

Evan Hackney Diary 1888

Evan Hackney (1860-1933) Diary

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1 Sunday

Considerable snow on ground that fell during the last two days of the old year. The new year came in clear and cold with some wind from the north west. Quite cold this morning two degrees below zero. Got warmer toward evening. I went to Mr. Rains this morning and spent the day. Emma had a birthday dinner she was 17 years old.

2 Monday

Clear and cold early in morning no wind to speak of just zero at sunrise got quite warm during the day thawed on the south side of the house. Chored for Charley while he went to Friend for to see in regard to renting a farm. Hauled a jag of hay from Mr. Morford's for my colts. Mr. Clementt here in evening to borrow the gun did not get it. T. W. Ashton has it.

T. W. Ashton and Mr. McCrackin looked the place over today. Red cow got her foot in the milk pail. Will Rains here for dinner.

3 Tuesday

Pretty fair day for winter somewhat frosty this morning got quite warm and thawed some in the afternoon.

Morgan colt got hurt today while in the cow lot. Charley got back from Friend this evening he has rented a place east of Friend for five years. The Squire was here this evening a while. Jake Morford was here a while this morning.

Done Charley's chores and went to the Sycium this evening went a foot both ways had a very good time seen Thomas Kreamer in regard to his note.

4 Wednesday

A pretty fine day though somewhat chilly riding. Took Jennie to school this morning. Geroge Kains brought the hay rack frame. Went with Charley to Dave Beelers. W.H. Kilmers and Mrs. Brewer in regards to that law suit. Loaded a load of hay for to take to Friend tomorrow. Anna came home with Jennie from school this evening. They went to a party at Squire Morford. John Crum's brother came here this evening wanted to stay all night Charley took him to Mr. Cremett for to find him a bed. Took dinner at Mr. Kilmer.

5 Thursday

Quite frosty this morning and it stayed on all day and was a nice sight on the trees. Took a load of hay to J.W. Phillips at Friend a very slippery trip the wagon slew so much. Got quite chilly toward even[ing]. Charley took a load of shelled corn to Beaver Crossing for Mr. Rains. Ten men were here today. George Rains took their old wagon home. Charley went over to the Squire and settled up with the docket and then his time as constable then expired.

6 Friday

A very chilly disagreeably day snowed some during the day. Butchered two hogs. George Rains and Wm Clement helped a cold job on bare fingers. John Middleton cam and Charley hired him for a year at sixteen dollars and twenty five cents per months. Charley went to Ashtons this morning early. Wm Bairns started to Missouri today. Just zero this morning. Jennie went home with Anna from school this evening.

7 Saturday

Cloudy most of the day sun shone some in the evening very cold with a mostly west wind. Went after Jennie. Got Richard Clark's sausage grinder also Mrs. Creightons iron boiler for to render out the lard. Harry Blackburn, Fred Daily, and T.W. Ashton were here this afternoon. Todd brought the gun home. Helped Charley haul some fodder and a little straw. Shot two rabbits in three shots. The first time I went hunting this fall.

8 Sunday

A clear cold day 18° below zero this morning. Put the colts in the hog pen. Ona did not like to be caught tonight. George, Lizzie and Anna Rains was here. Also David Englehaut. W. H. Kilmer, Jacob Mueller. Went a hunting this morning shot three times and got one rabbit.

9 Monday

Somewhat cloudy this morning cleared off during the day. Eight degrees below zero at sunrise. Took Mrs. Creighton boiler home also Mr. Richard Clark sausage grinder home. A very cold trip. Went after the Rains Bro. Hay rack. George was not at home and as there was a load of straw on the rack I had it to unload it by myself and mow it away. Charley loaded up three loads of hay to go south tomorrow. Took four girls to school this morning. Heard that the neighborhood was bad off with the measles.

Went to Mr. Clement awhile this evening. Snowed a little early this morning. Amen.

10

A clear day also a warm one till about middle afternoon it then turned considerably colder faired off and got pleasant again about sunset. Eight degrees above zero at sunrise. Jake Morford, Charley and I took a load of hay each to Charley's place in Saline Co. Rather a bad trip as the roads are snowy and there by the wagons slew considerably.

