

1908

January

- 1 39° at sunup—feels like spring. Joe and Willie hauled baled hay from Will Rice—about 2 tons at 15. a ton. Harry and Susan went to R. Sun to his brother Hilly's wedding. Julia stayed with me.
- 2 Sent letters to Natl. Bk. Wash. and to Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl. Bk Georgetown. Got two notes from Sue in N.O. Harry and Susan came home. Got letter from Lawrenceburg Roller Mill Co. about the 38 sacks I let Will Rogers have when we thrashed—to [take?] it to Al Rogers who has the sacks. Went to Mr. E. Kelly and he paid me for the sausage 1.40 and I got 1.18 in Envelopes and Stamps. Mike Corbin gave me the weights of the alfalfa and baled hay. The alfalfa weighed 12220 lbs. at 13.50 a ton—the hay weighed 3860 lbs. at 15.00.
- 3 24° at sunup—cloudy and mild. Joe hauled some fodder. Got letter from Belle R.
- 4 Raining most of the day, mild and gloomy. Sent letter to Sally—got two from Patty with one from Cousin Gilbert G. Kennedy and one from Lucy J. Will Rice (W.E.) came for the pay for his hay (see 1st and 2nd) and I gave him a check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for 28.95 in full. Katy Arnold came over.
- 5 Sunday. Bright mild day. Sue came on the mail boat on her way home from New Orleans.
- 6 16° at sunup but bright. We went to Burlington and dined at Hilda's. It was court day and there was a large crowd in town and speaking at the court house on the tobacco question. I did n't hear it but Dick and Joe were there. Put letter to Sally in B.P.O. Got letter from Frank returning power of atty. Sent to Mr. C. W. Gordon (see Aug. 15th) and destroyed the latter.
- 7 24° at sunup. Sent letter to Sally. Got letter from Natl Bk of Washington with check on N. York for 120.00 and one from Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl. Bk. Georgetown with draft on N.Y. for 28.00 also letters from Patty and Sally and circular from Lizzie's son. Sent by Mr. Kirkpatrick to Mr. Riddell as sub. for Boone Co. Recorder 1.50. Joe and Harry took the meat out of salt and hung it up.
- 8 Disagreeable day. Started for R. Sun but the wind was so high the ferry was n't running. Stopped at M. J. Corbin's and paid him \$20. to be credited on my accounts. A[t] Grant P.O. got proxy to vote to sign from Natl. Met. Bk. Washington. Signed my name to M. J. Corbins paper list of those who agree not to raise tobacco in 1908. Joe and Dick said they signed in Burlington the 6th. Snowed a dust at night.
- 9 20° Bright pretty day. Went to Rising Sun and to Bank. Mr. Perkins cashed my drafts, (see 7th). I went down to Mr. Ezra Aylor's and paid him in full for 12220 lbs. alfalfa at 13.50 a ton in full 82.50 in presence of Harry Roseberry and gave him the weights that Mike Corbin gave me. See Jan. 2nd. Then I went to M. J. Corbin's store and paid him the balance on my bill \$65.00 and got the bill. This includes the coal I got from him to date, and Joe's flour. Sent proxy to Bank (see 8th) and letter to Julia, got letter from her. Did n't write in this till Sunday.
- 10 Walked round the place—mild and spring-like. Joe hauled some hickory wood. Got note from Belle R. inclosing letter to send to Sally.
- 11 Harry began to smoke the meat. Sent for Hilda and it rained. Hard wind too. Sent letter to Sally.
- 12 Sunday. Lily and Ernest stopped going by. It rained. Hilda went to church. Warm weather.
- 13 32° at sunup—a skim of snow—cloudy damp and chilly. Hilda went home. Katy came over. Got letter from Julia and postal from Fanny G.
- 14 Bright pretty day. Sue started for home via Aurora. Harry took her in spring wagon. Sent letter to Patty—got one from her. Walked over the place to show Joe trees to cut. Harry brought a barrel of flour from Corbin's.
- 14 Windy and cloudy but not cold. Letter from Susie came for Sue.

- 16 26° at sunup and a dust of snow. Chilly all day and cloudy. Sent Sue's letter and one to Isabella—got one from Sally and from Grant P.O. a proxy to sign from Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl Bk. too late for voting, also telegram from Jamie for Sue.
- 17 24° at sunup—turned bright. Sent note to F. and M. N. Bank. Got letter from Sue. Did n't write in this till 21st.
- 18 Got letter and telegram from Patty saying that Sally was coming to-morrow.
- 19 Sunday. Pretty day, bright and mild. Sally came on the Louisville.
- 20 Another mild pretty day.
- 21 42° at sunup.
- 22 Perfectly beautiful day. Sally and I walked up to Doll Walton's.
- 23 17° and windy—cold and bright. Got letter from Julia in Florida.
- 24 Not so cold and bright day. Sent letter to Julia.
- 25 28° at sunup. Bright pleasant day but chilly. Sally and I went to Hilda's and dined. I went to Bank. Gave a check for my Telephone bill \$12.15 and got it receipted. Got 10. cash for which I gave a check. Paid for the things I got from Clutterbuck. Got letter from Patty.
- 26 Sunday—warmer and very windy and sprinkled. At night the wind roared in the woods.
- 27 22° at sunup. The big dead oak in the barn lot blew down last night and smashed up. Bright and chilly. Got letter from Julia.
- 28 Cloudy and drizzling sometimes. 31 at sunup. Sent letters to Laura D. and Sue. Went to Bellevue—left with Mrs. E. Kelly 2.00.
- 29 Snowed a while this morning—then melted. Turned colder. Sally got telephone telegram from Frank—got letter from Sue at home.
- 30 12° at sunup. Bright. Sent letter to Sue.
- 31 26° at sunup. Cloudy and turned to rain. Susan went to bed sick.

February

- 1 26° at sunup blowing very hard and snowing. Frightful day—turning colder all the time—at 10 P.M. 12° and a Dakota wind all the time and some snow. One black cow up in the cellar under the old buggy home. Had two black ones put in sheep cellar. Got letter from Julia. Susan sick—had Dr. last night and this evening.
- 2 Sunday. Black cow could n't have a calf. Dr. P. said it was dead—she died. Had the two black ones turned back in pasture. Bright day but cold.
- 3 Sent letter to Natl. Bk. Washington to A. B. Ruff cas. asking for 100. of special dividend. Got letter from Frank with statement of his investments for me &c. inclosing check for 31.89. Also had letter from Patty and one from Harriet Young. Gave Joe an order on Corbin for a barrel of flour—and sent for a barrel of salt and told Willie to get Cy shod. About 1 P.M. to-day the house Joe West lived in burned to the ground. First heard of the fire by telephone by Mrs. Bob Brady. They saved the things in the house part only. Flora came to see Sally. Heard through Patty that Mrs. Yandell Enid's mother was dead. Bright and not so cold.
- 4 Colder and disagreeable—at 9 P.M. 27° and snowing. Got letters from Mary C. and Hilda. Went to Bellevue with Joe West and all around and to McVille hunting a house or rooms to rent for him but in vain. Over the telephone Ernest said he would lend me a house for a while.
- 5 Snowed considerably during the night—then sleeted and turned to rain which lasted most of the day and the wind blew like Dakota day and night—most of the snow went off. Really a horrible day.
- 6 Joe West went to Ernest's to look at the house and found it unfit to live in. Then they moved Susan's things out of the office room and put them in my house and the kitchen.
- 7 Got letter from Natl Bk. of Wash. with draft on N.Y. for \$100. Mr. T. Roberts came to look at the flue in the office room and Joe prepared to move in. A bright beautiful day.

- 8 Went to Bellevue with Joe and Mrs. West to get things for them. Cold day, chilly wind.
- 9 Sunday. Ernest and Lily dined with us. Mrs. West moved up into the office and cooked dinner there—the first since she took sick. She and Joe have been staying at Dick's since the fire. Have n't written in this from Wed. till to-day and forgot to say that Saturday the 8th I saw Robert Rice and rented of him for Joe the house that was the basket shop for four months at 4.00 a month including garden and cistern—with the privilege of renting longer if I wish to. 20° at sunup clear.
- 10 Milder and sprinkled a little. Sent letter to Patty. Rode up to George Koons', roads better than usual.
- 11 Like spring—cloudy and cleared—the men stripped tobacco. Joe said he had sold his cow and I said I would buy his fodder 23 shocks. Got letter from Julia.
- 12 Raining a little off and on. Hilda sent a black man down for sand. Went to Bellevue got M.J. Corbin to cash my check from Frank Cutcheon (see 3d). Went to see Robert Rice and paid him 4.00 for rent for the house Joe is to move into (see 9th). Gilly Weisickle moved out to-day.
- 13 Cloudy day misting rain. Paid Joe for the 23 shocks of fodder I bought of him and Willy for work in full. Paid Susan for work in full to Jan. 31st she has been sick since then. Paid Harry in full to the 17th. Got letter from Sue. Heard to-day that Flave Loudon's house burned up.
- 14 Sally and I went to Cin. via Burlington. It poured down rain with thunder and lightning before we left and we had to wait till the worst was over and then went off in the rain with branches and creeks and road rushing with water. We stopped to lunch with Hilda and then went to Erlanger in the omnibus and on by rail to Cin. Got there—late and went to Burnet House, where we stayed till Sunday 16th when we left on the 8.30 train for Florida.

March

- 29 Sunday. Came home on the Louisville from Clifton Cin. where I stayed last night with the Foster's with whom I returned from St. Augustine where Sally left me to return to N.Y. by the Seaboard Line. It rained last night on the way up and in Cin. Harry met me at the landing and we got home before noon. It was cloudy and chilly. I found the grass green, daffodils in bloom and also some fruit trees.
- 30 Joe came out to work and Flave said he would cut hedge. Sent letters to Sally and Julia. Flora came to see me. It rained and at night rained harder.
- 31 Cloudy and chilly. Got letter from Sally W. Saying she had seen Sally and Patty. Joe said he got a pair of gloves to cut hedge he and Flave cut I think. Willie hauled hedge brush and after noon grubbed up by the graveyard &c. I took a long walk to see ploughing wheat, timothy &c. Went after dinner to Burlington and to see Hilda. After dark it is raining again. Had milk cows turned on grass—and blk. cow with red calf put in calf lot.

April

- 1 Went to Bellevue got mail—letter from Mary S. Burke. Got letter from Sally by R.R. written Monday. Mrs. Acra gave me a Forsythia and I had it planted. Got from M.J. Corbin the receipt for the tobacco Dick Loudon and Joe West delivered during my absence in Florida, signed Brady and Arnold, being Hubert Brady and Will Arnold as agents of the S. of Equity. Mike said the figures were Dick's 18082 lbs. and Joe's 6570 lbs. and that Dick had drawn 200.00 on his half. I got Dick to order by telephone from Mike 1½ bus. clover seed and 1 bus. timothy. Feb. 12th I had paid Robert Rice 4.00 rent for the house Joe occupies—to-day I paid him 8.00 and got his receipts in full to May 12th. Dick attended to the 2 little calves of the black cows, one black calf born March 7th the other red calf born March 27th Harry says. They turned the black calves that were in the sheep cellar out with the milk cows. Two steer calves of last year died while I was gone. Mr. Clyde Berkshire came and I engaged of him 19 fruit trees, to be 6.70. A black cow, with white under her body has a black heifer calf born to-day.

- 2 Turned colder—fair with chilly wind. Sent Harry for the clover and timothy seed. Willy S. has been grubbing and after noon he and Harry cut down the two dead locusts in the front yard near the tulip tree and chipped and sawed on them. Mr. Cason came to see about buying blk. heifer yearlings. Joe and Flave were cutting hedge.
- 3 Bright but chilly—river very high. No mail to-day. Willy did n't work for me. Harry took Kitty and raked off the timothy on cherry hill. Flave and Joe cut hedge.
- 4 Turned the cattle over in the big pasture except one young red cow that they put with the milk cows, and the two cows with young steer calves. Dick sowed the clover and timothy on the wheat and rye. I sent letter to Sally and note with little photographs to Harriet. Got letters from Patty and Julia.
- 5 Sunday. Raining and rained nearly all day. Gloomy lonesome day.
- 6 Bright and mild. Had the 2 black cows with the black and red steer calves turned into the big pasture. Willie worked on the trees in the yard and he and Harry cut down the big hollow locust by the front gate and worked at it. Joe and Flave hedge. No mail to-day.
- 7 Told Joe West that I was not going to rebuild now and that I told him first so he would have a good chance to find another place. The mail did n't get here on account of high water Mr. Mahan said. To-day I got letter from The Texas Co. (through Frank Cutcheon) with draft on Natl. Park Bank N.Y. for 21.00 div. also 2 from Patty one from Sally 2 from Julia one from little Julia and 2 from Hilda of these 5 had been to Florida. Harry raked timothy Joe and Flave cut hedge on cherry hill and Willy ploughed for Joe. Dick hauled some stove wood off new ground. I went to Flora's. Mild day—and after dusk rained gently.
- 8 Raining most of the day. The men did n't work. Sent letters to Patty and Julia. Got letter from Isabella and card from Lucy J. Went to Bellevue after dinner. Sent to Atlee Burpee P.O. for seeds 4.15. Went to see Betty. Robert Rice said he would let me have the house I am renting for Joe till March 1st next.
- 9 Chilly, partly bright. Sent letter to Sue and one that came for Patty from Peebles. Got letter from Patty. Joe and Flave worked on hedge on line next Dolls. Dick and Willy hauled hedge. Harry raked trash off timothy.
- 10 Raining again, and rained nearly all day. Sent letter to Mary Burke got one from Sally. Sent for Hilda who came down to go to church. The men did n't work.
- 11 My beloved sister Belle's birthday. Lord love her soul. Sent Sally a package of green muslin she wanted sent. Joe, Flave and Willy worked ½ day at hedge. Willie Snelling told me he wanted to give up the milking. Hilda went to church.
- 12 Sunday. Frost this morning—chilly but bright. After church and dinner Hilda went home—sent by her letter to Patty. Made an arrangement with Flave Loudon to do the milking—he is to milk in his day's work when he works and otherwise I am to pay him at the rate of 2.00 a month. The fruit trees are in beautiful full bloom every snag seems loaded with flowers.
- 13 Bright and pleasant. Harry took Belle mare to Zen Scott's. Sent letter to Mary C. got one from Harriet Young. Went to Bellevue and McVile after dinner, and got plant from Betty. Rode up to see Joe and Flave grub. Willy ploughed for Joe. Harry set out onion sets. Got postal notice from Stark about fruit trees.
- 14 Mild and bright most of the day—sprinkled a little later and rained gently at night. Sent letters to Carbolineum Avenarins Co. and to Loudon Machine Co. for catalogues. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Sally said Frank had gone to see his father who was worse and not expected to live. Sent Harry to see and salt the cattle—he said there were two more heifer calves not black ones mongrels I suppose. Harry planted peas and beans and beets. I went to Bellevue. Paid M.J. Corbin for things Joe West got since I went to Florida 12.07 and got the receipt.

