

Diaries of George Veix
Dec. 1, 1908 to June 8, 1909

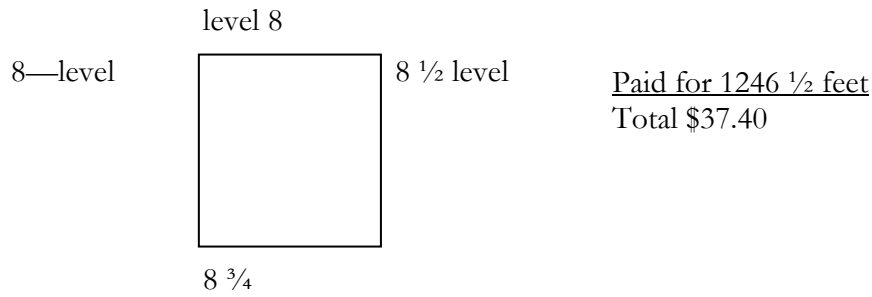
Stock sold –

Feb. 8" 1909 – Hogs, 19 head	\$209.11
M'ch 22" " " 6 "	\$66.05
" 31 " " Cattle 6 "	\$100.00
May 27 " hogs 5 "	53.12

71 –	15.54		
<u>34</u>	3.38	11.43	1246 ½
37	<u>5.00</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>1168</u>
	23.92	11.68	78 ½
	<u>5.30</u>		
	29.22		
	<u>5.00</u>		
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Church Basement, Ag's house

(Balance due B. \$8.54)



21 X 8 ¾ = 2.47 ½ = \$7.42 ½ S
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Tuesday Dec. 1st 1908

A hard freeze last night, the first one this winter, and while it was a clear day it was quite cold. Silas and I hauled hay and fed cattle. We then got a load of wood for fuel. After dinner we butchered a pig. That done we went and husked some corn.

Tonight we went to schoolhouse to get rebate due from recent hunt. We all went from the schoolhouse to the residence of Robt. McCoonse to chivaree Jeff Lantis and his bride Matilda, they having married yesterday, but we did nothing as Jeff had given us the slip.

Paid John Lillard by check \$15.54 for 259 yards plastering, two coats, my new house on the hill.

Wednesday Dec. 2nd 1908

Silas hauled hay and fed the cattle while I finished husking corn in the new ground east of Thomas.' We then hauled the corn to the crib. After dinner we went to the bottom to husk corn in Allie's field. Much of my corn is missing. Evidently some one was in need of corn and went to my cornfield for it.

Received a letter today from Wm. McCoonse from Enid, Okla.

Thursday Dec. 3rd 1908

Turned cattle into stalk field so did not haul any feed for them today. Soon after breakfast Silas and I went down to the bottom to husk corn in Allie's field. We brought home about 28 bushels and put it in the crib. It was too soft in the field to bring any more than we did.

Friday Dec. 4th 1908

Silas and I went to husk more corn near the river although it was rather cold for husking. Rain last night made the field very soft so we didn't try to husk a full load. We came home with probably 16 bushels of corn.

All of us went to the Literary tonight.

Jeff Lantis was passing around the cigars tonight at the schoolhouse, his treat for getting married.

Saturday Dec. 5th 1908

Silas went off with the Spooner boys from school house last night and did not get home till nearly 10 o'clock this evening and both Jason and Irwin came along with him. I put them to hauling a load of hay for the cattle.

After dinner I took Silas and Cora to town to take the train for Lawrence as they return to school at Haskell Institute this evening. I bought each of them a coat. Cora got one and a pair of gloves. Coat costing \$11.75 and gloves 50¢. Silas' overcoat cost \$13.75.

Received 25¢ from Geo. Williams in payment for an ex handle I made for him some time ago.

Sunday Dec. 6 1908

Quite cold today. Did not go anywhere except to Thomas' where I stopped for a few minutes on my way to the house from the field, inspecting my straw stack.

Remained at home and made a plunger for my shotgun. It is now in good shape for shooting.

This afternoon I wrote a letter to Nellie Sullivan in reply to her letter of Nov. 4" inquiring as to whereabouts of her sister Tressie, but I was unable to give her the desired information.

Turned Ceilom loose and cleaned out his stall this evening. I have more hopes for his recovery now as he seems to be much better. Cold tonight.

Monday Dec. 7" 1908

Very cold this morning. Chopped stove wood and helped J.E. Higgins doctor my cow, a Jersey, which has been ailing for some time. We gave her two doses of linseed oil to soften the lump in her windpipe but without result.

After dinner Allie and I went down to the bottom to husk corn. We brought home probably 18 bushels.

Turned Ceilom out to exercise himself today. He is much better than he was.

Took school maps to the school house while on the way to field.

Tuesday Dec. 8 1908

Fine day today. Allie and I started earlier than usual to husk corn near the river. We husked a full load this time, about 30 bushels in the load, but got stuck in the field with it and broke my doubletree. I had to go all the way to Mr. Elliott's to make another one and also got the boys to come down to the field with their team and pull me out to the road.

My Jersey cow, (Mrs. Peterson) is getting weaker and worse.

J.W. Plake says she has the tuberculosis. I told Bingaman to come after her and kill her but he failed to do so today.

Wednesday Dec. 9" 1908

We went to husk corn again this morning, Allie and I. We husked a little over 8 rows of ^{corn} and filled the wagon, or about 28 bushels. We could have put in a couple more bushels but I did not care to drive too far and probably stick in the mud, as the field was very soft. The weather today was very fine, so much so I had to take my coat off while husking.

J.W. Plake lost one of his best horses (a sorrel) last night.

Thursday Dec. 10" 1908

Allie and I went to husk more corn this A.M. and returned with about 25 bushels by three o'clock. I unhitched the wagon, turned the horses loose in the lot and went to cut poles for fuel the rest of the evening.

Received a note from Hopkins wanting pay to haul the sand from town, necessary in plastering the house he occupies, when our contract expressly stated he was to do the necessary hauling free of charge.

Friday Dec. 11" 1908

We went to husk corn again today and brought home about 23 bushels. We still have four full rows of corn and four part of rows to husk and we will have finished Allie's field.

Went to Hopkins tonight to see about their hauling balance of the sand to plaster the house with, as they indicated by a note sent to me the day before that they wanted pay for so doing; and they had expressly agreed to do all the hauling free of charge. Unfortunately for me I did not incorporate that part in the provisions of our contract. I will haul one load tomorrow and if they get in a hurry they can get the rest as I cannot.

