousin Harvey and the rest of us set up Aunt's stove in her room. Joe worked after noon till 3 P.M. he put in a pane of glass, &c. Got letter from Patty. A large piece of ceiling plaster fell in Patty's room to-day.

- 31 Jamie Tew went to Aurora on his way to St. Louis and Mexico. It was raining in the night and nearly all day. Got letter from Julia with one from Fanny Foster.

November

- 1 Gathered a little bunch of violets. Turned colder and was bright. Sent letter to Sally by school children. Went to Bellevue and sent P.O. to Century Mag. for subscription for coming year, 4.05. Found the grate bottom of the new Aurora stove was broken.
- 2 Weather colder 25° at sunup—then turned warmer and cloudy. Went to Bellevue and telephoned Spaeth about the stove. Took letter to Sally—got one from her. Aunt Nancy sat in her rocking chair by the kitchen fire some time. I broke the clock winding it to-night.
- 3 Turned warmer—rained a little before day.
- 4 Lovely day—mild and bright. Went to Aurora in spring wagon. Cousin Harvey left for home on the 10.56 train. Went to see Spaeth about the broken stove grate. Got letter from Sally W. about coming down. Turned Amy's black steer calf and Spot's red and white heifer calf out to wean. Shipped 3 boxes of canned fruit to Sally and put receipt in P.O.
- 5 Sunday—rainy dull day.
- 6 Cloudy and dull again, rained a little got hand bag from Patty. We made comfort—a mocking bird came persistently to the dining room window and acted very strangely. Got receipt for subscription to Century Mag. (see 1st).
- 7 Election day. Mostly cloudy with a little rain. Mr. and Mrs. Maddox called. Bird came again. Julia Harris said her Aunt Julia had gone to Wash.
- 8 Cloudy again. Went to Bellevue to meet Sally Woolley and Annie Anderson who came on the Swan. Got letters from Patty and from Sarah. Got clock from Aurora.
- 9 Brighter but chilly. Did n't write in this till Sunday.
- 10 Got letter from Sally telling me that Clarence S. Dinsmore died Wed. at the Waldorf Astoria and was to be buried this Friday. The papers said he died suddenly of pneumonia. Beautiful bright day—gathered violets in yard.
- 11 Sally Woolley and Annie Anderson went away on the Swan—beautiful day. Got letter from Julia with piece about Clarence. Sent for Hilda who came down for church.
- 12 Sunday. Bright and milder. Hilda went home after dinner.
- 13 Went to Aurora by land and on the other side of the river and on to Cincinnati. Went to dentist's and out to Julia's to stay all night. Beautiful weather. Got M. Corbin to cash dft. for 20. on R. S. Bank.
- 14 Went in again to dentist—met Sally W. who went to Clifton with me. Came down on the Lizzie Bay at night and stayed with Betty R. Was colder.
- 15 Walked out home to breakfast—turned warmer. Got letters from Sally and Annie Anderson.
- 16 Sent Julia letter, got letters from Patty and Sally and from Julia and card from Lizzie H.
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- 25 [Partial page] 12 black angus heifers if they don't pay all of the half I am to pay for the balance at 3½ a pound. Angus heifers to be weighed in Bellevue, steers at Mr. Jack Walton's.
- 26 Sunday. Bright mild day, like spring.

- 27 31° at sunup. Doll Walton came and brought me the weights of his polled Angus heifers.
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| 6 cattle | 4300 lbs. |
| 6 cattle | 4365 lbs. |
- Got letters from Willie Dinsmore and Julia. Pretty day and mild. Got felt slippers I sent for by Sue.
- 28 Sent Harry and Everett with the 6 steers up to Mr. Jack Walton's to have them weighed—they came to 3550 lbs. Raining a little and mild raining at night Everett helped Harry haul some rocks.
- 29 Joe was bulking tobacco down this morning. It rained and blew hard last night but stopped and turned colder this evening. Got letter from Sally.
- 30 Thanksgiving. Did n't write in this again till Jan. 17, 1906. Patty came home on the boat at night.

See Jan. 17 and Oct. 5th 1906.