- 15 Sprinkled off and on during the day—at night rained a little and blew hard. Got letter from Sally saying Frank's father Gen. Byron M. Cutcheon died last Sunday. Also got letter from Mary Burke and a box of roses &c. to plant. Got the watermelon and garden and flower seeds from Burpee. Harry trimmed fruit trees. Willie ploughed on the hill for Joe. Joe and Flave grubbed I believe. Doll Walton stopped by to see about metal wagon wheels. Set out the things Mary sent and planted some seeds tomato, pepper and egg plant.
- 16 Bright but chilly. Joe worked $\frac{1}{2}$ [day] for me I think grubbing. Willy ploughed for Joe in sand field. Sent letters to Sally, Julia and Mary Burke. Got letter from Julia. Flave says he worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day grubbing.
- 17 Bright and warmer. Joe and Flave finished the fence row they grubbed on in the pasture on mud road. After noon they went to Mr. Jack Walton's and got some loose timothy. Joe said the wagon weighed 2710 lbs. in Bellevue. Willy ploughed for Joe before dinner. I told him to grub around the field where I want to put alfalfa. I rode round to see the work—after dinner went to the burial of Mrs. Kate Staley in the new cemetery. Went on to Bellevue and got letter from Natl Metropolitan Bank with draft for \$12. div. Got letter from Sue. Heard whip-poor-wills the first time this spring. Mr. Walton said the hay was 12. a ton. Harry planted some radish and peas.
- 18 Rained last night and to-day. Sent letters to Sue and to Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl. Bk. Got letters from Sally and Easter cards from little Julia. Joe and Flave worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day making fence stays. Julia L. stayed all night as Harry and Susan went to Ethel's
- 19 Easter Sunday—a beautiful day—the first since I got home that I have n't had any fire. The servants came back.
- 20 Bright but not quite so warm. Sent letters to Patty and Julia—got letters from Patty and Julia. Sent Harry to Zen Scott's with Belle R. Had steps put to the stile rock. Joe and Flave piled trash on timothy and then worked on locusts in the yard and field on pike. Harry hauled with Kitty and worked in flowers. He and Leeomer killed a couple of horrid spreading adders in the garden hedge. Had the crêpe myrtles set out of the cellar and set out 3 clematis vines by the kitchen.
- 21 40° at sunup—had fire morning and night. Only Flave worked for me—he grubbed on the timothy. Joe ploughed his potatoes. Harry worked in the garden some—planted 4 rows of corn. Went to Bellevue. Mr. Grant put 2 shoes on Hector. Harry went to salt the cattle—found another calf a steer black with white on it.
- 22 41° at sunup—have a fire. Went to the bottom where Joe is ploughing to see about the crossing &c. Joe said he got a barrel of flour of Mike Corbin yesterday 5.75. Got letter from Farmers' and Mechanics' Natl. Bk. see 18th with draft on N.Y. for 28.00 also letters from Carbolineum Ave. Co. and Julia.
- 23 Went to Rising Sun. Got Mr. Perkins to cash four drafts and check (see 22nd and 12) March 3d Frank C. 30.50 and one 21.00 from Texas investment total 91.50. After dinner went to Burlington and deposited at Boone Co. Dep. Bk. with Mr. Gaines \$100. and had it set in my bank book. In Rising Sun paid the taxes for the next year from May 1st on Aunt Eliza's property (Gilson [sic] Hawkins Est.) 2.02. Got notes from Mrs. Hathaway and Hilda and letter from Carbolineum Avenarins man Cinti. Went to see Hilda. Saw Mr. Clyde Berkshire on my way home—he said the 19 trees I engaged Apl. 1st came in such bad condition I need not take them. I took 3 trees a Lincoln Pear and an Alton and a peach on the chance of their living to be replaced if they die. It looked like rain to-day but was warm and pleasant. Joe and Flave worked for me—they said they sawed posts and were going to set them next watergap and hedge, in big pasture.
- 24 Did n't write in this till Sunday. It rained off and on. I think Joe and Flave worked at the fence and making stays. I set out the Alton peach in in the back yard the other and the pear in the front.

- 25 Joe and Flave worked ½ a day for me I suppose. Joe took the wagon to be weighed and Willie brought the weights of Mr. Jack Walton's hay (see 17th) a Gross 2720 Tare 1245 Net 1475 lbs. hay. Got letter from Lucy J. Rained or sprinkled off and on.
- 26 Sunday. Beautiful day. Ernest and Lily came to dine with me. Mr. Lawrence Phipps came to see Sally's filly—said it was best not to take her.
- 27 Sent Harry to Burlington to take Ty to the coach horse Plutarch. Sent letter to Lucy Johnstone and the photograph of her mother. Got letters from Patty, Sally and Julia. Miss Doll Botts stopped on her way by. Went to the funeral of Mrs. Marindy Clore (Mrs. widow Jonas Clore) at the Bellevue Baptist church. Mr. Utz preached and she was buried in the new cemetery. It was cold with a chilly wind and showers. It kept so cold I had plants taken in and covered. The men Joe Flave and Willy hauled trash off the new timothy meadow on cherry hill. They came down about 2.30 and worked at wire fence.
- 28 Sent Harry to get the cows with the young b. calf black with white on it—he found another b. calf one of the cows was the one with white spot and white feet. He brought both up and Dick attended to them—left them in calf lot. Joe and Flave worked for me—at wire fence and cutting and working up locusts timber. Went to Bellevue—got barrel of lime. Got letter from Sue. Chilly windy day.
- 29 Rainy and chilly. Gave Dick Loudon an order on Corbin for a barrel of flour 5.50. Rained off and on all day and harder at night. Joe and Flave worked till noon I think on fence stays. Harry went over the river. One of the cows and her young steer calf got away from the calf lot. Flave said that the young cow red and white had a calf.
- 30 Snowing hard this morning and snowed for hours then melted and turned back into a cold rain. 35° at sunup. I have sat by a fire for two days. Sent letter to Sally, got letters from Patty and Julia and card from Am. Ex. Co. Flave and Harry brought up the young cow, she has a heifer calf marked like herself red and white. Harry also went after the black cow and calf. No one worked.

May

- 1 35° at sunup—frost and ice at the cistern on the pan of water—sun rose clear but clouded up and there were showers off and on—chilly. The tomato plants in Joe's big bed in the garden were killed. Joe and Flave worked at fence posts and Willy grubbed. Susan and Harry went to R. Sun. Harry took Ty to Burlington to Plutarch. I rode to Mr. Jack Walton's and gave him a check on Bur. Dep. Bk for 8.85 for the hay see Apl. 25. Sent letter to Sally—got programme from Julia.
- 2 Sun came out but it remained chilly and the wind was cold. Went to Bellevue and got Mike Corbin to cash a check for me on the Burlington Dep. Bk. for 25.00. Got telephone from Julia—sent notes to her and Mrs. Hathaway. Got another letter from Loudon Man. Co.
- 3 Sunday. Gloomy chilly day—about dusk it began to rain hard a cold rain—with thunder and lightning. Joe said he sowed tomatoes again.
- 4 Got up early and went to Cin. via Burlington and Erlanger. Julia met me in Cin. It rained all night and nearly all day and was horrid weather most of the week. I stayed at Julia's and went to the May Festival. It cleared up Saturday.
- 10 Sunday. Bright and warmer, came home on the mail boat got here by 11.30. Harry had gone for Hilda to come to church and I sent for her—she came and dined with me and then Harry took her home. Susan went over the river visiting. Came home Monday.
- 11 Flave said that he put in 3 days last week in spite of rain. Joe said he had only worked ½ day. Willie ½ day. Harry said that while I was gone Wed. I think he and Flave took Betsy's calf down to Mike Corbin to ship. Harry said he found a new b. calf Wednesday May 6th with the black cows. Sent letters to Sally and Julia and postal to Patty. Mr. Billy Rice came to engage some corn at .75 a bus. Later I went to his house to see 6 pigs he wanted to sell—said I would take them at 2.00 apiece. Went to see Hilda. I think Joe and Flave worked getting fence posts. Willy ploughed for Joe.

- 12 Willie ploughed for me in the garden half a day—finished breaking it harrowed and laid off some after noon. Harry and I worked too—he planted melons water and musk. I planted okra. Dick Loudon planted his melon patch. Sent letter to Hardig about Carbolineum Avenarins.
- 13 The wedding day of my beloved parents. I hope they are in bliss. Lord love their souls. Began to clean the house Took up the dining room carpet and took the things out of Patty's room. Joe found the top of the chimney was split—bricks ready to fall. Mr. Parsons sent and got 10 bus. corn and sent me 7.50 for it. Got letter from Julia.
- 14 Put down the dining room carpet and helped clean the house. Got letters from Patty and Sally. They were moving to the country. Both said that on Monday May 11 Isabella's son Robert Munro Ferguson was christened by Rev. Hugh Black the minister who christened Martha. Bob's sponsors President Roosevelt Miss Olivia Cutting of N. York. Got letter from Carbolineum A. man. Harry killed a groundhog in the wine cellar. Went to Bellevue. Paid Mr. Gene Kelly 4.00 for Robert Rice for rent for Joe's house because Robert was not in town. Got letter from Joe Humphreys of May 1st. After noon Joe went to planting corn for himself, said Dick was planting corn too. He and Flave had been getting out posts and Flave then cut briers. I set out nearly a row of tomato plants and Harry set out some cabbage plants.
- 15 Worked at house cleaning. Harry too. Only Flave worked for me. He grubbed and cut briers on paling fence next Doll Walton's and cut briers in pasture on mud road. Ernest and Mrs. Claypool came to call. Ethel came over. Got another letter from Loudon Co. Set out the rest of the row of tomatoes and planted vine seeds round catalpa stump. The weather has been warm and pleasant this week—lovely—roses and peonies out and the house open and really spring.
- 16 Bright warm day. Mr. Billy Rice came and brought me the 6 pigs and got a load of corn—he is to have it weighed in Burlington and have the weights and balance of the money with Mr. Revill. Found the corn in the back of the crib in a very bad condition—musty and rotten from being put in wet. We cleaned the house—&c. I sent letters to Ave. Car. man and to Loudon M. Co. and postal to Sally.
- 17 Sunday. Pretty day—even hot. Went to the river for Patty who came on the Cincinnati and we got home before noon.
- 18 Rained last night and raining this morning and off and on sometimes hard all day. Mr. Wilson came and fixed the telephone. Harry worked some in the garden and yard. I set out more tomato plants. Got letter from Willie Tew.
- 19 Like a goose did n't write in this till Sunday 24th. Chilly gloomy day. Patty went to Burlington and to see Hilda. Harry took Ty. Got letter from Sue.
- 20 Ethel came to clean house. She and Harry worked at that. Bright day and cool. Got letter from Loudon M. Co. about stacking outfit.
- 21 Still house cleaning. I worked off and on this week putting in flower seeds. Rode to Doll's to tell about shoats. Got letter from Sally.
- 22 Willie worked for me to-day in the morning in garden—harrowed, laid off, replanted corn and planted some cucumbers. After noon he hauled tobacco sticks and drove them around low stumps in the meadow. Harry planted H. squash. I planted some flower beds.
- 23 Willie and Flave worked ½ day. They moved the 10 black calves to the big pasture and cut down old hedge on cherry hill. Flave says he worked 5½ days this week—he cut briers in pasture on mud road part of the time. Got letter from Frank C. with check for 59.49 interest, check on Equitable Trust Co. N.Y. Heavenly weather for some days. Joe and Willy were putting in corn this week. Dick also planted some. Dick's old work horse Ben died.
- 24 Sunday. Perfect day. Patty and I were alone—the servants gone.
- 25 Flave and Willy grubbed and cut hedge on cherry hill till noon—then I told them to cut bushes in the pasture on mud road. Joe worked for himself getting bottom ground ready. Flave attended to five of my pigs. Between 3 and 4 P.M. there was a storm with plug of lightning and wind and some rain. I

set out some tomato plants. Harry some cabbage. Sent letters to Sally and to Louden M. Co. Hot to-day—after the rain the ther. fell from 91° to 71°.