Saturday Dec. 12th 1908

Went to town today to pay the interest on my mortgage due last Tuesday. I paid \$60, and found that mortgage matures next year.

I also paid my half tax for the year amounting to \$72.92 and all of Allie's which was \$16.52 more, giving my check for \$89.44.

I paid Frank Spooner \$1.00 to bring out 15 bushels of sand from the lumber yard to my place on the hill. I also bro't the same amount in my wagon for the same place.

My sick Jersey cow (Peterson) died this morning and Bingaman skinned her. I told him to examine her by cutting her open and find if possible what ailed her. Will get his report next time I see him.

Sunday Dec. 13th 1908

Had to deliver the load of sand to my place on the hill today as I needed the wagon in the morning tomorrow. Went by F. Spooner's on my way to the other place and he was waiting for me as he too had a load to deliver. My team almost stalled at one place going up a steep road near our destination as the road was very slippery. Frank's team did stall, and the wagon began to run down the hill pulling the team with it. C.Huff happened to be along and he helped Frank to stop the wagon. I hitched my team in front of his and got to the top of the hill. We went to Yoap's and got our dinner.

On my return home I hauled a load of hay and fed cattle.

Monday Dec. 14th 1908

Finished husking corn near the river today, Allie and I. We got about 18 bushels and put in a pile of turnips which we had in piles down there. There were two piles of these turnips, but the ground was too soft to go to the second pile so we left them to get some other time.

Jamie, Jeanie and their mother came to visit us this afternoon, but wife sent them away again as she is jealous of Clara. I reproved her for so doing and told her she should have to apologize to them else I shall have to secure a legal separation as I was getting very tired of her foolishness.

Wife went out soon after supper altho' her sisters, Mrs. E. Spooner and Rachel were in the house at the time.

Tuesday Dec. 15th 1908

After unloading the corn husked yesterday I went to Kilbuck's after the sand, ^{12 bushels}, and hauled it to my place on the hill, from there I went down to the bottom after the balance of turnips. On my way home I sold A.M. Smith two bushels for 75¢ and one bushel to Len. Smith for 40¢. Len paid for his but I had to wait a few days for my pay from A.M. Smith.

Paid W. Hopkins 65¢ today for the corn the well driller fed to his horse while drilling my well on the hill.

Mr. Winters, hauling household effects for Mr. Payne, got me to hitch my team in front of his and help him to Dile place, paid me \$1.00 for so doing. Went to Smith tonight and stopped him selling wood.

Wednesday, Dec. 16" 1908

Went down to the bottom after a load of fodder and some hay for my hog shead. I went to the timber and cut some poles where I am clearing the ground.

Wife and Allie went to visit Huffs today and tonight they all went to F. Spooner's dance. I went to Thomas' to try to get him to work out the rent on the place he and his family are occupying but he is engaged to work for Mell Decker and Rob. McCoonse. Frank Hopkins and Wadkins came over tonight to rent Allie's place over the river. I told them the terms and also that two other parties are ahead of them for same place.

Thursday Dec. 17" 1908

Cold, drizzly rain set in this morning, so I did not go down to the river after a load of fodder as intended.

Wrote a letter to Agnes inclosing my check for \$5.00. Gave Allie my check for \$90.66 for her share of rent corn raised on her farm. Total amount was \$108.70. I paid her taxes and worked out the road tax against her land and the amount checked to her was balance due to her.

Put in most of my time today working on a plan for making a wire cable rope, as I must erect something for transporting my corn over the river on to this side. Late this evening I hauled two loads of hay, one load I fed to cattle, the other tomorrow.

Friday Dec. 18" 1908

Too cold to do anything more than chopping wood. I cut poles most of the day. Late this P.M. I fed the cattle the load of hay on the wagon then went after more for tomorrow's feeding, then I changed wagons and hauled a load of poles for fuel.

Tonight we all went to Literary. J. Backster resigned as President so we had to elect another in his place. A.W. Spooner was elected President. As we had no vice President we had to elect one. Harry Britt was elected to that office.

Wrote a card to Silas tonight making inquiry about their returning home for the Christmas vacation.

Saturday Dec. 19" 1908

Had intended going to town today but it was so blamed cold I concluded to put in my time chopping poles where I am clearing the ground west of Williams' house. It moderated toward noon however but I kept on with my chopping till late in the evening when I hitched up the horses to hay wagon and fed cattle. Also went after another load to feed tomorrow. Julia went to practice her music lesson at the chapel today.

Sunday Dec. 20" 1908

I remained at home and tried to plan out a model for making my wire rope over the river for my foot bridge. It will take some time yet before I can begin to try it to see if successful.

Late this afternoon I went to Britt's to apply the medicine to fistula on his horse. Britt paid me \$5.00 toward some pole timber that glover had failed to pay for. Still owes \$1.00 on it. Quite pleasant today.

Monday Dec. 21st 1908

Worked on my wire twister the whole day long and then I didn't quite finish it. I am not certain that it will be successful after it has been finished, but I can probably find where it needs remodeling. Will set it up tomorrow and give it a trial. Had to quit work on the thing in time to haul hay and feed my cattle and haul another load for tomorrow's feeding.

Tuesday Dec. 22nd 1908

Tried my wire rope apparatus this morning, Allie helping me but for lack of sufficient tension it failed to twist the wire to my liking. I changed it again and will try it out later.

This afternoon I went on a collecting tour over the neighborhood in this school district soliciting funds for the Christmas eve entertainment for the benefit of the children. I got \$3.70 and I added 30¢ making it even \$4.00.

Wife went visiting this P.M. and got back at 9 o'clock tonight and mad as a hornet, probably because she stayed out so late which is her usual habit and she knows I don't approve of it.

Wednesday Dec. 23rd 1908

Wife, Allie, and Julia went to town today. I remained at home to try my wire rope machine, but it failed to give satisfaction so I tried another plan to twist several strands of wire into a rope, again I failed. I worked till 2 o'clock at it and quit, untwisted what I had partly twisted and left home for the school house as I intended to deliver the funds collected for the Christmas doings to the teacher. I collected 35¢ more, making \$4.35.

As wife took most of the change I had I did not have the exact change to deliver to teacher. I gave her a five dollar bill and a 25¢ piece I had just received from Bill Lantis. She owes me 90¢ as she had no change for my bill.