Heard that A. T. Hinshaw was in the vicinity. Went to the Sycium this evening almost a failure on account of measles. The doctor was here today for to see Fred.

11 Wednesday

Got up late quite cool early this morning. Uncle came here this morning from Havey Balche's just as I was preparing for breakfast. Fred being poorly Uncle did not come into the house for fear of exposing him to the measles. Had a short talk with him in the colt stable and I walked part way back with him.

Charley went to Ashtons and borrowed a wagon with a hay rack on it. We loaded on four loads of hay. Mr. Hall foreclosed and took Jake Stutzman wagon from him.

Mrs. Sloan finished my suit today.

12 Thursday

Commenced to snow about midnight last night and is still snowing. Up to half past two there was about six inches of snow fall all from the south. Then the wind changed to the north west. Then commenced the worst blizzard that I have known of in Nebraska. In four hours mercury fell thirty four degrees. The snow is drifted bad. Took Mrs. Sloan to squire Morford's this morning. Two below zero at this writing. Got all of the stock in the shelter.

13 Friday

Yesterday wind storm stopped about midnight. The snow is drifted very bad. Quite of a job to tend chores. Kept the colts in the stable all day. A large drift in front of the colts stable door. Shot a rabbit under the granary. Blow it into the middle. Picked the bones of the hind parts for dinner. Found a frozen quail this morning. Eighteen degrees below zero this morning and fourteen below zero at dark.

14 Saturday

Cloudy most of the day. Tried to clear off in the evening but made a failure. The blizzard still continues from the north west. Snowed most all day and last night. Eighteen degrees below zero at sunrise and the same at sunset. The warmest that it got was eight degrees below zero.

Charley went to Clements after tobacco got a chew. Mr. Clement here in the evening to borrow some coffee.

15 Sunday

A very clear day very pleasant over head. Quite cold this morning 36° below zero the coldest that I have knew of it being in Nebraska. Went a rabbit hunting this morning and got one. Also broke through the ice and got a wetting. A very cold bath. Squire Morford here after some pills for Jake he is sick. Shoveled the snow away from the colt stable and let them out for to exercise. My back hurts ever so bad. J.H. Wize took dinner here. Charley went a rabbit hunting had no luck. Quite chilly this evening. Hauled two shocks of fodder to the cattle this morning.

16

Twenty degrees below zero at sunrise. Cloudy and clear off and on all day. Done chores and helped Charley haul some fodder to the cattle. Mr. Clement borrowed the buggy and went to Beaver Crossing. I went to Squire Morford's for to see Jake. He is quite sick. Also to see if the road was so I could get to my hay stack. Will take considerable shoveling. Been very chilly all day. The spy got a load of straw at the barn.

Charley shot twice at a chicken hawk did not get it. Two degrees above zero at this writing. Found three frozen quails. George Rains is to have a spit swapping party tonight. He is of age.

17 Tuesday

Eighteen degrees below zero at sunrise. Squire Morford came over early this morning to get me to go to Beaver Crossing after coal. I went found the road very bad. Jake is very sick. Mr. Clement took Charley to Friend and left him there. I done Gilfriggus chores. Going to sit up tonight with Jake. I was at Mr. Colliers today the first time I was in that house. Charley sent home a new collar for Floria.

18 Wednesday

Twelve degrees below zero at sunrise. Come home form sitting up with Jake Morford. He was real sick inflammatory rheumatics. Done chores hauled fodder for the cattle, pitched off the hay that was on F.W. Ashton's haystack and took it home. Rode back with Mr. Atwood in a sled the first sledding have had this winter. Mr. Clement helped mow away the hay. T. W. Aston and J.A. Wise got a load of straw north of the barn Mrs. Atwood here a while. Jim Morford came after Kerseen this evening.

19 Thursday

Two degrees above zero at sunrise. Looked as if it was a going to storm again this morning. Wind in the north west about noon. The sun shone some. George Rains here this morning after his hay rack. I pitched the hay off of it at my stable. Storm this evening. 6° below zero at sunset. Gilfligan brought the dung fork home. Went and saw Jake tonight. He is somewhat better. Tried to drown a pole cat out of a hole in the ground yesterday. Carried twelve pails of water. Made a failure. This has been a bad day.