- 26 Beautiful day—towards evening thunder and lightning but no rain. Joe got done planting corn. Flave worked for me, grubbing and cutting bushes. Found melon bugs killing vines. Dick and I limed vines.
- 27 Went to Bellevue. Got letter from Sally. Let Joe have an order on Corbin for 20.00 ten for himself and ten for Willy Snelling, this evening. They worked for themselves to-day making hills for tomatoes and replanting corn. Harry ploughed a little in the garden with cultivator. Patty went to Burlington—I sent by her to get the weights of the corn I sold Mr. W. J. Rice (see 6th). The corn came to 32½ bus. and at .75 came to 24.37. Deducting 12.25 for the 6 pigs and weighing left 12.12 that Mr. Rice deposited in Bank with Mr. Revell to my credit. I gave Patty a check for 15.00 and she brought me the money. It was a warm bright day most of it—had thunder and a few little showers towards evening.
- 28 Bright beautiful day. Neither Joe nor Willy came out. Flave cut bushes in pasture. I sent letter to Willy Tew with his mother's picture. Ernest Grant came to call. Ethel and Harry cleaned house.
- 29 Harry cleaned the outhouses. Then went to Mr. Brady's to get the cattle that got out. Sent letters to Frank (see 23d) and to Belle R. Flave cut bushes till noon and then went to fix the wire fence in big pasture where the cattle got out. Harry had to help him for neither Joe or Willy came. I rode over to see about the fence. Towards evening there was plenty of thunder and some rain. I set out tomato plants. It was hot before the rain. Harry planted three rows of corn and cut grass.
- 30 Joe and his force and Dick set out some of their tomato plants—it was not a good season there was so little rain. Harry took Ethel down—she has been here cleaning house. Harry brought me a barrel of flour from Corbin's. I replanted my melons—only a few missing. No mail to-day—memorial day. After noon there was a wind and rain storm with heavy thunder—it poured and the wind blew down the Pawlonia Imperialis in the yard. Harry and Susan went over the river. Turned cooler.
- 31 Sunday. Beautiful day—clear and cool. Air delicious with roses and honeysuckles. We went to look at the tomatoes set out they looked drooping and pitiful.

June

- 1 50° at 5 o'clock and cloudy. Leeomer says he cut bushes 1½ day last week. It stayed very cool—all day. Flave cut bushes. Joe and Willy worked for themselves—they ploughed corn part of the time. Harry went to see about the calves—cut bean poles and worked in the yard. I hoed some in garden and fixed flowers. Got letter from Sally with check for 25. and letter from Louden Machinery Co.
- 2 54° at sunup—bright and cool. This morning sent Joe Willy and Flave to Mr. Jim Botts for timothy hay. Joe and Willy took the wagon down to be weighed and left the hay bed at the shop. The hay weighed net 2035 lbs. at 12.00 a ton. Mr. Harry Acra came and got Joe's telephone that I had since the fire. Joe and Willy ploughed corn after noon. Harry set out 225 potato plants from Dick's bed. I set out more tomato plants hoed melons and other things. Flave cut bushes after he came back from Mr. Botts's.
- 3 Raining and rained off and on most of the day. Joe set out some of his tomatoes in the piece he had set before. Sent letters to Sally and Julia, got one from Julia. Chilly.
- 4 Raining, but cleared off—warmer. Went to Burlington—gave Mr. Gaines in the Bank the check for 25. (see 1st) endorsed. Gave my check for 60.00 and got a draft on N.Y. Bank of America N.Y. for 27. for the Louden Machinery Co. signed by D. Rouse bal. in cash. Went to Hilda's but she was gone to Cin. Got letter from Fanny G. Joe and Willy reset in the same piece of tomato ground, and was replanting corn [sic]. Flave had to go to attend to his tobacco. Went to Bellevue. Paid Mike Corbin 20. and got the cash order (see May 27th). Gave Mike Corbin a check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for 12.20 for the hay I got from J. E. Botts (see 2nd) as Mr. Botts told me to settle with Mike. Harry took the heifer calf of the young white faced cow born April 29th, down and I sold it to Mike Corbin—it

- weighed 120 lbs. and at 6 cts came 7.20 and I told him to credit it on my account. Got letter from T. J. Davis First Natl Bk. Cin. about safe deposit vaults. Turned warmer.
- 5 Went to Rising Sun—at the Bank got young Mr. Perkins to cash Frank's check (see May 23d). Took Patty to the Harp Factory to see harps and motor boats. Turned so warm, 85° again. Sent letter to Loudon Machinery Co. with draft on New York for \$27. for hay stacking outfit. Got letter from Julia. Harry ploughed in the garden, and I worked in it.
 - 6 Flave and Leeomer worked ½ day hauling rock and putting it into the wash by the barn. I paid Flave in full to date for all his work except the milking. Pretty day warm and bright. Got letter from Julia.
 - 7 Sunday. It is 25 years to-day since Patty was married—poor child such is life. Lovely day.
 - 8 Bright and warm till after 3—then had a good shower or so with thunder. Letter from Sally. Harry was painting the gallery.
 - 9 Mr. Fred Utz came and bought 7 head of cattle from me—the 2 black bulls \$50. Blanche's young cow \$28. 3 steers the two dehorned and a white-faced black one for 4 cents and the red big horned steer for 3 ½--to be weighed at Mr. T. J. Walton's Thursday. Doll Walton stopped to telephone. Went to Bellevue—paid Will Grant's bill 12.60. Joe set out the rest of his plants. It was warm this morning but turned cool. Harry painted the gallery floor. Patty painted hall doors. Worked in the garden. The Coons men piled rock on the corner on the mud road—hauling for the pike.
 - 10 Flave worked cutting bushes and after noon in the garden—he hoed and put the poles to the butter beans. Later he and Harry brought over the 7 head of cattle I sold to Mr. Utz. Harry was painting. I worked in the garden hoed the melons and squash &c. Flave replanted corn in the garden. Sent letter to Sally—got one from Loudon M. Co. saying they received the draft (see 4th). Looked like rain—sprinkled sometimes.
 - 11 54° at sunup. Cool all day and chilly evening. Sent Harry and Flave up to Mr. Jack Walton's with the 7 head of cattle I sold him. Harry brought back the weights and Mr. Utz's check. The 3 steers at 4 cts. weighed 2720 lbs = 108.80 the 1 at 3½ cents weighed 790 = 27.65. The two bulls = 50. the white-faced cow 28. total \$214.45 and Mr. Utz's check for that amount was on the Erlanger Dep. Bk. F. A Utz. Patty went to Miss Cason's, after dinner we went to Ernest's. Met there a Mrs. Keys, a grand daughter of Mrs. Stearns. Got letter from Lucy J. and note from Lou Cleneay. Flave worked in the garden hoeing ploughing and planting corn. Harry took Belle R. to Zen Scotts.
 - 12 55° at sunup, turned much warmer. Went to Burlington, endorsed Mr. Utz's note see yesterday, left \$125 in bank with Mr. Revill, took the balance—went to the court house and paid my taxes 72.45 and got receipt from Mr. Cropper. D. S. Brought Hilda home with me. Got letter to-day from Loudon M. Co. with receipted bill 27. and notice that the stacking outfit was shipped to me via Aurora Ind. Flave worked for me to-day cutting bushes in the morning and after noon helping Joe and Willy haul rocks to fix a ford at Middle Creek. Joe and Willy ploughed ½ day in their corn on the hill sides and I went to see Leeomer who was cutting bushes in the grass piece beyond.
 - 13 Warm again. Paid Dick in full to date for what Flave's boys worked for me. Gave him an order on Corbin for a barrel of flour 5.50. Flave worked ½ day on cherry hill cutting weeds and cheat. Blew hard and turned cooler. Harry finished painting the gallery and took Hilda to church. Got letter from Sally.
 - 14 Sunday—cool all day and bright.
 - 15 Flave worked for me—before noon he hauled briers and worked on the road up the hill from the pike in the field by the graveyard after noon he cut briers and bushes in that field by the upper wire fence. Dick ploughed a piece in it he wants for beans. Harry painted porch. Cool and cooler at night. Gave Kate C. the money to give Mike to pay Robert Rice the rent.
 - 16 48° at sunup. Kate Corbin came out to take photographs. Sent letters to Sally and Julia—got notice from Texas Co. Houston. Mrs. Susie Brady came after dinner. Flave worked cutting bushes and briers. Kept chilly.

- 17 54° at sunup. Got notice from St. Paul Title and Trust Co. Flave finished cutting on the hill and cut weeds round garden hedge. I packed box of jam and set out egg plants and peppers.
- 18 Turned hot about 4 P.M. was 92°. Sent letter to Sally, got letters from Julia, Belle R. and Susie Tew. Hilda went to the ordination of deacons and then went home. Flave cut weeds in the back pasture. Dick planted 25 lbs. beans that I got at Al's and before that ½ bus. from Mike's.
- 19 Hot day with hot wind part of the time—also heavy thunder and all appearance of a storm but it passed with no rain. Sent little note to Sally—got letter from her—she and most of her household sick. Flave and Leeomer worked for me hauling rock to fill gully in lot. Joe was gone away.
- 20 Sweltering hot. Flave and Leeomer worked hauling rock for gully ½ day. Sent letter to Sally. Mrs. Kate Corbin came out in the afternoon to take photographs. She brought me Robert Rice's receipt for 4.00 rent to July 12. Late Ernest and Lily came. It looked like rain thundered and lightened [sic] and went by.
- 21 Sunday—rained during the night—not very much I think, but a pleasant rain.
- 22 Patty and I started via Aurora to Cincinnati. In Aurora went to Big Four station and found the hay outfit from the Loudon M. Co. was there, paid the freight .75 and afterwards Harry brought it home in the wagon. Sent from there box of glass cans of jam to Isabella paid the freight and gave the receipt to Patty. We went on to Julia's Clifton. Later I went driving with Julia—we went to Spring Grove. It was very hot. Sally Eaton is at Julia's.
- 23 Tuesday. Cin. paper said this was the hottest June day for 38 years—sweltering hot. Amy C. sent her machine for Patty who went to lunch with Amy and left on the 3 P.M. train for New York. Got letter from Sally. Stayed at Julia's and tried to keep cool. It was 97° in Cin. and 100° in Louisville.
- 24 Little Julia took me driving in Clifton and to see Fanny Waite's children Mary, Frances and Lone. Kate Whelpley came—told about Walter's daughter named Marion aged 15. Julia took me to the packet—came down on the Lizzie Bay, got home before 10 P.M. It was cooler, a pleasant trip.
- 25 Harry and family started by sunup for over the river and Cin. Doll Walton came by and said his men could cut our rye and the wheat by it. Dick and his force had already cut most of that on the hill. The machine got here by dinner afterwards they cut Dick's wheat and began on my rye but broke the blade and had to send it to Bellevue. Julia L. stayed here. Sent letters to Patty and Julia.
- 26 58° at sunup. Harry and the rest got home about 8 A.M. Doll's men continued to cut the rye—had 4 hands to dinner. Flave and Leeomer shocked. Finished the rye cutting by 5 P.M. Sent Harry to hunt red steer calf. Mrs. Keys and Lily Grant came.
- 27 Frances Grant and her three visiting girls from Louisville and Elza Scott stopped on their way from Rock Spring. While I was gone Harry replanted corn in the garden and planted cornfield beans. There has n't been any rain since the shower Sat. night and everything is suffering for rain—the grass is parched and brown in the yard even. Got letter from Julia. Did not write in this till the 28th. Since my return I have sent to Patty letters that came for her—from Joe and Lucy from Mrs. Parish, letter and photographs from St. Louis—got letter from Sue and sent it to Sally in one. Flave said he and Leeomer only worked 1½ day for me shocking rye. Made raspberry jam.
- 28 Sunday. Partial eclipse of the sun this morning. Susan and Harry went away to church. Mrs. Keys brought Mr. K to call. It is very hot with a hot wind and so dry it is pitiful—everything parching. Two automobiles went by towards Burlington.
- 29 Sprinkled after breakfast and at noon a good shower. Got 2 letters from Patty last one of Friday night. Later got one from Mrs. Brown. Flave and Harry hauled rock with Hector and Ty. Ty got her shoulder cut or snagged in the barn lot. I made raspberry jam.
- 30 The day my beloved sister Belle died, Lord love her. Bright and warm. Flave worked—he and Harry hauled rock with Hector ½ day—then Flave made coupling pole &c. and Harry took Cy to be shod and Kitty to have her shoe replaced. Leeomer cracked rock in barn lot.