Thursday, Dec. 24th 1908

Fed cattle in the forenoon was all I did as Al. Walls was over to rent a place and he bothered me quite a while.

After dinner I went down to the bottom after a load of hay and took over some smooth wire to Britts which I intend to use for footbridge over the river.

Tonight most all of us, except Allie, went to our school house to see the childrens doings. C. Huff in "Indian Costume" acted as Santa Claus and distributed the things to the children. I got three pairs of socks and several handkerchiefs from Allie for Christmas present.

Friday Dec. 25th 1908

A black Christmas as no snow has fallen and not likely to for some time. The day was clear and quite cold with wind in the north. Wife, Allie, and I went to Huffs on a visit. Wife and Allie went in spring wagon while I started to cut across on foot with my gun in hopes of shooting some ducks at the slough. I met Silas and Cora on my way. ^{They arrived from Haskell today for a visit.} Cora came on to the house as Julia was at home, Silas went to Huffs with me. On our return home Silas brought the team home, wife and Allie remaining in order to accompany Mrs. Huff to dance at Frank Spooner's. I again came across on foot.

No dance, Silas went there too tonight.

Saturday Dec. 26" 1908

Silas remained all night in consequence of which he caught a severe cold and complained of headache tonight.

As I was out of hay for horse feed we hauled two loads from the bottom and stored it in the barn loft. Quite windy today, wind from the west or southwest.

J. Blacksten applied for work by the month this morning. I promised to see him again soon and let him know.

I don't like the cough Silas has at the present time owing to weak lungs and my fear of the white plague.

Sunday Dec. 27" 1908

Remained at home till after dinner then I went to the school house to help Slankard clean out the stove pipe in the school building. From there I went to Britts to apply more medicine on his mare. As Britt had gone over the river I followed and found him with others in Allie's house.

Silas and Julia went to Sunday school this morning.

Ceilom was down tonight but we got him up and put him in the barn soon after I got home from Britts tonight. One of my Jersey cows came fresh this forenoon.

Monday Dec. 28" 1908

Somebody sent me gloves and 2 shawls from K.C.

Silas and I went after the balance of the fodder near the river this forenoon, we went by Hopkins' on our way to see if the plasterers had come to plaster my new house but they had not. Hopkins paid me \$5.00 on the note I hold against him for the sum of \$20.00 due in Feb. next.

Took Silas and Cora to town this P.M. as they return to Haskell today. Paid out \$5.50 for them to wit "Scott's Emulsion" for relieving Silas' cough, \$1.00 Pair of shoes for Silas, \$3.50 and a ticket for each \$1.00. I also got Julia a hat \$2.75.

Silas, Jason and Irwin Spooner had their photos taken at Martin's today. Katie sent me \$3.00 cash for X'mas. It came in handy today.

Tuesday Dec. 29" 1908

Received a card from Jno. Lillard the plasterer ^{stating} that if I would come after the mortar box and trussles he would be ready to begin plastering my new house by Wednesday. I could not go after them today as I had to haul feed, so I went by Hopkin's in hopes he could go but I failed to see him.

I also received a letter from Bill Cordray informing me of his wife's death on the 17" leaving an infant eight days old on his hands.

I hauled a load of hay from the bottom and late this evening I plowed a few rounds east of Thomas' to scour my plow.

Saw J. Blacksten today and he promised to begin work next Monday. I agreed to pay him \$15.00 per month.

Wednesday Dec. 30" 1908

Received a card from Bunk stating he would be in Ottawa this date and for me to meet him. Wife and Julia went to meet him. I went up on the hill to nail on some of the patent lath in my new house. On reaching home in the evening Bunk was at the house, he came alone and did not have his family with him. I had written Silas this morning and told him of Bunk's coming and told him if he

could get off he might come home Saturday evening and return early Monday morning if he wished to see Bunk.

John Lillard is to begin plastering my new house tomorrow.

Thursday Dec. 31st 1908

As it was quite cold this morning and I was out of wood I put in my time this forenoon in hauling up the poles cut in my clearing near Williams.' I hauled three loads.

After dinner I went by way of my new house on the hill on my way to bottom after a load of hay. Lillard was at work plastering and had one room finished and began on another at three o'clock.

I went on after the hay. East wind and cloudy tonight. Received some beautiful postcards from Cousins in N.J. today.

Friday Jan. 1st 1909

After feeding this A.M. I put in my time chopping poles hauled yesterday till noon. Mrs. Spooner, Mrs. Cable and daughter, Mr. F. Spooner and family, Jason and Bunk, had dinner with us today. Joe Kilbuck, Jake Gokey and John Hopkins came later in the day. Played pitch most of the time during afternoon.

All went to Literary tonight. Poorest program we ever had was tonight. Joe Kilbuck was there drunk, had to take him off the place.

Wabby found a calf today.

Saturday Jan. 2nd 1909

Went to town after a load of sand to complete plastering my house on the hill and incidentally to consult my lawyer in behalf of Bunk who desires to settle up with his guardian one year before reaching his majority. "Nit" seems to be the mandate of the law.

I left my load of sand at Slankards so as to be that near to destination.

Drew five dollars out of Bank and purchased two suits of underclothing and a pair of overalls.

Coaxed Bunk to remain over Sunday as I was expecting Silas home tonight, but a card from Cora this morning stated that Silas was in the hospital.

Sunday Jan. 3rd 1909

I delivered the load of sand on the hill this forenoon and came on home in time for dinner. I have been in misery all day owing to my uneasiness for my boy who is reported to be in the hospital at Haskell. As I intend to take Bunk to town tomorrow I made up my mind to telephone Mr. Peairs and make inquiry as to his condition. Should his condition be serious I shall ask for him a leave of absence and have him to return home.

C. Huff, R. Cobb and their sons, Lew. Smith, B.F. Spooner, Sr., Jno. Thomas, A.W. Spooner and Miss Callie Lantis were visitors here today.

Wrote to Mrs. Menzel, Mrs. Klink and M. Veix tonight.

J-1

Monday Jan. 4th 1909

Bunk concluded to return to his home today so I took him to town. While in town I concluded to telephone Silas to ascertain his condition as Cora had written that Silas was in the hospital. Silas reported that he was all right with the exception of a bad cold which he contracted while at home. I

called up Supt. Peairs to grant Silas an indefinite leave of absence but he said he would have the Doctor examine him and report by letter.