20 Friday

A very cold day all day. Cloudy most of the day. Looked as if was preparing for to be stormy. Took George Rains hay rack home this morning. Done chores as usual. Twenty below at sunrise and ten below at sunset.

21 Saturday

A bright sun shiny day although quite chilly a riding. Went to Friend and got my negative taking. Went to Gilfigaes early this morning. Got some powders for John horse. The squire here today after his fork. Eighteen below at sunrise and four below at sunset.

22 Sunday

Quite of a nice wintry day. Done up the chores. Mr. R. Rains wife and two little girls here. Lizzie came home on a hay rack with T. W. Aston. I took her home in the buggy. Mr. Clement, J.H. Wise and August Abitz were here. Ten below zero at sunrise and fourteen above at sunset. Put the colts in the lot and Mr. Rains team in my stable. A pretty moon lit night a big circle around the moon early tonight.

23 Monday

Monday a pretty nice day for winter. Done up the chores early and went and got Mr. Mueller's corn sheller and shelled five sacks of corn. Took the sheller home in the evening. Mr. Atwood butchered a beef today. Came here with a quarter. Charley not being at home, Mrs. Berry would not take it. Fred went out for a while today the first time since he has been sick. I went over and sit up with Jake Morford all night. Tonight he looks bad. Mr. Clement here in morning and borrowed the gun and eight loaded shells for to go rabbit hunting.

24 Tuesday

A prettier day than yesterday. Was done the chores early. Filled two sacks of oats. Loaded in the corn I shelled yesterday and went to the mill for to get John some chopped feed ground. Jennie went with me as far as the school house. She got her books by the time I got back. I went from the mill to Beaver Crossing. It is growing slowly. Went to the Sycrium. Did not get home till after midnight. A very dry debate. The other part was good. Mr. Clement here this evening after things I got at the crossing for him.

25 Wednesday

A very pretty day. Done the chores. Thawed some today. Prepared to go after Charley tomorrow.

26 Thursday

A very fine day. Done the chores. Mr. Clement came over this morning with his team and hitched to the buggy. I piled in and went with him to Friend. Considerably water on the roads. The snow thawing fast. Charley came home with us. I went and stayed with Jake. He is not so well.

27 Friday

Sunshiny and as pleasant as a May day. Took seven pigs to Friend that Charley had traded for a watch and change. Dark when I got home. Charley sold his corncrib and grainery to J.H. Wise today. A dance at Ashtons.

28 Saturday

Continues to thaw. Still pretty days. Charley and family went to Mr. Creightons on a visit. I stayed home. T. W. Ashton herded cattle on this side of the river. Corralled them at night in the lot at this barn. J.H. Wise is hauling his oats away from the barn.

29 Sunday

A very fine day. The warmest day of this warm spell so far. The snow is melting very fast and the water is running every little brook and canyon. I went with Charley and his family to visit his fathers. Had a pleasant time.

30 Monday

A sunshiny warm day. Thawed lots. Tom Perdne and I took a load of hay each to Charley's place in Saline Co. Roads very bad indeed. Charley helped J.H. Wise shell corn.

31 Tuesday

The warmest day during this month and the warmest day that I ever saw during January of any year. Thawing the snow off fast. The water is running over the ice this morning. I helped J.H. Wise to shell corn. George Watts did the job. He done a bunglesome job. Breaking down a number of times. Didn't do a good job of getting the corn off of the cob. Tom and Charley loaded up two loads of hay. Charley sold his fodder and part of his straw stack to Mr. McCrackling.

February 1888

1 A very foggy day. The sun shone but little today. Tom and I took a load of hay each to the other place. Found the roads in a very bad condition. Pete fell down hard. Charley went to Friend with Mr. Clement. Did not get back. J.H. Wise hauled a load of straw from south of the barn.

2 Ground hog day so foggy all day that he could not see himself if he wanted to. The sun did not shine out at all. Tom and I loaded on two loads of hay and done the chores. John Middleton came here today. Measles bad at Glassfords. Charley got back home. Came with Mr. Clement.

3 Still foggy with no show of clearing up. Also still muddy. It is settling fast. Mr. Clement was here some what rathy about the cattle. Morgan is hurt. Charley and Tom went with a load of hay to the other place. J.H. Wise here today. I stayed to home all day and done chores and herded the cattle.