July

- 1 60° at sunup—turned warm. Went to Bellevue. Sent Harry to the Swan with 3 tennis rackets Patty wrote me to send by Ex. to Isabella. Borrowed 1.00 of Mike. Later got Mr. E. E. Kelly to cash a check for 15. on Boone Dep. Bk. Went to Mrs. West's. Got letters from Patty and Julia. Harry took Belle R. to Mr. Scott's—he found bones of my red calf that was missing. Flave worked in the garden hoed it out. I began to make raspberry jam.
- 2 Finished jam. Flave cut weeds and briars in the vineyard. Harry worked some in the garden—laid off some rows and planted sweet corn. I planted a few cucumbers. It turned very hot, and between five and six we had a fine shower. Ernest came and I told him to put my name down for 10.00 on his subscription paper for a bridge on Woolper.
- 3 Cloudy. Sent letters to Patty, also forwarded her one from Fred Wm. Maurer, to Julia and to Natl. Bk. Washington and to Farmers' & Mechanics' Natl. Bk. Georgetown D.C. Got letters from Patty with telegram about John Riddle who is ill in St. Petersburg and postal from S. S. Oceanic sailing 1st and from Sally. It sprinkled off and on. Flave hauled rock to the barn lot and Harry helped driving Hector with Cy. I went to Bellevue later. Got Mike Corbin to cash a check for 20.00. Wanted to pay him the dollar (see 1st) but he had put it on the bill. Went to Al Rogers and paid him in full to date.
- 4 Lent Dick Loudon 8.00 to pay his boys for helping him in the wheat. Paid August 25th. Joe says he got a barrel of flour at Corbin's. This being general holiday no one worked for me—it was hot and looked like rain but only sprinkled.
- 5 Sunday. All went to Burlington and I spent the day alone.
- 6 Mailed letters to T—D. to Sally, Belle R. Mary C. and Mrs. Brown. Got check from Frank Cutcheon for 50. int. in letter. Harry and Susan went to Burlington to ball game. I worked with blackberries.
- 7 Finished jam. After dinner went to Bellevue. Got Al Rogers to cash me a draft for 20.00 on Bur. Dep. Bk. At the P.O. found letter from National Bk. Wash., with draft for 120. Sent letter to Frank acknowledging his. Got letters from Julia and Hilda. Turned cooler. Harry found a new black heifer calf. He took Ty to Burlington to the horse O. The saddle that Patty sent for Harry came.
- 8 55° at sunup. Sent letter to Patty. Got letter from Sally—also one inclosed by Frank from Texas Co. with check for 21. Also letter from Farmers' and Mechanics' Bk. with draft for 28. And one from Natl Bk. stating their draft had been sent see yesterday. Old Mr. Parsons came and tried to get the stacker ready to set up. Flave worked too helping him. Harry planted some snap beans and beets He took Belle R. to Xen Scott's. It turned cool again at night. Canned blackberries.
- 9 56° at sunup. Mr. Parsons telephoned he could n't come. Went to Bellevue and asked Robert Rice to come out and try the stacker. Left with Mike Corbin 4.00 for Robert Rice for rent. Had 2 front shoes put on Hector. Robert came out and worked after dinner at the hay outfit. Flave helped him and he and Harry hauled the things on cherry hill. Leeomer worked the road up the hill and Flave helped him in the morning.
- 10 56° at sunup. Robert Rice came out and worked all day at the hay outfit—said he got it right. Flave and Harry helped him. Leeomer said he finished cleaning out the bushes and briars in the grass piece on the pike. Got letter from Mary C.
- 11 60° at sunup. Leeomer and Flave spent part of the day chasing round the country with Blanche cow. Harry went after Hilda who came down to go to church. Sent letter to Sally. Hot as an oven. Gave Dick Loudon order on Corbin for barrel of flour 5.50. Flave said he worked 3 ½ days.
- 12 Sunday—did n't write in this till Tuesday. Hilda went to church and towards evening Harry took her home. A very hot day—heard that Joe West was sick. 94° on the gallery.
- 13 Began to work at the timothy. Willie Snelling, Leeomer and Harry hauled poles and rails and made a stack foundation—they had Dick's team—later Harry raked some hay with Kitty. Flave cut with my team. I went to Bellevue and McVile to get some bolts for the machine. It was hot as 'Toba'. My

front tooth broke off this evening. After 11 P.M. there was a dry weather sprinkle. Dick was working his watermelons. Sent letter to Patty.

- 14 The paper said yesterday was the hottest day of the summer so far. To-day they began to try to get the hay up—Dick, Flave, Leeomer. Mr. Harry Acra, Henry Raines and Willie Snelling worked. Harry helped raking and the shaft of the rake broke but he fixed it. After dinner it began to thunder and rained a shower so at 2 P.M. they all had to quit and come down. Dick at noon brought a small load to the barn. They put a layer on the stack. All went to the show at night. It turned cooler.
- 15 64° at sunup. The men worked at the hay. Dick, Flave and his two boys Leeomer, Mr. Harry Acra and Henry Rains and Willy Snelling, besides Harry. They had all sorts of trouble with the stacker that was partly wrong as left by Robert Rice and after they got it right they would n't use it when I was n't there. Ernest Grant came for the sub. to Woolper Bridge and I gave him my check for \$10. on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. Breezy and bright—drouth continues.
- 16 56° at sunup. Sent note to Isabella and to Sally. Got letters from Patty from Southampton, from Sally, Belle R. and Sue. The men worked at the hay again and till after sundown. Dick, Flave his two boys, Leeomer, Willie S. and Mr. Harry Acra and Henry Rains. They put up the rick which is too long too wide and not well topped off for lack of hay. The hay fork worked all right and they used it while I was there at any rate. It would be an agreeable change to have a farm hand with common sense and judgment, but if he had those rare qualities he would n't be a farm hand such is life. It was hot and breezy and the sun showed a beautiful sign of rain 'drawing water' and set behind a cloud.
- 17 Strange day—hot as blazes and a wind like Dakota hot wind—about noon a sprinkle. Dick, Flave and his boys and Leeomer and Harry went up to finish up the stack, rake &c. They got it done by noon—after dinner Flave, Leeomer and Harry went up and brought the fork tackle frame &c. down. Then Flave hoed some in the garden and I told Leeomer to cut some weeds. Sent letter to Sue got one from Julia. Went to Bellevue—got Al Rogers to cash a check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk—for 25.00. Later about 6 the wind blew harder and there was a good shower. The wind blew down the biggest old locust by the kitchen lot gate the hackberry by the wood pile a big walnut in the barn lot that broke off some locusts.
- 18 Sent letter to Patty. No one worked for me. Dick got a sack of corn—is to return it. Rode up to see the hay rick, found it all right—very little rain on the hill.
- 19 Sunday. Did not forget the day.
- 20 Went to the funeral of America Clore's grandchild, the child of Ray Conner—in Bellevue. Very dusty and hot. Flave and Leeomer worked they cut the trees in the barn lot out of the way and hoed in the garden that is a mat of morning glory vines. After sundown it sprinkled and was cloudy before that. Got two letters from Sally and one from Patty in Paris that Sally sent on.
- 21 Cloudy and cooler. Sent letters to Patty and Julia. Continued cloudy but no rain. Flave worked ½ day in the garden and Leeomer all day hoeing—later Harry ploughed garden. Flave went away to attend to his tobacco. Joe and Willy did n't come out. I rode round to see about water, shocks &c. Dick was ploughing his beans. Doll Walton came to tell me about Polled Angus 'stock animal'.
- 22 62° at sunup and very foggy. Went to R. Sun and got Mr. Perkins to cash my drafts and checks. Left with him on deposit 50. and took the balance. After dinner went to Burlington and deposited in Bk. with Mr. Revill 125.00 and got my bank book posted. Went to see Hilda. Joe and Willy worked sawing and chopping hackberry tree. Flave was stacking wheat for Dick—they used my team. Leeomer was helping them. Stopped at Mrs. Clyde Berkshire's on the way home. Warm and very dry—crops toward B. looked pitiful. We had corn for dinner—okra last week. Got letter from Patty, Paris, Julia card from Susie T.
- 23 Hot and dry, 94° on the gallery after dinner. Dick and his force were hauling and stacking wheat. Joe and Willy sawed and chopped trees that blew down in kitchen lot. Went over in the big pasture to see about springs. Harry dug out one. Found the young red heifer with the white face with a young

steer calf black with white spots on its head. Counted all big and little 27. A Hereford stock animal was in the pasture and a heifer probably Will's.

- 24 They stacked my rye—hailed it. After they finished it threatened rain and there was much thunder and lightning and about 5 P.M. a fine rain with showers later. Got letters from Sally and Isabella and they sent me one from Patty. Joe and Willy were working up timber of the trees that blew down. I made b. jelly.
- 25 Cloudy and showery early. Sent letters to Sally and Sue. Harry and Susan went to Big Bone. Joe and Willy did n't work. Willy brought out the wagon springs Mike Corbin got for me. Let Joe have 1 ½ lb. butter.
- 26 Sunday. Cloudy and rained gently about 11. There was a snake in the hall and I got Perrin to help me kill it. Harry and Susan came home after dark.
- 27 Joe worked ½ day for me and Willy worked cutting fence row in the morning and after noon both fixed the fence on pike that the falling trees broke. Leeomer cut weeds and briars in vineyard. Went to Bellevue—stopped to ask about sick man, and stopped at Lizzie Flick's. Sent letters to Patty and Sally—got letters and photographs from her.
- 28 Harry and Susan went to Lawrenceburg for the day. I stayed home but did n't write in this. Flave and Leeomer cut weeds.
- 29 Went to R. Sun for fence staples &c. Flave cut fence-row on mud road and Joe and Willy worked on fence and hauled stays to mud row fence. Telephoned for 100 sacks and sent Harry for them but they did n't come. Joe sowed my turnip seed in the garden. Sent Sally another letter with inclosure like yesterday—wrote to Patty and sent it. Harry got Hector shod behind. Found my Kite cow Daisy with a nice black calf. Got T—D.
- 30 Flave went to help Mr. Botts thresh for me. Joe and Willy worked putting stays on fence. Leeomer cut weeds. Sent Harry for sacks and he got them. Got letters from Patty—one that Sally forwarded also postals and letter from Isabella with one. Very hot. Harry ploughed garden corn and planted beans.
- 31 Hot day. Harry grubbed sprouts in yard and dug the few onions. Got letter from Sue saying she expected to come Sunday. At night got bill of lading about sacks and statement about wheat from Lawrenceburg Roller Mills. Joe and Willy worked at fence on mud road. Leeomer cut sprouts in wheat stubble and meadow.

August

- 1 64° at sunup. 13 years since Tilden died—may he rest in peace. Gave Dick an order on Al Rogers for 10 bus. coal for threshing. Pd. 4th. Gave Joe West cash order on Corbin for 3.00 and yesterday he got 1½ lbs. butter. Sent postal to Sally got note from her. Joe and Willy worked ½ day, also Flave and Leeomer. Gave Georgy order on Corbin for 1.00 for Flave. Pd. 5th. Flave said he worked 5 days this week ½ of which was threshing at Mr. Bott's. Did n't write in this again till Wed. 5th.
- 2 Sunday. Went down for Sue who came on the mail boat—we got home by noon. Bright hot day.
- 3 The threshers Ogden brothers came with their machine at night—just in time to stay all night. I sent Harry down with note to Gibson's for staples—note to be sent by mail carrier. Joe and Flave and Will worked ½ day. Flave hauling stays—the others putting them on. They all three went to Burlington. Sent letter to Patty—got letter and postals from her and letters from Sally.
- 4 Went to Bellevue and got Al Rogers to cash check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for 25. and paid him out of it for the coal Dick got (see Aug. 1st) 11½ bus. 1.60 Dick paid. The men set up and threshed 2 ½ bus. when they broke down and had to go to Aurora for repairs. They began again about 1.30 P.M. and threshed most of the wheat when it began to rain between 4 and 5 and they all had to quit again. The Ogdens stayed all night. It was a good rain. The day was very hot and sultry before the rain.

- 5 The Ogdens decided to go and wait for better weather to finish—the morning being cloudy. Went to Bellevue. Pd. Mike Corbin 4.00 for the two cash orders given 1st to Joe and G for Flave. Stopped to see sick man. Sent letter to Patty. Joe picked two baskets full off his tomatoes. He and Willy came out to thresh and went back. Flora came out after dinner. It was hot.
- 6 The threshers came back and after dinner about 1.30 began to thresh. They finished the wheat and began to thresh my rye stack which they finished in two hours and a little over. I had 75 bus. rye and at 6 cts that came to 4.50 which I paid Mr. Ogden. Dick's wheat was 185 bushels and at 5 cts. it came to 9.25. Paid Aug. 25th. I let Dick have this to pay Mr. Ogden. I let Mr. L. Kelly have 3 bus. rye to be the same price as Doll Walton's. Doll Walton had his sacks here and sent his hands for 25 bus. rye. The men put 44 bus. they said in the shed but it must have been more. Dick said he kept 25 bus. wheat for his bread and 26 for me for seed. Joe and Willy were here. Mr. White came to see about baling hay and said he would go to cherry hill and set his machine. Got letter and postals from Patty. I sent letter to T—D. about Sally's plan.
- 7 Sent the wheat down by Dick and his boys. He said he hauled 67 sacks of wheat to the river and took the empty sacks 33. I went down later to Bellevue and told Mr. Eph. Clore to ship wheat and sacks to the Lawrenceburg Roller Mills Co. Will Rogers came this morning and got 1585 lbs rye = 28 bus. 17 lbs. He is to pay the same that Doll Walton pays for his. Flave hauled a load of stay timber from the new ground. Joe and Willy put stays on fence. I sent letter to Patty. Got letters from Sally and Julia. Rather cooler day.
- 8 Sent letter to Sally. Mr. Fred says he worked 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ days cutting weeds in big pasture. Joe and Willy worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day, they fixed chimney top and put stays on fence on line next Mrs. Annie Rice's. Flave hauled stays—he said he worked 4 days this week—one of them in threshing. Harry went for Hilda who came down to go to church. Miss Campbell came with her on her way to Bellevue.
- 9 Sunday. Turned much cooler. No church because Mr. Utz is very ill. We had our first watermelon.
- 10 62° at sunup. Turned warmer. Hilda went to Burlington with Mr. Rogers. Mr. White began to press hay on cherry hill—his son too. Joe Flave and Willy worked and Leeomer $\frac{1}{2}$ day. The hay was already injured by getting wet the stack being badly put up. Dick was hauling and selling watermelons. Got a letter from Patty in Dresden. Sent letter to Mary C.
- 11 64° at sunup and turned warmer. Mr. Voshell in Mr. White's place came to press hay with Will White. Joe, Willy, Flave and Leeomer helped. I went after George Koons to haul hay. Borrowed Al Rogers' tarpaulin. Dick was hauling watermelons. Ernest stopped by on his return from visiting Joe Humphreys. Mr. Dode Pope and Ben Cook came and cleaned the kitchen cistern and took of the bricks from the top of the chimney in the dining room that had cracked.
- 12 Mr. Voshell and Will White came and pressed hay—Joe, Willy, Flave and Leeomer helped. Jack Koons and Dooley hauled with their team and Dick with his. They got it all hauled to the barns. Mr. White said there were 331 bales in all. Dick and Jack Koons put in new barn 72 bales they said. I sent home to Al Rogers his tarpaulin that I borrowed yesterday as it looked like rain. Went to Bellevue after dinner and got Al to cash a check for \$25. on the Burlington Dep. Bk. Also to ask about the funeral of Rev. T. Lee Utz pastor of the Baptist church who died this morning. Got Mr. Grant to mend hay hook. Got letter from Sally, saying she and Frank were to start to-day on the Adriatic—also letter from Isabella with letters from her mother and Kodaks of the babies also postal asking for 1.60 assessment on Boone Co. Insurance. Ethel went home.
- 13 Had a good shower early this morning. Mr. Will White came and we weighed 6 bales of hay. The average weight of the 6 was 102 lbs and calculating by that the hay came to 16 tons, 1762 lbs. At 1.25 a ton for pressing it came to 12.08 and I gave him a check for that amount made out to his father James W. White on Bur. Dep. Bk. Gave Joe West cash order on M. J. Corbin for 10. Paid 18th. He and Willy only worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Flave was cutting stubble field.