On reaching home a note was handed me informing me that Silas would return home on the 10.30 train tomorrow. While I do not apprehend any serious trouble with Silas' cold I want to be sure there be none.

Bro't 7 sacks cement to my new house in spring wagon today.

J-2

Tuesday Jan. 5" 1909

As I had borrowed Straffuss' buggy for today to fetch Silas from town I went after it as soon as I could so as to be in town by the time Silas arrived there but it was noon when I reached town and Silas was there waiting. Took him to Dr. Gilley for examination and for treatment. Got him a pair of overshoes and two flannel shirts and came on home. I also got a bottle of Scott's Emulsion for my cold. Took first dose tonight.

Wind from the north and has been cold all day. Jay hauled a load of feed and cut some stalks today.

If the young sow finds a nest of pigs tonight they will all freeze before morning.

J 3

Wednesday Jan. 6" 1909

Extremely cold today. Jay cut stalks today. I chopped the woodpile into stove wood and after dinner I put in my time clearing ground and trimming more pole timber for fuel. Sent Silas after Yoap to come over with his forceps and assist my young sow which failed to pig. Yoap was under the weather and unable to come but sent his forceps. I tried to use them but failed to accomplish any good.

The wind is still in the north and cold. Circle around the moon tonight.

J 4

Thursday Jan. 7" 1909

C. Huff came over before we had breakfast this morning for the purpose of cutting pole timber for fuel for himself. I showed him where to cut as I was anxious to have the ground cleared off in time to break up for a crop this year. I also put in a good part of the day clearing the ground and cutting poles. Jay and Silas went after a load of hay near the river this forenoon. Jay finished cutting stalks this afternoon.

Skick and I went to Plakes tonight to get Mrs. J.W. Plake to play our Literary songs for us but she couldn't play them because they were for male quartett pieces. Tried to save my young sow again today but failed. Expect to find her dead tomorrow. Not so cold today.

J-5 -

Friday Jan. 8" 1909

Sent Jay after a load of corn over the river this morning. He got back with the load about three oclock. Silas and I butchered the last of the spotted pigs today. The sow that I had tried to assist in piging died last night.

This afternoon I put in my time cutting brush, while Silas and Jay were burning them. Another cow found a calf today, making three fresh cows I had not expected.

Wrote Cora a letter tonight reporting Silas to be almost rid of his cough. I also wrote an answer to Cordray extending my sympathy in the loss of his wife.

J. cash \$2.00

Saturday Jan. 9th 1909

A drizzly rain set in last night and continued the whole day.

Blacksten done no work today, he and I, wife, and Silas all went to town. I had to go to make my report to the Probate Judgess (Miss Kaiser) because this is her last day in that office. Next Monday the newly elected Judge taking her place.

Paid Blacksten \$2.00 toward his wages for work. I also gave my checks as follows:

Miss Kaiser, \$5.00 and M.A. Mathias for \$3.30 for groceries.

Wind is in the north tonight. Should it clear off it will undoubtedly be very cold again.

Sunday Jan. 10th 1909

Cold, and fine snow fell during the day. Too cold to snow and barely covered the ground by night.

Silas went to the pasture and found a young calf near Nisely's and brought it to the barn. We had to drive the mother (a bobtailed heifer) up to the barn this evening. We remained at home and indoors most of the day.

Tonight Julia and Allie are moving their beds over the kitchen room where there is a stove.

I wrote two letters this evening. One to Bessie and one to Katie thanking them for their Christmas remembrances.

J-6

Monday Jan. 11th 1909

Cold and more snow was falling this morning. Blacksten came soon after we had breakfast. He and Silas hauled manure till noon while I done more clearing and cutting poles.

After dinner I sent them after a load of hay near the river. I kept on with my chopping. When they returned with hay I got Jay to haul a load of the poles to the house for fuel. I unloaded the poles at the wood pile and cut some dry wood for cookstove while they did the chores.

Received a letter from Bessie today, telling me of the things she had ordered for our Christmas presents through Montgomery Ward & Co. My letter to her telling about those very things went this morning.

Tuesday Jan. 12th 1909

Clear and fairly fine today and a light wind from the south but quite sharp. Blacksten did no work today. He and Silas went rabbit hunting. I did nothing more than to scrape snow about the pastures this forenoon.

After dinner Geo. Williams and I cut sawlogs in my timber. He is to haul them to the mill for half of what the logs make into boards and we both pay half of the bill each for sawing them.

We only cut about 300 feet.

I wrote a letter this A.M. to the Marlin Repeating Arms Co. with reference to repairing the rifle we have.

J. 7

Wednesday Jan. 15" 1909

Snowed some more last night. Jay and Silas hauled manure today. I put in my time filing my crosscut saw the whole day.

Received a letter from Cora stating that she had pain on chest and had to go to hospital.

Wrote Mr. Peairs tonight inquiring into the matter.

J. 8 -

Thursday Jan. 14" 1909

Nice and pleasant today. Sent Blacksten after another load of corn from Allie's place over the river. Silas and I cut saw logs today. The hardest work I ever did I do believe was to saw a tree down; my whole body is aching from the effects of it. We sawed down three trees and cut six sawlogs.

Blacksten returned about four o'clock with a full load of corn. Silas killed several rabbits with rifle and gave the rabbits to Thomas tonight. Wind in the north and a drizzly rain is falling.

My letter to Mrs. M.J. Menzel written to her several weeks ago returned again today.

J. 9

Friday Jan. 15" 1909

Misty weather the whole day. Blacksten went after more corn over the river today. This makes about 100 bushels hauled from that side and he thinks he has got about half of it. Silas and I cut saw logs this forenoon. After dinner, I repaired two chairs, and shave my ax handle so as to hand it on my ax tomorrow as it got too dark for me to put it on this evening. Still cloudy tonight.

Received a letter from Mrs. A.J. Klink today.

J-10 cash \$5.00

Saturday Jan. 16" 1909

Blacksten went after another load of corn today. Silas and I continued to cut more sawlogs.

Paid Blacksten by check the sum of \$5.00 toward his work and he and Strafuss went to town late this evening.

Received a letter from Supt. Peairs in reply to my inquiry about Cora. He stated that Cora had an affection of the heart and that the doctor would write me more fully.

Sunday Jan. 17" 1909

Remained at home all day. Huff and family came over and he and I and A.Spooner played pitch. Silas and Jay went to hunt rabbits. They killed quite a number of them.