4 Saturday

Somewhat foggy and cloudy. A colder day than the other ones. Snowed some last night but not much. It thawed off during the day. The spy got a load of straw. Charley went and saw Jake. He was but little if any better. Tom took Charley's hay rack and wagon and went home. The cattle got to the fodder for a short time. Gilfligan is kicking because they ran on his stalks. The ground froze a thin crust toward night. Morgan is lame and rather stiff almost all over. I am keeping my colts in Charley's hog pen of a day so they can get some exercise. It is hard for them to stand all day tied up by the head. They are doing well.

5 Sunday

A clear sunshine day. Went to church at the school house. A small turnout. Mr. Rains also Lizzie, J.H. Wise, Walter Berry, Gilfligan and T.W. Ashton were there. Tom Perdwe came back with Charley's hay rack. James Morford was over a while this evening. He says that Jake is better.

6 Monday

Quite a pleasant day with a chilly north west wind. Thawed but little. Took three loads of hay to the other place. The ground was froze hard there by it was a rough trip. Mayfords rack broke down in front of Mr. Tolyts. Borrowed Mr. Tolyts rack and went on with our loads. Got home a little after sundown. T. W. Ashton and the spy here this evening looking after the cattle. Jennie went over to stay with Mrs. Clement tonight.

7 Tuesday

Quite of a disagreeable day the wind being very high this morning. We did not haul hay. Change the racks off and the boxes on and took three loads of ear corn to the farm on Turkey creek. As last night was a cold one the roads froze up hard. The roads were terribly rough. Very hard on bare footed horses. Tom got one of his horses sprained. Tom and I went to the Syciurn. Stayed till recess. Went a foot both ways. Lizzie came home from Ashtons this evening for to stay a while. George Rains brought the ax home.

8 Wednesday

Snowed all day with considerably wind. Mr. Clement got back from Friend and brought the buggy home. The weather being so bad that we done no teaming. Tom skipped for home this morning. Went and stayed all night with Jake.

9 Thursday

A cold winter day. 14° below early this morning. Did no teaming today. Heard that Wm. Raines fetched his ship in yesterday. Neama and Jim were here today. Also Gilfligan. He took Frank (horse) home. Tom was here this evening trying to get up a crowd for to rattle Will and his Shipp.

10 Friday

Somewhat chilly all day. I done most of the chores while Charley got ready and took his wife and Lizzie to Friend. They brought Miss Sloan back with them. I helped Gilfligan to butcher to hogs. Ashton and his men also Joe Wise hauled three loads of straw from south of the barn. Joe hauled off one load of oats. Charley got Pete and John sharp shod all around. Brought Daisy home with him. Put Morgan in Princes place in my stable. Got a letter from C. W. Smith. I sent one to the latery.

11 Saturday

A fine day. I went early this morning and hauled a load of shelled corn to Arpton for Mr. Fallett on Creighton account. Charley and his wife took Miss Sloan to Mr. Thomas Berry's after I got back from Mr. Arpton I borrowed Mr. Clement's scoop shovel and loaded on a load of ear corn and took it to Turkey Creek. Got back about sunset. Mr. Hines here tonight. Lizzie and I went to Mr. Clements a while this evening. Lizzie has the neuralgia in her face now. Thawed some today enough for to loosen up the sharp points on the many frozen clods that are on the roads. James Morford here this morning after Jakes horse collar. Jake is some better. There is still some snow on the ground. John (horse) cracked himself today. Arpton men and Joe Wise hauled straw from south of the barn. Finished taking that stack.

12 Sunday

A very warm day. Thawed considerably today. The water ran in the roads. Also quite muddy. Charley and I went to T. W. Arpton's and got his boar and brought him here and put him in the lot with the other hogs. Charley and family went over to Wm Raines for to see the bride. They not being at home there was no show. Charley took Lizzie back to Arptons this evening. Tom Perdue came in late this evening. I was home most of the day.

13 Monday

A very fine day. The roads are muddy. The snow is all gone. The river is up some. Charley had four loads of ear corn hauled to his place on Turkey creek. Charley, Tom Joe and I each took a load. The roads are terribly bad. Late this evening the weather took another sudden change and got very cold.