- 14 Went to Bellevue with Hilda to the funeral services there of Rev. T. Lee Utz who was to be buried at Big Bone Church. Borrowed of Hilda 20. Paid 10. To Willy Snelling in Bellevue—left 4.00 with Mr. Kelly (Gene) for Robert Rice for rent and 2.00 for Dode Pope. This is Patty's birthday. Lord love her. Sent her a letter. Got one from Sally on board the Adriatic. Flave cut stubble field and the rod of the machine got out of fix and he had to stop. It is hot and air oppressive 90°.
- 15 Did n't write in this till Monday. Sent letter to Sally to Paris. Harry and family went to the L. Fair. Told Leeomer to get 5.00 of the melon money from his father out of my part. It was 94°. Mr. Fred came and said he had worked 4 more days and I paid him .75. Almost all hands went to the Fair.
- 16 Sunday. Very hot. Hilda went to Sunday S. and later after dinner went home. 108° in Cin.
- 17 The day my beloved mother died. Lord love her soul. Got letter from Patty at Marienbad, Bohemia. Sent letter to Julia. Dick divided with me the 42. He got for his 2 loads of melons. As I had let Leeomer have 5.00 of my share I only got 16. Dick sold a load to Mr. G. Rouse. He and Joe are picking tomatoes. I went to see Flave and Leeomer cutting bushes on hill above where wheat and rye were. Joe and Willy hauled their tomatoes. Dick too I think. After dark about 8 there was a fine rain with a great display of heat lightning. It rained about an hour. Joe said his tomatoes weighed 18 bus. 10 lbs. Dick had not quite 5 bus.
- 18 Dick Loudon brought me 15. More melon money. Went to Xen Scott's to get peaches and plums. Sent letter to Patty to Marienbad. Flave worked ½ day also Leeomer a day cutting bushes. Joe and Willy worked putting stays on. Much cooler after the rain. Went to Bellevue. Got from M. J. Corbin the order for 10. (see 13th) and paid him 10. Harry picked some pears.
- 19 60° at sunup. Did n't write in this till 21. Joe and Willy worked taking off wire fence that was round rick and fixing line fence next Mr. Rogers to keep hogs out, also cutting grubs. Flave cut stubble fields with machine. I think Leeomer cut grubs. I went to Mr. Ed Botts to get peaches.
- 20 Got letter from Patty at Marienbad and one from Amy Campbell—later telephone from Amy and she and Harriet Eckstein came down in the automobile—they brought Hilda with them. I put up my peaches before they came. Flave was cutting weeds and Joe Willy and Leeomer cutting bushes. 66° at sunup.
- 21 About noon Amy, Harriet and Hilda left. 58° at sunup. Got telegram from Isabella saying Sally landed safe and well. Joe and Willy did n't work for me they picked and hauled tomatoes 20 bus. 55 lbs. Joe said. I went up to see the hands cutting bushes and briers on fence row next Mr. Rogers. Flave Leeomer and Perrin were working. Flave had to quit cutting weeds before noon.
- 22 A shower last night did n't hear it. Joe and Willy worked for themselves—hauled wood. I sent order for barrel of salt and they got it. Flave worked ½ day 5 in all this week he said. Leeomer worked . I sent letters to Patty, Sally, and Isabella—got note from Julia and box of candy. Xen Scott brought some plums and I made jelly. Harry and family went over the river. 70° at sunup and warmer.
- 23 Sunday—cool pleasant day. Harry and rest came back at night.
- 24 My beloved father's birthday. Lord love his soul. 71° at sunup—bright pleasant day. Got letter from Patty and postal from Mrs. Parish from Marienbad also letter from Isabella with one from her mother and picture from Willy of Sue—also letter from Albert B. Ruff Cas. of National Bank Wash. D. C. about increasing the capital of the bank and proxy for voting my shares to sign. Later from Bellevue got letter from Lawrenceburg Roller Mills dated Aug. 12 with a check for 107.20 for 134 bus. No. 2 wheat. Check on Dearborn Natl. Bk. signed Geo. H. Lewis? Harry took Ty down and had hind shoes put on. Joe and Willy were cutting bushes on cherry hill. Leeomer and Perrin cutting bushes in fence row of field next the Arnolds. Flave went part of the way with Dick with a third horse, then he cut briers. Dick Loudon brought me another division of melon money 17.50. There were 16 moonflowers out this evening.
- 25 58° at sunup. Dick and Joe and Willie picked and hauled tomatoes. I went to Burlington with Sue. Went to Bank and Mr. Gaines cashed the draft or check from Lawrenceburg Roller Mill for 107.2

(see yesterday) [sic]. I got half for Dick and took 25. of my half leaving the balance in bank. Went to see Hilda (I. H. Brady) and in presence of Sue Tew paid her 20. borrowed see Aug. 14. We dined with Hilda. Dick came to get his wheat money—he said I owed him .40 for ½ bus. wheat I got more than he kept—so the 107.20— .40 = 106.80. His half was 53.40 and deducting from that 9.25 (see Aug. 6) and 8.00 (see July 4th) leaves 36.15 which with the .40 comes to 36.55 which I paid him. We forgot to settle about the coal 1.60 (see Aug. 4th). I paid Clutterbuck in full to date and paid Miss Olga P.M. 1.60 for the Insurance Assessment (see 12th). Sent the proxy (see yesterday) with Sue Tew as witness. Flave and Leeomer cut bushes and briers. Turned warmer and cloudy.

- 26 Did n't write in this till 28th. Joe Flave and Willie worked cleaning out the fence row between the woods and Joe's corn and the weed field. I think Leeomer cut briers. Harry took Kitty to be shod.
- 27 Went to Aurora to take Sue to the train and afterwards to R. Sun. Pd. Gibson 2.00 for staples (see 3^d). Very dry and dusty. Got letters and postal from Patty and one from Mr. Marion A. Baker T—D. Joe Flave and Willy fixed up the wire fence below the woods. I heard that Rose West had a daughter to-day. Leeomer said he cut briers.
- 28 Had the cattle turned into the back pasture including cherry hill from the pasture across the pike 29 head big and little. Flave worked helped drive cattle dug out spring cut grubs, Leeomer cut briers. Joe, Dick and Willy picked and hauled their tomatoes. I sent to B. P.O. Sue's letter. Mrs. Weindell and Mrs. Mattie Bolen came.
- 29 Dick said the boys had worked 13 days so I told him to pay them 6.50 out of my part of tobacco money he had. No one worked for me but Joe and Willy a part of a day till 10 cutting out the hollow next Joe's corn. Sent letters to Patty and Sally got one from Mary C. Cloudy at night.
- 30 Sunday. Looked like rain, thundered but it all passed by. Julia came up at night.
- 31 Joe and Willy came out to dig their potatoes but gave it up and went to picking tomatoes. Flave and Leeomer cut bushes. Sent Harry to Bellevue with new scythe snath &c. [?] and to Xen Scotts for damsons. I canned them & pears. Got letter from Sally on Adriatic from Sue with P. Order for 15.00 I lent her and one from Julia and Amy C.

September

- 1 Very hot day, sprinkled after sundown. Joe and Willy picked tomatoes hauled three loads. Dick picked and hauled too. Flave and Leeomer cut bushes in hollow next Joes corn. I put up damsons and pears, and then went to Bellevue. Got Mr. E. E. Kelly to cash the P.O. that came from Sue yesterday. Paid M. J. Corbin 3.00 for Joe West and .45 to pay Mr. Maurer for basket. On the way home paid Mr. Acra the freight bill of the Swan to date 5.45. Susan went away this evening and took Cleo, said she was going to visit her mother.
- 2 Turned cooler and still as dry as powder. Joe was n't here. Willy Flave and Leeomer worked hauling bushes and putting them in hollows or gullies next Will Arnolds. Dick finished digging potatoes and brought them to the wine cellar. He gave me 1.00 my share of something he sold. Sent letter to Julia. Got letter from Isabella with letters from her mother and Sally and pictures of the children.
- 3 48° at sunup. Dick brought me 10.28 watermelon money—also paid me 1.06 for his share of the threshing coal (see Aug. 4th). Later Dick brought me 8.00 watermelon money. Flave Willy and Leeomer worked at filling gullies in same field with briers and bushes they had cut. Joe did n't come. Cool, bright and very dry. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Patty in Marienbad Sally in France.
- 4 Warmer and sometimes cloudy. Went up to Doll Walton's to ask him about bricks concrete &c. and after dinner to B. and McVile—stopped to see Betty. Joe and Willy worked for themselves picking and hauling tomatoes. Flave and Leeomer were working in the hollow next Joe's corn.
- 5 Settled with Flave Loudon for his work to date—except the extra milking and paid him 10.00 being .37 more than I owed him. He said he had worked 27½ days common work 1 day threshing since July

25. Only Leeomer worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day for me. Mrs. Oxley came to call. Harry went to R. Sun. Sent letters to Patty, Sally and Isabella.
- 6 Sunday. Warm and cloudy part of the day thundered but no rain—clear bright night. Ernest, Lily and Frances stopped by and I paid Ernest my sub. for the Post—began in August.
- 7 Bright very dusty. No mail to-day. Canned first tomatoes. Went to B. Mr. Forest Brown Mr. Jim Rogers and others had a paper to sign getting up a Bank of Deposit in Bellevue. The stock was 100. a share and the capital is to be \$15,000. I signed \$200. for 2 shares the money not to be paid till next spring. Joe and Willy picked tomatoes. Flave cut bushes on point of hill in mud road pasture and I told Leeomer to cut briars on cherry hill. Went to Sebe Scotts in McVile.
- 8 49° at sunup. Joe and Willy picked and hauled tomatoes. Leeomer cut briars on cherry hill. Flave cut bushes part of a day $\frac{1}{2}$. I went to Burlington to Susie Clutterbuck's and got 3 pecks quinces—went to see Hilda. Very dusty. Got letters from Patty, Marienbad Sally, Tours and Isabella.
- 9 Did n't write in this for two days. This was my beloved mother's birthday and I did n't forget it. Joe and Willy made watergap in big pasture. Leeomer cut briars and Flave bushes. I canned tomatoes. Sent letter to Patty I think.
- 10 My darling little sister's birthday. Lord love her. Joe and Willy hauled wood for themselves. Leeomer finished butting briars on cherry hill. Flave took the inside lumber out of the corn crib fixed water holes and cut briars next Mr. Rue's. I went to Bellevue. Got letters from Patty at Nuremberg. Sally at Biarritz with postals. Still dry as powder. Mr. Graves of Bullittsburg came to get proxy signed.
- 11 56° at sunup. Sent letter to Sally—got postal from Susie T. Joe and Willy picked and hauled tomatoes. Flave and Leeomer cut briars next to Mrs. Rice's. I made quince marmalade. Harry brought Hilda down. I sent by him order to Clutterbuck for 25 lbs. sugar.
- 12 Gave Leeomer an order on Corbin for 10.00. Paid 15th. He and Flave both went away. Joe and Willy cut some corn this morning—in the sand ground the early corn is getting very dry on account of the drouth and heat. The men did n't work for me. I made quince marmalade. The day was melting hot 97° Harry said at Bellevue over 90 here and it looked like rain but did n't—it is getting dreadfully dry and dusty. 50 moonflowers out.
- 13 Sunday. After dinner Hilda went home.
- 14 I cooked the rest of the quinces. Mrs. Kister Coons came to see me. Joe and Willy worked for themselves cut corn ad snapped some. Flave worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day cutting briars. I got letters and postals from Patty and Sally—the former at Inspruch [sic] the latter in Spain and a letter from Julia. Sent one to Sue. Susan and Cleo got back at night. Dick gave me 3.79 more watermelon money.
- 15 Drier dustier and the air and landscape blue with smoke. Went to Bellevue—gave M. J. Corbin a check on the Boone Dep. Bk. for 15.00 ten of it to pay him the cash order I gave Leeomer Loudon see 12th and kept the rest. Left with Mr. E. E. Kelly 4.00 to pay R. Rice rent. Went to Al Rogers and gave him the weights of the rye I sold Will Rogers (see Aug. 7). There were 28 17/50 bus. and I charged .70 a bus. It came to 19.81 and Al gave me a check on People's Bk. Bur. For the amount. Sent Harry to get two jack screws from Mr. Bob Brady. Flave only worked for me—he cleaned out water holes cut briars and hauled 2 loads of gravel I got of Will Huey. Joe and Willy worked for themselves what they did work, but fodder and hauled some snapped corn to the bank. Dick cleaned out the barn cistern working for himself. I finished my quince preserves. Got a paper from Julia with picture of a bronze statue of Gen. Alexander Macomb and an account of its being dedicated in Detroit the 11th. It was the N. Y. Tribune.
- 16 Rode around to see the parched pitiful pastures—the water gap &c. Joe and Willy cut corn but did n't work after. Flave and Leeomer worked, they cut a little fodder in the garden and hauled gravel later they took Daisy's calf down to Mike Corbin who sent me the weight 130 lbs. Mr. Dode Pope came out to see about the chimney. Got letter from Isabella and card from Boone Co. Ins. with

notice of ass. 1.60 to pay. Flave brought me from Grant P.O. a letter from Charles Wetherill Gumbes Jr. Phil. a great grandson of Aunt Belle Bloomfield.