Strafuss came over this evening to get me to help him deliver hogs in town tomorrow. As I owe him for a like favor, I promised to help him.

J-11

Monday Jan. 18" 1909

Silas went to help Strafuss haul hogs to town after he and Blacksten hauled hay and fed the cattle.

Blacksten and I put in the rest of the day cutting sawlogs. I had the misfortune to break a tooth of my cross-cut saw in trying to set it. Had to come to the house to set and file it before we could continue sawing.

Continued cloudy and threatening wind from the south and quite cold.

J 12

Tuesday Jan 19" 1909

Silas and I cut more logs today while Blacksten put in the day in teaming. He first went for a load of hay near the river. After dinner he hauled two loads of poles then hauled manure the rest of the afternoon.

Silas killed three rabbits with rifle while we were in the timber. Gave the rabbits to Mrs. Caleb.

Received Dr. Chas. Buchanan's report of Cora's condition. Cora is at Haskell Institute and according to the report Cora is getting very stout. The report says she weighed on Oct. 1 141 ½ lbs. Last Saturday she weighted 150 lbs. And on the 16" she weighted 152 lbs., a gain of two lbs. in one week.

J 13

Wednesday Jan. 20" 1909

Went to see about getting a sawlog wagon at sawmill this morning while Blacksten and Silas were reducing the wood pile into stovewood. On my return I sent them after the wagon while I cut wood in their place. I finished the wood pile by the time they got back.

After dinner we went to drag saw logs out of the hollow and loaded two logs on the wagon to take to sawmill but broke down the wagon before we reached the barn. We put in the rest of the afternoon repairing the wagon.

J.14.

Thursday Jan. 21" 1909

Spotted cow found a calf today.

We had a time this A.M. in reloading the sawlogs that were unloaded last evening because of our breakdown. We also had a difficult time with one large log which refused to be loaded onto the wagon until after dinner. Balcksten and Silas hauled only six logs today. The ground has got very soft on account of the thaw and the frost is about out of the ground. The snow having melted away yesterday and today it was like summer weather. We hitched Scotty on to wagon this P.M. making a three-horse team in hauling logs. I worked up one tree-top this P.M. Silas and Blacksten went to Strafuss' tonight to see if he can help in delivering logs.

(J 15) Charged Hopkins \$1.00

Friday Jan. 22" 1909

The boys continued hauling logs today while I trimmed some of the tree tops into fuel wood for the house. F. Hopkins came this forenoon with a sow in the wagon and left her in my pen.

This afternoon he, his father, and Watkins and Alvin, Appier came over and I got them to help me trim my male hog and knock his tushes off.

The boys hauled 13 logs today and 6 yesterday. Fine day today and the bees were out in force.

J. 16

Saturday Jan. 23rd 1909

Babe, a red cow, found a calf this morning. I happened to be at the cow lot in time or the hogs would have eaten the calf soon after. I took the cow and calf outside of the lot. The boys continued hauling logs today. We broke the spindle to log wagon this evening in trying to load the largest log we had so we gave it up for the present. I had intended to deliver it today for fear of rain before next week.

The boys hauled a load of hay and fed cattle.

Skick, H. Britt and C. Moody were here tonight and we played a social game of cards to a late hour.

Sunday Jan. 24th 1909

I remained at home all day as we had company. Samuel and wife, J. Gokey and family and B.F. Spooner Sr. as well as A.W. Spooner were visiting us. To pass off time we played cards for a while.

Wife had gone on a visit but met Samuels on the way, so she came back with them.

Samuel borrowed my S-level and stone hammer as he contemplates doing some stone work for a foundation to a new barn.

Silas and Jake went rabbit hunting for a while this P.M. and report one killed.

Allie went visiting today and remained over night. But found out next morning my mistake.

J. 17 – cash \$2.00

Monday Jan. 25th 1909

The boys hauled a load of hay from the bottom this forenoon while I proceeded to put on another spindle to the log wagon but did not finish when the boys got back.

After dinner I and Jay went to work on the wagon again. Strafuss came by on his way to town and I stopped him to get his help for a few minutes. While Strafuss was driving on the spindle and Jay holding the block to strike on, a mislick knocked the block upward and cut a gash over Jay's eye.

Jay went to town with Straffus to get medical attendance to his injury. I got Strafuss to advance him \$2.00, also sent for sugar \$1.00, Tea 35¢, and tobacco 45¢. I owe Strafuss \$3.75 for money paid out.

Silas and I fixed road this evening.

Tuesday Jan. 26th 1909

Jay laid off today on account of his sore eye. Silas hauled logs today delivering only four large logs in four loads. Kept me busy clearing brush away and making roads to the logs. We still have six more to deliver and hope to get through tomorrow.

Skick came over tonight and we played four handed game of high five.

Fine day today with wind in the south.

Wednesday Jan. 27th 1909

Silas hauled six logs to the saw mill today and finished hauling for the present. He got through in time to haul a load of clover hay and put it in the feed rack for the cattle.

I trimmed tree tops between times after helping Silas load on the logs today.

S. Strafuss brought a cow to my lot this afternoon for service. Geo. Williams previously bred four of his cows to my gentleman.

Fine day today and the bees were out in force. Cloudy tonight and may either rain or snow.

Thursday Jan. 28th 1909

As we were out of bread stuff and the women folks desired to go to town I gave my check for \$5.00 to wife for groceries, etc.

I put in most of my time trimming tree tops for fuel. The boys did nothing today.

A.M. Smith came to buy two young sows this P.M. He selected two, took them to Coen's to weigh; they weighed 270 lbs. As I had no change to cash a check for \$20, the sows bringing \$15.12 at \$5.60 per hundred, I let him take them and wait on him for the money till he cash his check.

It rained a little last night. Rained some more this P.M. and a genuine blizzard is raging tonight. Snowing and a high wind blowing from the north.

Friday Jan. 29th 1909

The blizzard which set in last night continued the whole day with high wind and the snow drifting. Julia did not go to school today.

The mail carrier came by late which was more than I had expected of him.

We remained indoors till late this P.M. when we had to haul some hay for the cattle.

The little house at the rear of the chicken house blew over last night.