14

Froze up tight and solid last night and the roads are very rough indeed. Tom and I each went with a load of corn. The pump froze up last night. Rains Brothers here today. Tom went to the Licinm. Mr. Arpton here also. Fixed Charley's boss end gate an my wagon this morning. We had a very chilly trip today. A very strong north wind all day.

15 Wednesday

Tom and I each took a load of corn to Turkey creek. The roads are very rough. It is hard on horse flesh this teaming business. Tom went to a dance at J.H. Roberts. From all that I can learn they had a very good time. Charley at home all day preparing things to move. Thawed a little today.

16 Thursday

Lizzie Rains birthday. She is nineteen. Tom and I finished hauling the bulk of the corn to Turkey creek today. Went and saw Mr. Lawrence in regards to the bins. He will move his shelled corn and oats out of them tomorrow. The roads are getting little muddy again. A dance here tonight. A fair sized crowd here. All had a enjoyable time that danced. J.W. Wise furnished the music. He was in no good humor.

17 Friday

A sunshine day. Charley had five loads of things moved to turkey creek. Charley and I took each a load of machinery. Tom, Mr. Clement and Richard Rains all three took a load each of oats. The roads are very muddy. The granary is not all empty yet. Mr. John Middleton came here today and aims for to stay for good or bad.

18 Saturday

A miserably bad rainy unpleasant day. Charlie, Mr. Clement and I took a load each to turkey creek. Charley took oats and seed corn while Mr. Clement and I took machinery. It commenced to rain on us when we were about a mile from the place. It rained on us the rest of the day. We did not get home till after dark. John had all of the chores done.

19 Sunday

A pretty fine day. George Berry wife and child. Jake Walter home and Jim. Wm. Rains and wife. Also George and Lizzie and Mr. Rains all were here for dinner today. John went off for to see his girl and saw her. Anils Sloan came here with the Berry crowd. Tom came out got his wagon and his clothes away. Henry Mueller chased a calf through the yard today.

20 Monday

Froze up tight and solid last night so much so for team any today. When the sun got warmed up some it thawed and got very muddy. The spy loaded up a load of straw from the stack north of the barn and then upset before he got away from the stack. Todd came over and greased the wind mill. J.H. Wise here today. John took the old maid and Jennie a buggy riding in the mud. I went over and settled up with Frank Arpton. A.E. Arpton not being at home I did not get to see him. Charley and John went up with Mr. Clement and each of them loaded on a load of oats. They are Mr. Clements oats he is a going to haul them south of Friend three miles. J. H. Wise came after the corn crib as Charley has not got all of his corn out of it he did not take it. Heard that Jake was not so well as he has been a being.

21 Tuesday

Somewhat frosty this morning. Quite of a freeze last night. John and I each took a load of oats for Mr. Clement to his place south of Friend where he is moving to. The roads are very bad indeed. I don't think I ever saw them so muddy as they are when the frost thawed out today. The wheels of the wagon would fill up with mud. After we got there the bin was not empty there fore we hauled them back a half mile and scooped them into another mans bin. I went then to Friend and done what business I had to do. Then I pulled for home. It was a worst trip than this morning one was. It was after dark when I got home. Mrs. McCrackin got in this vicinity today. Charley and family went a visiting at Mr. R. Rains. Charley and John went to the Lycium. Tom Kreamer paid for Dolly this evening.

22 Wednesday

A sunshiny day. I thought of going to Seward but being afraid of missing the train I did not go. We were a going to load up hay only the bridge builders headed us off. They commenced to drive spile for the new bridge this evening. Arptons men were after straw. The spy resurrected the load of straw the he up set a few days ago. I went to a dance tonight at Joe Mayhew's had a good time. And done my best for the first time.

23 Thursday

A very warm day for walking. I walked to Goehner and took the train and went to Seward and walked out [to] George Berry's and saw Chris Munson. Paid my taxes for the year 1887 and 1886. Chris and I went to Seward a horseback this evening. Saw the electric lights.