- 17 Sent Harry down to get Cy shod—later he went to get the wagon that Mr. Grant had set the tires on—he brought out a barrel of flour for which I sent an order. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Flave and Leeomer cut briers and ran out shoats and fixed and hauled tomatoes. Dick shocked and shucked some corn on the other side of the creek next the gate. I walked through his corn in the bottom.
- 18 Flave and Leeomer hauled a load of gravel 7 in all they said. Mr. Jake Cook came and said there was plenty. Then they hauled sand and after that I told them to haul rails from where the piece of new wire fence is to the other side of the gate, after noon I told them to cut briers. I canned tomatoes. I don't know whether Joe and Flave cut corn or not—did n't see them. Sent letter to Isabella, got letter and book from Susie Tew—Irish Songs. Post said possibly rain but none came.
- 19 Joe said he and Willy cut corn yesterday and some to-day. I gave Mrs. West for Joe an order on Corbin for a barrel of flour. Flave worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day cutting briers, said he worked 5 days this week. Leeomer worked $\frac{1}{2}$ too I think. Sent letter to Julia got letters from Sally in Paris and Patty in Venice. I canned tomatoes. Clouds at sunrise but all cleared. Doll Walton came by to tell me about the stock animal he engaged for me and to bring me word from Mr. Jake Cook about coming to work.
- 20 Sunday. Hot and dusty as usual water in back pasture scarcer than ever this drouth. 56 moonflowers bloomed.
- 21 Sent Flave down with the wagon for Mr. Jake Cook and tools and sent order on Al Rogers for tile and on Corbin for cement. Put in letters for Sally and Mr. Charles W. Gumbes Jr. Phil. see 16th. Mr. Jake Cook worked and Flave helped him—they put a concrete foundation under the crib sill that was cracked and patched it and began to work on the barn cistern. Mr. Dode Pope came out to tell me about cement &c. Leeomer cut briers. Joe said he and Willy cut some corn. Dick was cutting corn for himself—Julia L. went to Nan's. The Post says the river is lower than it has been since 1881.
- 22 Mr. Jake Cook worked at the barn cistern again and finished putting in tile and making the concrete wall and top. Flave Loudon helped him. Harry hauled 3 loads of coal from Al Rogers and got 6 sacks of cement there—they got the tile there yesterday. Harry said he got 119 bus. coal. Joe cut some corn and Leeomer cut some, probably for Dick. Dusty and dry beyond anything. Got notice of the death of Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Grahams' mother Sep. 5.
- 23 Got telephone of a telegram saying Sally and Frank got home yesterday safe and well thank God. The one who telephoned said the telegram got to B. yesterday—but they could n't get me. Letter from Isabella to-day inclosed cablegram saying they were sailing and Isabella expected Patty Friday. Still hot and dustier. Mr. Jake Cook came out and worked again. Flave helped him. He first set the tile and fixed concrete top to the office cistern after patching the cement inside—then he went to fix Dick's cistern and found it cracked—so he took off the cement inside as far as needed and cemented it again—got more tile to put in Dick's cistern and he is going to put a concrete top on it. Leeomer helped Dick haul some sand &c. Joe and Willy picked tomatoes. Harry hauled 4 loads of coal from Al Rogers 173 bus. he said.
- 24 Mr. Cook came and worked at the cistern. He set tile and made a concrete top to Dick's cistern before dinner and afterwards put concrete round the rock and cement round the inside top of the kitchen cistern—then he and Flave who helped him put the corn crib down on the concrete foundation. He charged 9.50 and I left it for him with Al Rogers later. After he left Flave and Harry put away the lumber water barrels &c. that they used and then Flave dug out spring and water holes. I went to Bellevue. At Al Rogers' he said the 7 loads of coal Harry hauled came to 291 $\frac{1}{2}$ bus. and at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents [came] to 39.3 and I gave him a check on Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for that amount. I returned to Al Rogers his check for 19.81 (see 15th) and told him to give Mr. Jake Cook 9.50 out of it and paid what I owed him for cement, tile, corn knives binding twine 9.15 and he gave me the

balance 1.16. To-day was hot drier and insufferably dusty. I went to see the river it was so low. Got package the Swan had brought from Susie Tew a photograph, framed. Joe and Willy picked tomatoes, and hauled them. Sent letter to Sally and note to Julia—got letter from Sally just arrived at Waldorf Astoria and one from Julia and notice from Texas Co. Took the runabout and left it at Mr. Grant's.

- 25 Joe West came and said he borrowed 10. of Mike Corbin yesterday to pay for coal and I gave him a note to Mike saying I would pay it. Paid Oct. 1st. Mr. Wilson came down fixing the telephone wires and stopped to try my telephone. Flave cut the six next oldest rows of corn in the garden then he and Harry hauled another load of gravel and one of sand and after that cleaned the office cistern. Sent Harry to Mr. Doll Walton's to try to find out about the stock animal Mr. W. W. Cochran of Delhi was to ship and telephoned Mr. Cochran about it. Joe said he cut corn across the creek and I went to look at his on the hill and canned tomatoes. Dick hauled tomatoes. Got letter from Charles Wetherill Gumbes Jr. Very sultry and warm.
- 26 Flave worked ½ day fixing barn and kitchen cistern tops, said he worked 5 ½ days this week. Joe and Willy cut corn on the hill by the pike. Dick went to R. Sun and I sent an order to Gibson for some gutter pipe joints 2 trash traps for cisterns. It was hot and dusty, sickeningly so. I canned tomatoes. Mr. Doll Walton sent me word about the 'stock animal' he engaged for me. Dick bought a pump &c. for his cistern.
- 27 Sunday. Jot and dry. I rode round the parched pasture across the pike to see if there was any water. Julia came back.
- 28 Last night was dazzlingly clear without a cloud at bedtime and warm—during the night the wind blew hard and between three and four it began to rain. At sunup it was 54° and raining off and on a chilly gentle rain. This kept up a while and then it cleared off chilly and turned colder—at 7 P.M. it was 46°. Sent letters to Sally and Frank—got letter from Sally saying Isabella had taken Martha to Farmington for change of air as she is worse—also one from Patty written on La Provence and postmarked in N.Y. They did n't get back till Sat. and had a stormy passage. Got letter from Sue and she sent me a picture of the Macomb monument Detroit. No one worked for me. Harry went over and cleaned out springs. I made tomato catsup.
- 29 Chilly all day and bright—at 7.15 P.M. 46°. Flave worked for me. He and Harry sorted out the 7 yearling Angus heifers and put them in the big pasture. Two men from Mr. W. W. Cochran's place came bringing in a wagon the young Polled Angus 'stock animal' that Doll Walton engaged for me. They brought him 13 miles they said from the Chamber's farm. Flave and Harry helped get the yearling out of the wagon and turn him loose. Afterwards Flave and Harry moved the servant's necessary down behind the chicken house. Joe and Willy were digging potatoes. I sent letter to Isabella and by Mr. K. the huckster a note to Hilda.
- 30 38° at sunup and a slight frost that did not hurt anything—even the peppers were not touched. I had a little wood fire in the morning. Flave worked fixing the corn crib. Harry helped him some. Flave got it ready to put corn in. I went to a baptizing at Bellevue—the people from the Burlington church, among them Alice Carver and Robert Gaines—12 in all I heard. The wind blew all day and the river was rough but being so low it looked beautiful. Joe and Willy were digging potatoes in the garden. Doll Walton stopped by. I got letter from Patty. It turned warmer and after dark there were black clouds but it cleared off.

October

- 1 44° at sunup and bright with a cool breeze. Sent to Mr. W. W. Cochran Delhi O. a check on the Boone Co. Dep. Bk. for \$50. to pay for the Polled Angus yearling bull he sent Tuesday. Went to Bellevue on the way to Aurora—gave Mike Corbin a check on the same for 15.00 to pay for the cash order I gave Joe West (see 25th) for 10.00 and took the bal. 5.00. Went on to Aurora and at Mr.

Davis's bank got a check on the Natl. Bk. R. Sun cashed for 25.00. Went to Mr. C. Herdegen's store and bought of him 1000 brick[s] 300 of which are to be hard brick paid him 6.00 for them and got receipt. Stopped at Mike Corbins on the way home and told him to order me a good 20 inch grate fixture. Flave worked for me—hauling manure and went to Doll Walton's about clover threshing. Joe and Willy were picking tomatoes and hauled some. Got letter from Lizzie Hodges.

- 2 33° at sunup and bright and dry, there was a little ice on bucket. The moonflowers and tomatoes, peppers &c. were killed. Joe and Willy dug their potatoes. Flave and Harry went to Aurora and got 500 of the bricks I bought yesterday—also four sacks of cement. I got presents from the children they got in Paris. Sent letter to Patty. Got letter from Frank. Dick brought me 2 crates of sweet potatoes.
- 3 32° at sunup—ice in chicken water, and vegetation frozen. Flave and Harry went to Aurora on this side with 4 horses and got the rest of the bricks 600 and also 10 sacks of cement. The wagon bolster broke. I went to the funeral of Mrs. Williamson the mother of the ferrymen—at her house in McVillie and to her burial in the old cemetery. Stopped at Mrs. Sebe Scott's and at Betty's. Got letter from Patty. Turned warmer.
- 4 Sunday. 34° at sunup and turned warmer. Ernest and Lily dined with me. Susan and Harry moved up to the kitchen so I told Julia she need n't come for the present.
- 5 38° at sunup. Let Joe West have .75 to pay Mr. Jeffries to be settled when I pay him for cutting corn. Sent letter to Patty. Got letter from Julia and one from Texas Co. with check for \$21. Let Leomer have a cash order on Mike Corbin for 5.00 pd. 10th. Got second package from Patty, a present. Turned warmer at noon 78°. Flave worked—cut a little fodder in the garden and cleaned out water holes for cattle. Mr. Dode Pope came out at noon and Flave helped him—he was topping the chimney in the dining room. Harry took the running gear of the wagon to Mr. Grant's shop—to get a new bolster put in. He went to see about the springs in the big pasture. Joe and Willy were cutting corn in the creek bottom, and then dug potatoes for themselves.
- 6 Remains warmer. Mr. Pope came and he and Flave worked topping the chimneys on the house. I went to Bellevue for oil and paint for them. Got letter from Patty. Harry dug the sweet potatoes that were left in the garden. Joe and Willy were digging their potatoes. Dick brought me some late potatoes he raised across the creek. Mr. Pope put one coat of paint on chimneys.
- 7 Dick Loudon brought me a check from Al Rogers for 48.85 cents for his tomatoes it was made out to Richard Loudon. Joe West said they finished cutting corn, and they dug potatoes. Mr. Pope was here and built the concrete foundation for the office chimney. Flave helped him. I went to Bellevue. Mr. Nelson the cannery clerk gave me a check for 47.62 on People's Dep. Bk. He said it was my half of the tomatoes less 5.00 deducted for the 20 crates I had to buy. He said Joe West had delivered 421 bus. and Dick L. 195 bus. 25. Went to a Bank meeting where they elected directors for the bank to be in Bellevue. Came home in a little dust storm.
- 8 Mr. Pope worked ½ day. Flave helped him. He took down the flue at the office and did other things—fixed boards at barn door and put up barn eave troughs that blew down. After dinner Flave went to patch up wire fence in big pasture. Harry helped him. Joe finished digging potatoes and put them in the wine cellar. I sent note to McIlhenny Co. to compete. Got letter from Natl. Bk. of Washington about buying new shares.
- 9 Fair and dry after some clouds. Sent letter to Frank inclosing the one from Bank (see yesterday). Got letters from Patty, Sally, and little Julia Foster. Sent Harry to take home Bob Brady's jack screws, and he got some sawdust from the mill. Joe brought out the wagon from the shop—and the grate and things that Mike ordered for me. He also hauled me another load of snapped corn. Dick had hauled some sappy corn. Flave chopped limbs off trees he and Joe got posts out of. Harry and Flave got up the black cattle and they attended to two calves—1 belonging to the little white faced red cow the other to a black cow.