Saturday Jan. 30th 1909

While the sun had come up clear this morning the wind from the north was sharp and cold. We did nothing till late in the evening when Silas and I went for a load of hay and fed the cattle. Found one of my brood sows lying on the cold ground unable to walk this evening so we carried it into the shed and placed it on a nest. If it lives tomorrow I may be able to save her. Otherwise the litter of pigs she has will be motherless.

Sunday Jan. 31st 1909

Poor motherless little wackies. I feel sorry for them, their mother was dying when I went to see her this morning and died soon after. We will have to take tender care of the orphaned piggies now altho' about one month old.

After shaving my face this morning I went over the hill to look over some timber for saw logs and also went to Hopkins', took measurements for base boards and gave order for same. I went from there to, (well it doesn't matter). I got home just as the sun set and proceeded to do the chores. Silas and I dragged the dead sow out to a ditch in the field. Fine day today but not enough to melt the snow. Mrs. Spooner is here tonight.

J-18

Monday Feb. 1st 1909

The boys hauled a load of hay this forenoon while I went to trim more tree tops. This is the first days work Jay done since he got hurt.

This P.M. the boys hauled the wood or four loads of the tree tops previously trimmed.

I went to Britts to settle up our account. I lost \$15.00 in this deal with him; and had it not been so late in the season I should have let him move out rather than give it to him, because of the cave, hen house and log stable he erected he insists on being cleared of further indebtedness. He wants the house plastered now and I proposed to furnish the material if he will do the work and square accounts with him.

J. 19

Tuesday Feb. 2nd 1909

The boys hauled lumber today while I proceeded to reduce the woodpile into stove wood. According to Martins figures they hauled 1537 feet today.

Tonight I went to Smith's to see about my pay for the two hogs sold him. He paid me, in full, having cashed his check today when he went to town.

It was a fine day today but don't look for it to continue long as the ground hog saw his shadow today. The honey bees were out today and wind now in the south.

Received a letter from Uncle Geo. Veix yesterday.

J. 20

Wednesday Feb. 3rd 1909

The boys hauled lumber again today. They brought home 1471 feet. They also hauled a load of hay and fed the cattle.

I finished the wood pile and then went to Hopkins' to put on the base boards to my new building but Hopkins had not yet got back from town with the boards so I went with Frank Spooner over to his father's place and helped him load on a boxful of hay on to his wagon.

Wife and Allie went to Huffs today.

J 21

Thursday Feb. 4th 1909

The boys hauled the last load of lumber from the mill today. They got 307 feet by Martin's measurement making 3315 feet all told. After they bro't the lumber they proceeded to haul some wood that I had cut. I went up on the hill to put on the base boards and window casing to my new house occupied by the Hopkinses. Put in the whole time I was there in the living room which I finished.

Wrote a reply to my uncle in Leavenworth tonight.

J - 22 -

Friday Feb. 5th 1909

Went up on the hill again today as I had not finished my work on my new house. Neither did I finish today.

The boys hauled a load of hay this forenoon and butchered a pig this afternoon. They all went to Literary tonight. I remained at home and cut up the pig.

Saturday Feb. 6th 1909

Told Jay to go after a load of corn over the river today while Silas was to cut stove wood till noon and after dinner he was to come to help me finish my work on my new house where I had gone soon after giving orders. It began to snow soon after reaching the house but I kept on with my work. Silas and Skick came there and brought my dinner with them and reported that Jay returned without any corn, he having turned back when it began to snow. The storm ceased and melted all away by one o'clock. With the help I got we finished the work on the house.

Cora came home on a visit from Haskell today.

Surety L. Slankard \$50. Bank of Ottawa. Due six months hence.

Sunday Feb. 7th 1909

Remained at home all day.

Slankard came over and had dinner with me. Wife and Allie went to visit Huffs. Silas and Blacksten went to Sunday School. Julia alone remained at home and cooked the dinner. Slankard came to get my signature to a note I had previously indorsed for him for the sum of \$50, at the State Bank of Ottawa, six months time.

L. Rice and King came over to deal on cattle with me this afternoon but we failed to hitch. They wanted to engage my hogs for Wesley Mace of Pomona. I told them I would 'phone and let them know in the morning. In the evening I engaged Slankard to help me with the hogs tomorrow.

J 23

Monday Feb. 8th 1909

Slankard engaged my hogs last night for 64 which was a dime better than I had expected. He, Silas and I took in 19 head and they bro't me \$209.10.

We fed our horses and had dinner in Pomona at 3 P.M. and after purchasing a few articles for home use we came on home.

I put Jay to chopping stove wood during our absence.

A drizzly rain set in this afternoon with wind in the south. It is still at it tonight.

I owe Slankard for use of an extra horse also for hauling a load of hogs to Pomona.

J 23 ½

Tuesday Feb. 9th 1909

Had intended to take Cora to town so she could return to Haskell today but it was too cold. I sent the boys after a load of hay near the river this forenoon and that was all they did today. I put in most of my time chopping stove wood near the house. It has cleared off and remains cold with wind in the north and high.

Wrote a letter to C.W. Huff asking for the return of ten dollars I loaned him last November, and stating that he need not figure on paying any interest as I didn't intend to charge any.

J 24 ½

Wednesday Feb. 10th 1909

Silas and I sawed and split wood near the house while Jay went over the river after a load of corn.

On his return and, having unloaded the corn, they went after some hay near Thomas' to feed on for the night.

J 25 ½

Thursday Feb. 11th 1909

Jay went after another load of corn today. This makes the seventh load he got over the river.

Silas and I finished the woodpile at noon. This afternoon they went after a load of hay near the river. I put in my time trimming more tree tops.

L. Strafuss went by on his way to town and I stopped him and paid back to him the \$3.75 I owed him. He having advanced \$2.00 to Jay for me and also got some groceries. See account Jan.25"

Mrs. Huff came over and had dinner with us today.

Friday Feb" 12 1909

Jay put in his month today.

Silas and Jay both went over the river after the last load of corn this forenoon. I went over the river to see how the place looks and got my pulley from the well and brought it home.

After dinner we hauled two loads of soap stone from Geo. Williams' and put in the barn filling up the holes where the horses stand.

Britt informed me today that he intends to leave the place where he now lives, altho' his son Roy had bargained for it and agreed to pay the rent for this year. The sum of \$60, and to pay it the first of March all of one payment. Literary tonight. Debate in my favor for once.

J cash \$4.00

Saturday Feb 13" 1909

Cora went back to Haskell today. Wife, Allie, Silas and I took her to town.