24

George and his wife went Milford. I staid with Chris till about two oclock P.M. then I walked to Seward Paid Charley's taxes for the years of 1886 and 1887 and got his repairs for his stove. Got on the cars and went to Goehner in company with Mr. Emerson and rode out to the church with him. Then walked to the squires and stayed with Jake till dark. Then Jim went home with me. We crossed the river on a foot planks, the old bridge being tore up for to put a new iron bridge in. A spit swap at Charleys to night for a surprise to Fred. It was he got left ship to me [unknown word, possibly loae]. Harry Collier and Charley and Arthur Creighton being the boys and they brought no girls so Jennie couldn't stand it all so the boys quit and went home. Charley worked yesterday and today on the bridge.

25 Saturday

Somewhat of a pleasant day. Helped Tipsoard carry some of his things over to the squires. Charley, John and I each took what we could carry. I took Pete and rode him to Friend and got back about dark.

26 Sunday

Commenced to pack the things in the house. Tom came over and then we loaded two wagons with household goods an dour wagon with poultry. John went and saw the Rains. Mr. McCrakin paid Charley for the hogs.

27 Monday

Richard, Will and George Rains came over with two wagons and Mr. Clement came with his and we loaded them with furniture. Will took Mrs. Berry and the children to his place and the rest of us set sail for turkey creek where we arrived in due time with out any accidents where we unloaded and went back except Charley and I. We straightened things up a little then we went to Friend after stove piping and a window glass. Got back here quite a while after dark. Done the chores and got a bachelors supper. Set up a bed and got in it and passed the fist night on this place. Part of the time in bed an dpart of the time running colts away from the house.

28

A very pleasant day. Straightened things around a bit. Put some frames of glass in the windows with putty. While Charley worked all day about the stable. John went home with Mr. Clement last evening and hauled a load for him today. I am doing the cooking.

29 Wednesday

I stayed at home all day. Charley went up to the West Blue and got his cattle. He had quite of a time getting them home. He brought Sam with him.

March 1888

1 Thursday

A very bad day. Rained, sleeted and snowed. T. H. Sarverences cattle bothered so bad while we were feeding that Charley sent him notice by John to get them off of here. The cattle and colts were out in the storm.

2 A very disagreeably bad day. Snowed and the wind blowed all day. At home all day cooking and keeping fires. The stock suffered today.

3 Saturday

A sunshiny day but some what cold. I went to Friend a foot and across lots. Got the mail and a few other small things. Mr. Brawn was here today. Mrs. and Jennie Berry came today. George Rains brought them. John went to the West Blue this evening for to haul a load for Mr. Clement.



[Additional entries for March 1-3]

1 Thursday

A very bad day on stock as it rained and sleeted the heaviest sleet that I have saw in this state I believe. There being shedding for the cattle and colts they were out in it. The weather being so bad we had to feed the stock and F. T. Searence's colts and cattle bothered so bad that Charley sent John to give Mr. Searence notice to get his stock off of this place. Turnet to a round snow in the evening but did not snow very long then froze till everything is slick.

2 Friday

Somewhat cool early this morning. When I got the house work done I went to Friend a food after the mail and other tings. Came back a foot. Mr. Brown was here looking over the place and house seeing what refraring had to be done. Mr. Kneebant was here also. George Rains brought Mrs. and Jennie Berry to this place this afternoon. John went after a load of stuff for Mr. Clement. He stayed all night at Mr. Glasfords and went to the exhibitions at Sunnyside schoolhouse tonight. George went back as John went.

3

I went to the Blue river after my oats. A pretty chilly trip. Going there met Mr. Clement and John with a load of ear corn each. I took the running gears off my wagon put the munson box on them and loaded in my oats and other articles. Put Mr. Tolet's hay rack on the munsan running gears and took it home behind my wagon as I went home. Charles went to Friend a foot. He bought Tam off by taking his tools that he had on hands. John took Frank (horse) and went and stayed all night with his father.

4 Sunday

At home all day. Mr. Brown and one of his men here this evening. They came a mule back.

5 Monday

John got home about ten o'clock took the team that I have been driving and went to the blue to team for Mr. clement. Charlie and I worked in the stable. Flory got her thigh hurt today by long John kicking her. Tore up considerably bunch of hide. Charley cut it off with a razor.