- 10 Rained a shower during the night that laid the dust. I went to Aurora and Flave took the wagon to get lumber and shingles. He took the empty cement sacks back and got .55 on them. It began to rain a little as I got on this side of the ferry. We got home at 1 o'clock. In Aurora I went to the Bank and got Mr. Davis to cash three checks (see 5th and 7th) one of them being Richard Louden's for tomatoes which I endorsed. Sent letter to Sally. Paid Mike C. the 5.00 cash order (see 5th). Hilda who was visiting Mrs. Scott came and stayed with me. The servants went to a ball.
- 11 Sunday—mild pleasant day. Xen came for Hilda who dined with his sister and he took her home. Joe came out and put up such a poor mouth about needing his money that I rode round and counted his shocks. In the hill field there were 132 in the piece by his garden 74 in the sand field 185 in the bottom this side 82 over the creek 68 total 541.
- 12 Of the shocks 1 third 180 were Joe's he asked 18 cents total 32.40. For cutting my two thirds 361 at 7 cents a shock 25.27 total 57.67. I went to Bellevue and got Mike Corbin to cash a check for 15.00 and left the 57.67 with him for Joe West. The .75 I let Joe have (see 5th) went for 4 shocks of Joe's garden corn. Dick came up and I paid him his two thirds of his tomato money it came to 32.57 and he said he owed me the .57 on tomatoes so I paid him 32.00. Met Mary Huey and paid her 1.00 for the gravel. I forgot to state that the check Mike cashed 15.00 was on Bur. Dep. Bk. Went to Ernest's and across Woolper to look at some hay and then to Solon Rice's place to see Mr. Northcutt's alfalfa—it is loose 12.00 per ton. Got letter from Patty. Flave worked hauling lumber over and wood he cut the other day. Mr. Lawrence Phipps brought back Sprightly Sally's filly. It was 32° at sunup—a cool wind and clear.
- 13 Warmer and a bright pleasant day. Took up the dining room carpet and had the chimney and room cleaned—was busy all day. Flave worked—hailed till noon—wood, cleaned out the chimney and cut limbs and wood to haul. Joe and Dick each put a load of corn in different sides of the crib. I think I got a letter from A. B. Ruff Cas. Natl Bk. Wash. but I did n't write in this book till 14th. Got picture postals from Patty.
- 14 Warm bright day and breezy. Flave sorted corn. The carpet in the dining room was put down right side up. Joe hauled another load of corn and Dick the same. Dick began to put in wheat on the hill ground across the creek in big bottom field. Got postal from Hilda and card from Texas Co. Saw a snake in the barn lot and got Flave to kill it. Mrs. West said she killed a spreading adder coming out.
- 15 Really warm. Joe cribbed the 3d load of corn in the new barn. Harry took Tom down to be shod. Flave put top on the cistern by the ruins of Joe's house cut a dead tree in the barn lot and trimmed off others on the wire fence—after noon he hauled rails from across the creek to the calf lot fence. Harry went to see about springs. Dick was putting in wheat. Sent letter to Frank inclosing Mr. Ruff's and about bank shares—and one to Julia.
- 16 Joe brought another load of corn and put it in the new barn. Dick and his force were putting in wheat on the hill part across the creek of Joe's corn—after noon they harrowed wheat with my team too. Flave sorted corn and chopped some and after noon broke rocks in the wheat ground. Sent Harry to Al Rogers' for 4 bus. timothy with an order for it. It was warm so I had to take off my shoulder sha[w]l riding.
- 17 Warm—almost like summer. My room was cleaned thoroughly for the fall cleaning to-day. Got letter from Natl. Metropolitan Bk. Wash. from Bellevue with check for \$12, also letter from Frank about the Natl. Bk. and from Sally saying cousin Loulie's mother Mrs. James is dead—later got from Bellevue letter from Patty and one from St. Paul Title & Trust Co. with paper to sign. No one worked for me to-day. Joe and Willy shocked a load for themselves. Dick was sowing timothy on the wheat ground. Pastures terribly bare.
- 18 Sunday—warm, almost like summer. Went to the toll gate intending to go to the funeral of Mr. Will Clore but it was so long delayed that I came home. Miss Cravens and Miss Aylor—stopped to get water for themselves and horse. Later Susie Walton and Luly Huey came to see me. It was so dusty

and dry that it was very disagreeable going about but lovely in the yard. Luly said they were bringing water from Louisville to Walton and selling it.

- 19 Sent letters to Patty and Sally. Got one from Julia. Got a letter from Frank Cutcheon inclosing his check on Equitable Trust Co. N. Y. for \$450.00 (four hundred and fifty dollars). Frank lent me this money to pay for 3 shares in the National Bank of Washington D.C. I wrote him that I could not pay him this money until the tobacco I have pooled is sold and that if anything happened that I did not get that money he is to have the 3 shares of stock it buys. This note of the transaction is made in case of my death before the money is returned. Julia S. Dinsmore. Mr. Dode Pope came out to work—when he took the kitchen roof off this side and examined the flue he found it so unsafe that he had to take it down. Joe put another load of corn in the new barn. Flave helped Mr. Pope—they worked on the flue and got it above the roof. Towards sundown such a dense smoke came in all directions that it seemed as if the country must be on fire. I telephoned central to ask about it and Miss Emma said it was from over the river. It is so warm that I am sitting at night with the windows open and no fire. We could n't have any fire in the kitchen of course so Mr. Pope dined at Dick's, I am to pay Grace, and Susan cooked our bite on the oil stove. Dick finished putting in wheat and sowing timothy on the hill part of the bottom he tended and the hill part of that Joe tended across the creek—had some wheat left.
- 20 Sent letter to Frank acknowledging the receipt of his check (see yesterday). Mr. Pope came and he and Flave worked on the flue and roof of the kitchen—got this side shingled it took the 11 bunches I got in Aurora. Mr. Pope dined at Dick's again. Yesterday after noon Dick used my work team harrowing in wheat and to-day old Tom was too lame to use could n't walk on his hind leg. Joe brought me another load of corn to the new barn and then hauled his load of snapped corn. Dick after his dinner put in rye and timothy in the bean patches—only harrowed it in. I rode up to ask Doll Walton about putting in rye. The parched hills and the pall of smoke made the country look sad and pitiful. Doll said that in a neighborhood he was told of they had n't 'a dog gone drop of water' and had dynamited to get water holes. Hot.
- 21 The combination of fog and smoke was so dense I could only see a little way off and though the sun came out it was foggy all day. Mr. Pope worked at the chimney after he and Flave finished off the kitchen roof. Joe and Willy shucked corn and hauled a load for Joe. I went to the sand field and looked at the corn Dick put a load in my crib and after noon began to sow rye in the sand field in the corn ground. Harry fixed the gate on the pike and opened that into the field next Will Arnold's and turned the cattle in. Got letter from Patty. It was as warm as summer.
- 22 Sent Harry up to Aurora to get bricks—gave him an order on Mike Corbin for 5.00 to get the things with. He got 450 more also a board of flooring. Dick took his team down to help Harry's up the ferry hill. Mr. Pope and Flave worked on the chimney. It looked like rain after noon. Joe was shucking corn. Sent letter to Lizzie H.
- 23 I went to Rising Sun. Got young Mr. Perkins to witness the proxy for St. Paul Title & Trust (see 17th) and put it in the R. Sun P.O. Also got him to cash the check from Natl. Met. Bk. for 12. (see 17th). Got Mr. James Perkins to give me a draft on N. Y. for the 25. I had left in his Bk. payable to A. B. Ruff. When I got back to Bellevue I paid Mike Corbin 5.00 and got the cash order I gave Harry yesterday and left with him 4.00 to pay R. Rice rent. The river seemed lower than ever and the dust was dreadful. Doll Walton came and we settled about the cutting the rye and the rye—25 bus. at .70 came to 17.50. The cutting the rye and the expenses of going to see about the Polled Angus came to 11.80 and Doll W. paid me the balance 5.70. Mr. Dick Stephens the Assessor came and took my list. Joe said he hauled me 3 loads of corn to-day and himself one. Mr. Pope and Flave worked at the chimney and fixed the stove pipe and patched the roof at the office. Sprinkled off and on after noon and towards sundown began to rain, a slight gentle chilly rain.

- 24 Put in mail box letter to A. B. Ruff cas. Natl. Bk. of Wash. inclosing draft on N. Y. for 25.00 see yesterday and Frank's check (see 17th) telling him it was to buy shares of stock—also sent letter to Patty. Went to Burlington and told Mr. Revill I wanted to borrow 100. and get Patty to endorse the note so he made it out and I inclosed it to her and mailed it in Burlington. Got letter from Sally and circular from Tobasco Co. [sic] Went to see Hilda in B. and she gave me a key of bank box and a paper of her writing to keep for her. The shower last night laid the dust and the air was mild and sweet almost like spring. Joe and Dick gathered corn. Mr. Pope and Flave worked on the chimney, finished it and set the grate—fixed my bell.
- 25 Sunday—bright pretty day cooler. Ethel came.
- 26 Sent letters to Sally, Julia Belle R. and McIlhenny Co. Got one from Patty, said Isabella had moved into the city. Mr. Pope came and he and Flave worked on the doors of the little barn. Joe put two loads of corn in the crib for me and one for himself in the new barn. Dick said he would put in rye after noon. There were clouds part of the day and the sun set red as a rose in a cloud.
- 27 Clear but heard there was a little sprinkle before day—cooler. Mr. Pope worked and Flave helped. He finished the swinging doors to the new barn—put a plank in the kitchen floor painted the office chimney and put the cistern top on the office cistern which he had to patch up also patched up the dining room ceiling paper. He was done and we settled. He had worked 11 days in all 4½ at carpenter work at 1.50 per day 6.75 6½ days at mason work at 2.00 = 13.00 total 19.75 I said he might have a sack of cement at .50 so I owe him 19.25 which I promised to pay him within a week. I paid him .20 for fire bricks and hooks for doors. I suppose Joe shucked but he did n't haul because Dick had to have Cy putting in rye.
- 28 Got letter from Patty inclosing the note I sent (see 24th) and letter from Sue. It was clear and cool. Joe hauled and put in the new barn 2 loads of corn for me and one for himself. Flave sorted corn and he and Harry fixed the chicken house. Dick finished putting in rye. Got from Sally Charlie's book 'Viva Mexico.'
- 29 Went to Burlington to the Bank—gave Mr. Revill the note Patty returned for 100. for one year at 6 per cent and signed it. He gave me \$60 and a cer. of deposit for 40. Went to Bellevue later and paid Mr. Dode Pope \$19.25 (see 27th) and paid Al Rogers 9.80 for 4 bus. timothy (see 16th). I got a P.O. from Miss Olga in Bur. for 4.00 to renew sub. to Century also sent Patty letter telling her I got the note she signed sent both from Burlington. Brought Hilda home with me. Got certificate of Deposit from National Bank Washington for \$475 (see 24th) also letter from Lizzie Hodges. Stopped to see Mrs. Sebe Berkshire who is sick. It was chilly to-day and part of the day looked like snow, turned bright. Flave worked hauled rails and sorted corn—he said Joe hauled a load of corn.
- 30 Got letter from National Bk. of Wash. about the shares of new stock—and one from Belle R. and postal from Lucy. Went round and counted Leeomer's shocks—137 in all at 7 cents they came to 9.59 and I paid him 10.00 and am to settle with him. Flave sorted corn and hauled it and nubbins to the big barn. Heard that Nanny Loudon McGuire has a daughter. Mrs. Berkshire died this morning. It was chilly and looked like snow. 31° at sunup. Joe hauled a load of corn for me to the big barn.
- 31 24° at sunup—the coldest so far this fall. Sent letter to Sally. No one worked for me. Harry said Joe hauled some of his corn to Bellevue. Had the crêpe myrtles put in the cellar. Bright.

November

- 1 Sunday. Went to the funeral of Mrs. Berkshire at the Christian church and the old cemetery. Bob Brady came after Hilda on our return from the funeral—she came home before night. It was a bright day but chilly.
- 2 Sun came up red as a rose. I saw the largest flock of wild geese I remember to have seen flying south. Hilda went home. Got letters from Patty and Sally—and circular from the Texas Co. and proxy for signature. Dick brought me the figures from the R. S. mill of the wheat I let him have 3 bus. 25

lbs. at .95 came to 3.24. Joe hauled a load of corn for me to the big barn. Dick put one in the crib for me.

- 3 Election day. Flave worked ½ day on the calf lot fence. Taft and Sherman elected.
- 4 Flave worked finished fence hauled up hog houses &c. Joe hauled a load of corn for himself to the new barn. Sent letters to Sally and Sue and signed proxy to Texas Co. man. Got note from Frank Cutcheon with check for 90. It was much colder with a keen wind. Had a settlement with Leeomer Loudon—his work to date came to 85.22 and I have paid him to date 74.75 so I now owe him 10.47—on the 5th paid him 10.50 in full.
- 5 14° at sunup—the coldest day this fall. Went to R. Sun and got Mr. Perkins to cash the check from Frank Cutcheon see yesterday. Paid Gibson's bill for the barn door rollers &c. and got receipt. Mike Corbin paid me 1.70 for Mr. Linneas Kelly for rye—he got 3 bus. at .70 and I got a piece of meat since from him .40. Leeomer came for his money and I paid him in full see page before this. The river was not quite so low but very low and falling—the dust deeper and as dry. Flave said he cut stalks on rye.
- 6 Twenty degrees warmer this morning no dew and drier and warmer. Flave and Leeomer worked sawing and cutting the poplar that the lightning struck and a dead ash in the hollow above the old fish pond. Joe and Willy shucked leaving the corn and fodder down. I sent note to Frank saying I had received the check. Got announcement of the marriage of Hart P. Grigsby to Miss Susie Alliene Calhoun of Louisville.
- 7 Warmer. Flave and Leeomer worked sawing wood. Joe hauled a load of corn to the new barn for me. Dick brought a few poor cabbages and some turnips. I sent letter to Patty and another to McIlhenny. Joe said he hauled another load of corn for me.
- 8 Sunday—no one but me at home—bright and mild, and keeps on getting drier.
- 9 No one worked for me. Dick hauled some sappy corn to the new barn. Got letter from Patty and postal from Hilda saying she expected to start for Phil. to-day. Went to Bellevue—paid Will Grant's bill 12.35. Went to his house to see Mrs. Snyder who is sick.
- 10 A chilly shower fell early this morning and it stayed cloudy. Sent letters to Sally W. and Lucy J. Joe hauled me a load of corn before dinner to the big barn. No one worked for me. Harry was fixing the kitchen grate stove. It rained towards dark and after. Got paper with notice of the death of Robert Brown's wife.
- 11 Clear. Joe hauled me a load of wet corn to the big barn. After dinner he hauled one for himself to the little barn—they were shucking on the hill up the pike. Flora came this evening. I went to Jesse's to see the new house. No one worked for me. Harry brought my shoes from Davis'. Sent letter to Susie Tew and sent for picture. Had cattle turned out of field next Will A.
- 12 Colder and clear. Got letter from Sally—sent one to Mrs. Graham. Joe said they hauled me two loads of corn to the little barn? and he hauled the last load to the little barn for himself this evening at sundown.
- 13 20° at sunup. Sent letters to Sally and Robert Brown. Joe brought a load of corn for me after noon and Willy said he would bring me another before sundown—the wagon was there at the new barn. Dick brought me a load of sappy corn there. Mr. Clore came after some of Joe's to-day. I got a postal from Mrs. Webb saying Hilda got to Phil. safe, also French book from Patty. Susan said the new grate at the office broke today.
- 14 Colder and raw but bright. Went to Bellevue. Told Mike to order a new grate basket. Gave him 4.00 to pay R. Rice rent and to get receipt. Went to see Mrs. Snyder who seems very low. Sent letter to Hilda. Got box from Patty. Dick brought me 3.24 for the wheat (see 2nd). Settled with Flave Loudon in full to date. Since our last settlement Sep. 5th he had worked 47½ days, which came to 35.63. He had received 26.37 the .37 being due me Sep. 5th this left me owing him on days work 9.26. I owed him for extra milking 4.40 total 13.66 which I paid him.