Paid Jay \$4.00 cash this A.M. toward his work. I told him that possibly I wouldn't need him a whole month and if he desired to continue I would pay him at the same rate for whatever time he put in if he desired to continue.

My expenses today were in the neighborhood of twenty dollars. Gave wife \$5.00, Silas \$2.00, Cora \$1.50, Paid Jay \$4.00 Walker \$2.50 shave and lunch 25¢ Blank Leases 25¢, Ink, Tablet, pens 25¢ oil, tobacco 60¢, feed shed 10¢.

A fog sleet fell the whole day with wind in the north.

Sunday Feb. 14" 1909

Today has been uneventful on account of it being cold, it having sleeted during the night and was cold today and fine snow falling the greater part of the time, and still falling tonight but too cold for a steady storm.

Silas and Jay went to Sunday school but there was none. He went on to Mr. Spooner's and got some of the photographs he, Hon's, and Jason had taken together last September.

I remained at home the whole day.

J - 1/2

Monday Feb. 15" 1909

It was cold today. The boys went for a load of hay near the river. I put in my time boxing the east end of the cow shed. The boys got back so late that getting the load of hay was all they did except a little help they gave me in the work I was at.

Clear tonight and the wind has gone down so it is very likely we will have a fine day tomorrow.

The boys each got a Valentine today from the Higgins girls.

J - 1

Tuesday Feb. 16" 1909

Put the boys to cutting a few sawlogs in Agnes' timber this A.M. while I went to McCoonses and Lantis' to get their permission to go through their premises to haul sawlogs from my wife's timber over the hill.

The boys had 3 logs cut when I returned, having secured the desired permission I went to Slankards to 'phone to Martin for a log wagon. I could not get him so sent Silas after dinner to see if he could get one but they were in use. On my return home from over the hill I stopped at Mr.

Caleb's and offered him 50¢ for one burr oak tree and he accepted it. Jay and I cut it this afternoon. A letter from Cora today.

J - 1

Wednesday Feb. 17th 1909

The boys hauled a load of hay from the bottom this forenoon while I went to clear a way to the branch where I intend to cross with the sawlog purchased of Mr. Caleb.

On reaching home at noon Mr. W.H. Kilbuck was awaiting my return. He came for advice with reference to a transaction with L. Strafuss when he and his (Kilbuck's) wife sold a tract of land to Strafuss in which it seems a hedge fence figured in and which did not belong to the Kilbucks at the time they sold the land. On account of his remaining so late we did not get to bring my sawlog over the branch altho' we went to work as so as we could get away.

Thursday Feb. 18th 1909

We went with team to roll sawlog across the branch on a bridge we had constructed yesterday and should success attend our efforts we had intended to roll the log on top of the bank with the horsepower. We failed, however as our log rolled off the bridge at one end the other end remaining on the edge of the bridge in an upright position. We left it and went to look for log chains, first to Hopkins where we got one short one; then to Elliotts, Slankards, Plakes, where we got another short chain of Elliotts. The weather being disagreeable, we done nothing more the whole day but play pool.

J - 1

Friday Feb. 19th 1909

The boys hauled hay this forenoon while I made a brace to assist us in getting the log out of the hollow but did not use it after all as we got the log out without the use of it this afternoon. Skick helped up this P.M. in getting the log out.

Saturday Feb. 20th 1909

Mr. Bird, a music dealer from Ottawa, came and left an organ here today untill next week because of the roads being so muddy. He tried to sell it to me but the price \$95.00 was too much for me. Gave my check to J. Blacksten for \$4.00 today, payment in full for his work and let him off.

Silas and Skick went to town this afternoon. Gave Silas my check for \$5.00 to get groceries and he brought \$1.25 back.

I went to Hopkins this P.M. to see if elder had sent out a man to repair pump but he had not. Went to Britts from here but they had gone to town.

Rec'd a dun letter from Dr. O.O. Wolf for \$3.75.

Sunday Feb. 21st 1909

Beautiful day today as was yesterday. Like summer.

Silas and Julia went to Sunday school. I remained at home all day. Frank Spooner and family, A.W. Spooner, C.Huff were here and we practiced our songs for next Literary. They as well as John Thomas and Joe Kilbuck had dinner with us.

When we got tired singing we played pitch.

Thomas' family and Fred Huff also came over to visit later in the day.

Monday Feb. 22" 1909

The weather was disagreeable today. Sleet and rain began to fall early first one then the other the greater part of the day.

Soon after breakfast I went to Williams and 'phoned to Elder again with reference to repairing the pump at my place near Samuels' now occupied by Hopkins.

I put in the forenoon writing letters. I wrote five. One to Bessie, one to Rose-bud, one to F.M. Harris (a lawyer in Ottawa) one to Wheeler and one to S. Williams. The two last named I want to assist me in urging construction of a bridge over the river north of Elliotts before Co. Commissioners on Tuesday March 2".

Cut some hedge this P.M.

Silas and Skick went duck hunting.

Tuesday Feb. 23" 1909

Silas and Skick hauled hay from the bottom this afternoon to feed to cattle. I went to cut more hedge.

A drizzly rain set in again early this afternoon. I put in my time trimming my grape vines.

We had intended to practice our songs for the Literary at Frank Spooner's house tonight but the weather is such we gave it up.

Snowing tonight and wind in the north.

Wednesday Feb. 24" 1909

Went to Plakes sale today and got in debt to the amount of \$17.93. Went security for L. Slankard for \$9.10.

Tonight we went to practice our Literary songs at F. Spooners but Huff failed to show up so we all three went to his house and did not leave there until near midnight.

Received a letter from Agnes asking for money.

Thursday Feb. 25" 1909

We went to husk my chaffey corn this A.M, Silas and I. We went only one round and came home because it was too muddy in the field.

After dinner we hauled a load of fodder from Plakes which I had bought yesterday. We brought home 15 shocks out of the 57 due me.

Huff and Frank Spooner came over to practice song again tonight and left for home about 2 oclock A.M.

Friday Feb. 26" 1909

We remained at home the whole day and did but little work altho' it was a fine day. Late this P.M. Skick, Silas, and I went to A.M. Smith's to sign up our contract but he was not at home so I left the contract there till tonight when, as we went by on our way to Literary we stopped there and signed up.

Literary tonight. Program not all carried out as some who were on failed to do their part. Mrs. Geo. Elliott deserves special mention as she done better than any one there with her recitation and music.