6

A tolerably fine day only somewhat cold. Charley and I hitched Daisy and Ona to the wagon and went to Friend. It was the first time they were hitched together. They drove well for colts thanks for the snow that is on the ground. John did not haul a load for Mr. Clement. He brought a load of straw home. Got my scrap book today.

7

A foggy somewhat chilly day. Left the chores for John to do. Took the team that I drive and went to the Rains brothers and got Fred and brought him home. Diphtheria is in the vicinity of the old neighborhood. Two of Mr. Tipsaard's children died with it within less than a day and a half of another. They were buried last Sunday in the same grave.

8 Thursday

Fred is twelve years old today. I have him a checker board as a gift. The colts are making their living in the stalk field now and oats once a day and appear to be doing well.

9

Went to Friend a foot after the mail today. A bad day, sleeted today. Mr. Clement was here he bunged up his team.

10 Saturday

A very disagreeably day. The ground is very slippery. Charles went to Friend a foot and got a riding bridle.

11

Went to Diptons and got Lizzie. Took dinner at the Baniss brothers. Commenced to thaw. All of the little creeks were up. Hard on a team on the roads today. Quite warm.

12

Quite a warm day. I went to Mr. Morford's after a load of hay. The roads got so muddy that it was hard trip to get home with it. Tom, George King and Mr. fries were her for dinner. Tom brought Charley flowers.

13 Tuesday

A very fine day. Put up notices for trespassers to keep off. Set up the machinery. Quite muddy. Charley and I went over to Mr. Brown's and spent the evening.

14 Wednesday

Charley, Mary and Lizzie went to Friend. I stayed home with the children. Mr. Brown's men took his cow what is lame out of the stock field.

15

At home. A cloudy day most of the day. Wind in the Northwest. Mrs. Wolff and other parties unknown to me were here a visiting today. Cleared off this evening.

16 Friday

Roads are very muddy. Tom Purdue came here a while before noon. Him, charley and Fred went to see a carpenter. A dance at the hall in Friend tonight. Charley & Wife and Jennie went. It was a no go dance. Fred and I stayed at home.

17 Saturday

Snow Ball calved a bull calf this morning. A very pretty day. I went to Friend on Daisy. Raymond and Mr. Dawson here this evening. Charley and those persons went and got the boat out of its winter quarters.

18 Sunday

One of the prettiest of days. At home all day. Went after my colts. Thought they had got away but they had not.

19 Monday

A very, very stormy day. Snowed quite a considerably. Very hard on stock.

20

Went and got Mr. Abrims' carpenter tools. He came up and made out a bill for lumber in afternoon. Charley and I went to Friend and got the lumber and other stuff.

21 Wednesday

Mr. Abrims came and commenced work on the house.

22 Thursday

Took Lizzie to her place in Friend. Mrs. Berry and Jennie went along. Roads are very bad.

23 Friday

A very fine day indeed. Commenced to work for Charley by the month at \$18 75/100 per month for as long as we can agree. Cut hauled and chopped stove wood and jocked into the house.

24 Saturday

A bad day. Trying to sleet a little. Fixed pens and put the sows in them today. Two of them pigged. Some of them have died. That is the pigs. The weather gets worse toward night and looks as if it might rain.

25 Sunday

A miserably day. Rained last night and most of today. In afternoon commenced to sleet and kept at it the rest of the day. Charley and I ditched the water out of the stable. There was a lot of it in there.

26

Still sleeting all day. Done chores and chopped some wood. ~~Also dug some post holes for a hog lot.~~ The sleet is very bad. Went and got Mr. Brown's boar hog. Him and Kayman helped me drive him down.

27 Tuesday

Dug post holes for the hog pen. Mr. clement came here this evening and I took the team and went home with him. I stayed all night at squire Morford's and got there at nine o'clock P.M.

28 Wednesday

Hauled a load of hogs for Mr. Clement to his place on Turkey Creek. Also I went to Friend and got a pair of rubber boots and three roosters. Mr. Clement stayed here all night. Thawed lots today. The roads are bad.

29 Thursday

Done chores. Charley and I went to Friend. Got some lime &c &c. Fixed fence in after noon.