- 15 Sunday. Cold and clear and dry as ever.
- 16 Went to the funeral of old Mrs. Snyder in the C. Church and the new cemetery. It was chilly and windy. Sent letters to Patty and Julia got letters from Patty and Julia. No one worked for me—even Harry went hunting. Joe's brother and his son came to haul Joe's corn and he and Willy did n't shuck.
- 17 Noah came and hauled Joe's last load out of the little barn—he and Willy did n't work. I went to the saw mill to see about getting logs hauled. Sent letter and picture to Sue. Got letters from Sally and Fanny G. It was pleasant and bright.
- 18 Did n't write till the 20th and have everything mixed up in consequence. Can't remember if the letters from S. and F. came to-day or yesterday. Went to Mrs. Louly Walton's I think. Warm. Wrote to Julia one day.
- 19 Went to Bellevue and through the new Flick house. Sent letter to Mrs. Graham one day. Joe divided some part loads of corn. Smoky all day, and warm.
- 20 Joe finished shucking he said and hauled the last of his away with my team. He left fodder down. I went to see Flora. Drove sheep out of pasture on mud road. Got register papers about my black bull from Cochran and Kruthoffer Delhi O. Calved Nov. 27, 1907. Named Ridgeview King Dick no. 119863 Sire, Black King of Allenhurst no. 61363 Dam, Lucy Annette No. 21294. Accepted No. 11, 1908 for record in Am. Aberdeen, Angus Herd Book Chas. Gray, Sec. 17 Exchange Ave. Chicago Ill. The box of clothes Sally sent Harry came. Don't know why I did n't write in this until Tuesday 24th.
- 21 No hand worked for me this week. Got letters from Patty saying Bob was sick again and from Sue and little Julia F. I[t] was mild and dry this week.
- 22 Sunday. Mild pleasant day. Went to the pasture to see about the fence next B. Walton's.
- 23 Sent letter to Patty—got some from Sally and Hilda. Joe came back and hauled wood for himself and left the wagon to be mended. I got ready to go to Julia's.
- 24 Was raining slightly when I woke and we had several showers to that I gave up going to Cin. and then it turned out a warm bright windy April day. I saw a toad hopping about in the pasture this side of the new barn. Flave and Leeomer worked for me again—they sorted corn in the new barn. I went to Bellevue and got the grate Mike sent for for me when the new one broke.
- 25 Did n't write in this again till Dec. 3rd. Went to Cin. via Aurora and the 11.13 train. Julia and little Julia met me and I went out home with them. It was mild weather.
- 26 Thanksgiving—dined of course at Julia's and stayed there. Susan went over the river.
- 27 Went in to see Dr. Arthur H. Clancey 831 Rooms in Trust Building Corner Fourth and Walnut—and make [sic] engagement to have my teeth fixed.
- 28 Went in to the Dentist's—it rained a little and more later.
- 29 Sunday. Mary and Henry and Eloise Stettinius came home from Europe and Laura Foster came with them from N. Y. to Julia's. I think it rained.
- 30 Went in to dentist's again. Later went to see Amy Campbell who promised to bring me home. We went to Mary's to see them.

December

- 1 Mary and family dined at Julia's—see 2nd.
- 2 Amy sent her machine out for me and I left Julia's. Harriet Eckstein and Amy came to bring me home. It was cold and bright. I got Mr. Foster to cash a check for me for 20. On the Boone Co. Dep. Bk. and did n't think to set it down at the 1st. Amy and Harriet did n't stay long—they started back about 1 o'clock. Harry was here but Susan had been gone since Thursday the day after I left. Harry said Dick and Georgy and Flave had gone to Rising Sun. Flave to be married to a woman named Sadie Lambert. Dick had killed hogs Monday. It was 14° above this morning. No one had worked for me except that Flave and Leeomer had hauled some fodder and my cattle had not been fed. I got

Harry to save my mail for me. While at Julia's I wrote several letters to Patty and Sally. I found letters from both of them and from Sue and Susie and one from Natl. Bk. Wash. with paper to sign and Bill for Telephone. The children said Bob's doctors had ordered him to the Adirondacks.

- 3 14° above at sunup. Sent letters to Patty and Julia—got letter from Sally. Dick was hauling Flave's things to Mr. Bob Huey's. My cattle had n't been fed yet and I got Harry to give those in the back pasture some corn. Susan came home having been gone a week.
- 4 My precious own's birthday. Lord love her sweet life—wrote to her and sent it—got notes from Julia and little Julia. It was raining this morning and 40°. The rain was mostly drizzle. Dick hauled some fodder to the cattle, the first they have had. Went to Bellevue and got Mike Corbin to sign the bank paper and to Willy Huey's. I engaged 12 pigs from Willy at 12. In the T—D. that I got I saw a notice of the death of Marion A. Baker Lit. Editor who has been receiving my verses for over twenty years and has been most kind. He died Nov. 23 in the seventy-fifth year of his age.
- 5 Flave came and said he had worked 3 days and I paid him in full. Dick hauled fodder in the morning and Perrin said he helped. Got letter from Sally and later one from Natl. Met. Bk. Wash. with proxy to sign. Sent letter to Natl. Bk. Wash. (see 2nd).
- 6 Sunday. Ernest and Lily came to spend the day. Got Ernest to witness proxy. It began to rain a gentle rain after noon and after dark still rains.
- 7 Sent proxy to Natl. Met. Bk. (see 5th) also letters to Sally and Hilda. Doll Walton sent Herman after a load of the sappy corn at the new barn, and later he came and got another load. Had the calves separated from the cows and put in the sheep cellar and calf lot—there were 10 of them. Turned the 10 black cows and the red white faced cow and the 'stock animal' and the black steer back in the pasture by the new barn. Dick worked to-day hauling fodder and manure and changing the cattle. Leeomer worked ½ day helping. It turned colder and felt like snow.
- 8 18° at sunup and bright. Joe and Willy came out and prepared for hog killing. Dick hauled fodder before noon—after noon Joe, Dick, Willy and Jess and Leeomer killed hogs. Harry helped—they killed the 6 I got of Mr. Will Rice (see May 16th). Herman came and got 2 loads of the corn I sold Doll W. at the big barn. Sent letter to Belle R. got letters from Sally and Julia with Dr. Clancy's bill receipted.
- 9 28° at sunup—bright and pleasant. Herman hauled another load of dry corn and 9 tubs besides. Sent letter to Sally. Got letter from Natl. Bk. of Wash. saying my transfer was received (see 5th), and note from little Julia. Joe West came and cut up and salted the me[at] and Mr. Rue cooked the lard, they worked the day. Jesse and Leeomer worked till noon cutting lard and helping. Dick was hauling fodder till his dinner.
- 10 Dick hauled fodder and after noon went to Willy Huey's and got 12 Jersey Red pigs. Harry went with him and took another trip there with Dick as he said he would n't charge for going after the pigs. I worked my sausage meat. Got letters from Patty saying Bob and Isabella had arrived at the place where they are to stay No. 22 Old Military Road, Saranac Lake N. Y. also letter from Natl. Met. Bk. saying the transfer was received. Went to Bellevue later for buckets barrels &c. It was warmer and sprinkled at night.
- 11 Rained a little off and on—misty all day and a heavy fog on the river towards evening. Packed barrels and went to Aurora in the spring wagon. Expressed 2 barrels containing two feather beds to Isabella and bucket of sausage to Julia and to Sally. Sent note to Isabella. Dick hauled some fodder I think. Got Al Rogers to cash a check for \$15. on the Boone Co. Dep. Bk.
- 12 28° at sunup. Went to Willy Huey's and paid his wife 12.00 for the 12 pigs. Dick hauled fodder yesterday morning—said he worked 4 ½ days this week. Sent letter to Patty, got letter from Lucy Johnstone and invitation to Eloise's ball from Julia.
- 13 Sunday. 31° at sunup—bright day.
- 14 Sent letter to Sally inclosing Lucy's and one to Julia. Think Dick hauled fodder.

- 15 Mild like spring. Harry patched up fence yesterday and to-day and turned out the 12 pigs. Got letters from Sally Sue and Julia. Doll Walton came to pay me for the corn he bought. I have forgotten to get the weight of the wagon that was weighed in Bellevue—both thought it was 33½ bus. so we figured on that till I get the weight and Doll gave me his check on the People's Bank Burlington for 126.82. It was 57° at 2 P.M.—looked like rain.
- 16 Sent letters to Sue and to Julia—got letter from Hilda. Went to Burlington—got Mr. Revill to cash Doll Walton's check he gave me yesterday—left 100. of it in bank and took the balance. Went to Bellevue and got the weight from Mike Corbin—and showed it to Doll who was there it was 33½ bus. It was warm and cloudy to-day and to-night it rains gently. Dick hauled some fodder.
- 17 Cloudy and mild all day. Got letters from Patty and Sally. Went to see Flora. Charlie Snelling came and hauled the two longest logs of the poplar to the mill.
- 18 Sent check for 13.40 to N. Edson Riddell to pay my telephone bill, also letter to Sally.
- 19 Did n't write in this. Harry went to see about heifers. Leeomer said he had worked 7½ days and I paid him in full 5.63. Frances Roseberry went home.
- 20 Sunday. Bright beautiful day. Went to see Flora.
- 21 This day 36 years ago my dear papa died. Lord love his soul—it is a beautiful mild day. Got letter from Sally—she said Mr. Ronald F. was over and had gone to see Bob. Sent letter to Fanny S. Lee. Went to Bellevue. Dick hauled fodder and manure. Leeome[r] cut stalks on rye. Sent letter to Isabella Sat. I think. Got calendar from Susie T.
- 22 Went to Bellevue again to get Christmas candy &c. Found box of blankets from Sally. Got letter from Julia.
- 23 Got letter from Natl. Bk. Washington about shares also letter from Patty about another box, box from Lucy J. and Christmas card from Lizzie H. Sent letter to Patty. Had the 7 black heifers brought over and put in the calf lot with the 10 calves. Dick was hauling fodder. Harry brought from Bellevue the box Patty sent with Christmas things also book from Harriet Young and C. card for Patty from J. A. H.
- 24 Sad anniversary. Sent letter to Patty and Sally and letter to A. B. Ruff, Cas. Natl. Bk. Wash. inclosing check for for purchase of shares. Leeomer came for money—and I gave him a check on Rogers Brothers for 6.00 with an order on same for 2.75 for himself, in full. Later gave Georgy and [sic] order for 3.00 on same to pay the boys for milking. Books from Julia and a calendar and book from little Julia came by mail, also letter from Sally telling about the blankets. Harry and family went to R. Sun.
- 25 Christmas Day—mild as spring and bright 49° at noon in the shade. Got letter from Belle, and box of cakes—also letter from Patty and Laura's photograph.
- 26 Got letter from Sally. Bright pretty day. Julia came up at night.
- 27 Sunday. Beautiful day. Went to see Jesse's child who is sick. Harry was here and went away. Julia [also?]
- 28 Another spring-like day. Ernest stopped by. Harry came back at night. Got letter from Julia. This is the night of Eloise's ball. Flora came over in the afternoon. A postal came for Hilda from Isabella.
- 29 Sent letter to Sally and to Hilda inclosing postal. Got letter from Sally and registered one from National Bk. Wash. signed A. B. Ruff cas. inclosing receipts for 1050. to buy 7 shares signed by W. W. Nairn Ass. Cas. this receipt to be returned. Also got photographs of the babies and Julia L. from Isabella and of the babies Christmas tree from Sally. It was mild and foggy early and towards evening rained. Dick was sick. I think Leeomer fed the cattle, after noon he and Jesse piled some rock on weed field hill. Harry went after Susan and brought her home. I sold 5½ doz. eggs to the huckster at the gate for .30 a doz.

- 30 Raining slightly but cleared off. Ernest came for me and I went up and spent the day with them. Harry worked on the road. Dick sick and Leeomer said he would feed. Heard that Willy and Josie moved to Mr. Jack Walton's.
- 31 Bright and colder. Dick still laid up. Leeomer hauled fodder to cattle. The corn that was piled in the big barn was fed out and Harry hauled the soft corn from the little barn over there for the cows, also some good corn for the horses. Willy came after his potatoes. Got letter from Fanny Strader. Read about Italian earthquake. Sent letters to Sally and Julia. This has been a remarkably dry summer and fall—the country parched and brown. But the river has risen considerably. I saw it at Ernest's. And so far it has been a very mild winter—no snow or storms.