30

Finished the hog pen fence today. Fixed a pen for the ducks. Took the old wire off of the post. Went to Mr. Lawrence and got his wire stretcher. Snow Ball's calf is missing tonight. The wind raising this evening. Daisy was sick last night. Stretched some wire on cattle pen. Mr. Dilley breaking sod today.

31 Saturday

A fine day. Continued stretching wire on the pasture fence. In after noon picked up boards and piled them against north end of stable. Chopped some wood. Fixed up the wire clothes line. Rayman and Dawson here this evening. Onily [?] is gone with their cook to Wilber.

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All fools day. At home all day. Rayman and Dawson helped Charley put the binder on the harvester.

2

Hauled two loads of sand with four horses. I went to Mr. Clement's and got Charley's old harness. In after noon charley and I made a shed for the harvester and put it into it.

3

Went to Wily Brown's and got some wheat and borrowed Mr. Lawrence's disk harrower and commenced putting in wheat. I sowing out of a sack and Charley disking with four horses. The ground being so wet the disk would not work so in after noon we cultivated it in on stock ground.

4

Continued putting in wheat. Finished sowing it and cultivating it in while Charley went to Friend after a harrower. In afternoon harrowed with three horses. Got the wheat harrowed over once. Munson had a calf today. Calls it Chris.

5

Commenced sowing and cultivating in oats. Went over to Mr. Dilley's and got his boar.

6

Still putting in the oats. Charley went to Friend in the evening after the rest of the harrow. Did not get it. Got their picture from Mr. Brigs. Charley drove Ona to Friend. She would not work on the wrong side.

7

Charley went and got Wily harrower and put three horses on it while I took the new harrow and two horses and we both harrowed till noon. In the after noon I finished harrowing the wheat cross way on and the oats that is now cultivated over once while Charley and his wife sowed oats. Mrs. Half came over. Cultivated oats a while this evening.

8 Sunday

Charley went to the Blue after his potatoes. Got back soon after noon. Mr. Browns and their house keeper here in after noon and evening. Commenced to rain. At dark they went home in the rain.

9.

Rained all night last night and part of today. Shelled seed corn and cut seed potatoes. Mr. Brannis came and got some seed potatoes. The plaster came at noon for to plaster the house. In the after noon I went to Mr. Browns and got a barrel for to haul water in to slack lime. Chopped some wood. Mr. Brown sledged that old steer up on the bottom of a wagon box.

10

Went after a load of sand in fore noon. In after noon cultivated and harrowed in oats. Raymond here awhile. Today their fruit trees came.

11

Worked at putting in the oats.

12 Thursday

Still putting in oats.

13. Friday

Working at the oats. Sowed some more wheat.

14.

Finished putting in the oats and wheat. Charley and wife went to Friend got his stock cutter. Shasty and Prince went to Mr. Lawrence's.

15 Sunday

We all went to Mr. Brown's and spent the day and the evening. Burned off the meadow.

16

Cut the stalks off and planted the potato patch. In after noon made garden.

17

Fixing the pasture fence. Rained some. Charley went to Mr. Brown's and got the sleg.

18

Worked at the fence til noon. In after noon commence to plow for corn.

19 Th

Plowing for corn. Two teams. Fine day.

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20 F

Plowing with two teams. Cool day.

21 Sa

Plowing. One team all day and the other one about three quarters of a day. Charley went to Friend with Mr. Brown this evening. Will be late getting back. C. K. plowed one a while today. Mrs. Wolf and frock was here this evening. A hot afternoon.

22 S

A fine day. Making up for lost sleep. Last night Mr. and Mrs. Dilley spent the evening.

23 Mo

A fine day. Plowed all day with two plows. Charley is 37 years old today. Celebrated it with a supper. Mr. Wolff, Mr. Brown, Ramon, Mr. Dawson and Mr. Decker were here. Rained just a sprinkle this evening.

24 Tu

Plowed for corn. Mr. Dickes went home this after noon.

25 W

Plowing for corn on the stubble field. In after noon I cut stocks.

26 Th

I cut stocks this fore noon while C.B. plowed. Both of us plowed in after noon. Finished plowing the stubble field and went two rounds in stock field. Rained by showers run us in twice.

27 F

Plowing for corn

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