Wrote to Agnes and sent her \$5.00 today.

Surity A. Spooner \$10.50 1st National Bank
Due May 27th next -
Saturday Feb. 27th 1909

Exp. Today \$74.50

Silas sold his horse for \$150 yesterday to a man by the name of "Veach" from Ottawa and he delivered Scotty (the horse) today. Silas rode Scotty into town while wife, Skick, and I went in the spring wagon.

I paid Halloran by check the sum of \$54.88, my lumber bill on my new house. I also paid Gardner P. Walker for a coat and vest purchased today and my indebtedness to him for things previously purchased, the sum of \$18.45. Skick renewed his note at 1st National Bank for \$10,50 today in which I am Endorser for another 3 months.

Met Roy Britt in town today and he still is willing to pay the rent for Silas' place provided his parents are willing to stay there. He rented it for \$60 for this year, some time ago but John Britt did not want to stay since then.

Sunday Feb. 28th 1909

Remained at home till noon then got ready and started to Britts without my dinner as the women folks had made no effort to get any. I took a cold bite however before I left home.

Saw Roy Britt and once more we agreed on the rent of Silas place for this year at ten dollars less than that previously agreed on, and he is to pay \$25 on the 15th of March and the balance \$25 on the 15th of April.

John Britt had not yet returned from town since he went in yesterday.

Monday March 1st 1909

Silas and I went down to the bottom after a load of hay and while down there I proceeded to repair the foundation to the well on Silas' place while he took the team and scraped the dirt away with road scraper and leveled up the front yard.

On our return home with the hay we fed part to the cattle and balance put in barn loft. Then we greased the wagon and went after a load of fodder. On our return we went to Huttons to see the colts he wanted to sell but his price was too high. I came on home to do the chores while Silas went to the pond to shoot ducks. He brought home two. Rec'd letters from girls today.

Tuesday March 2nd 1909

Today was the date set to go before the Co. Commission in Ottawa to urge their action in the construction of a wagon-bridge over the river north of Mr. Elliotts on line between Lincoln and Greenwood Townships. I and fifteen others were present but by someone's misunderstanding we failed to see the officials as they had gone on a trip of inspection and would not be back till late. We signed a paper explaining the object of our business and left it with the Co. Clerk to hand it to Commissioners on their return.

Silas went to McIntire's sale today and bought a 3 year old filley, paying \$159.20 for her. He bid her in at \$170 and by paying cash got 6% discount.

Secured two notes from Roy Britt, each for \$25, due March 15th and April 15th next for rent of Silas place.

Surity, Pearce note \$50. Bank of Ottawa
Due Jan. 1, 1910 -

Wednesday March 3rd 1909

Silas hitched up his filley with Dolly this morning and drove to A. Hulls to get some clover seed I had engaged yesterday but failed to get it because Hull was not at home.

I put in a little time this forenoon cutting hedge.

The music dealer from Ottawa came after his organ today. He tried hard to sell it to me but we failed to come to terms.

This P.M. I sowed a little patch into clover while Silas hauled manure. When I got through with the sowing, I continued cutting hedge.

Wife went to Huffs today. Heard Frank Plake died in Pomona today from the effects of an operation. Went security for A. Pearce for \$50. for a cow and calf he bought at sale yesterday.

Thursday March 4th 1909

Continued cutting hedge pretty much the whole day. Silas hauled a load of clover then went to town.

We all went to a box supper at our school house tonight. I paid 75¢ for a box belonging to little Jessie Higgins. C.H. Bingaman got the pair of socks as "the laziest man in the District." Mrs. Geo. Elliott got the cake as the "most popular lady in the District." Silas bought her box and had supper with her. Julia had supper with Clyde Britt.

Thirteen dollars was realized from box supper. R.D. Patterson was auctioneer.

Friday March 5th 1909

Cut more hedge today.

Wife and Silas went to Frank Plake's funeral at Greenwood this forenoon.

Mr. Bird came out again to deal with me on the organ and brought Charley Wightman with him to see the cow I offered Bird toward the organ but Wightman selected another cow in place of the spotted cow, and this other cow has a steer calf. I hardly know whether to let this calf go and keep the other one as I had told Bird I would let no steer calf go toward the trade. As he does not come till Sunday I may get to inform him better tomorrow.

Silas went to Mary Moody's party tonight.

Saturday March 6th 1909

As I had received a card from our Mail carrier informing me that a road-drag was on hand for my use in dragging the road on mail route near my place, I went to town today to get it. Silas and I went in on the big wagon and hitched his filley to wagon as this is her first trip to town since he got her. She went all right and did not so much as scare at the numerous automobiles we met.

Bought the organ today from Mr. Bird that was previously left at my house. I gave him a cow and calf and \$15. cash for it. It seems foolish for me to trade live stock for dead property but Julia needs an organ, I guess.

Rec'd balance of rent \$5 due me from Thomas from F.M. Harris today for Rosa's place.

Sunday March 7th 1909

Chas. Wightman came after the spotted cow and calf this A.M. as he had bought them from Mr. Bird.

C. Huff and R. Caleb came over this P.M. Huff paid me \$10.00 he owed me. We played pitch while they were here.

Silas went to Sunday school this morning and came on home soon after it closed which is rather unusual for him.

Rained some this afternoon and raining again tonight.

Wrote out a copy for one part of a mock trial for our Literary tonight.

Gave my check for \$15.00 to Huff today in exchange for the \$25.00 check he gave me on R.D. Patterson.

Monday March 8th 1909

Julia did not go to school today because of rain which began early and kept falling the whole day tho' not in torrents.

We all remained indoors most of the time. I repaired a halter and put a rocker on one rocking chair in the shop today.

Cold rain and sleet is falling tonight with a rather high wind from the north.

Tuesday March 9th 1909

Snow fell during last night and it kept storming during the entire day. We did nothing more than feeding the cattle y hauling a load of clover along toward noon.

After dinner I sent Silas over to Hull's to get clover seed I had engaged but again failed to get it because Hull was not at home.

Mr. Bird delivered the organ I bought of him today. I gave him the check I got from Charley Huff, and Bird gave me his personal check for ten dollars in change. Copied off a piece for mock-trial for Literary.

Wednesday March 10th 1909

It was to disagreeable and nasty today on account of the snow melting we did but little. I remained at home and repaired broken chairs and varnished the rocking chair I repaired yesterday.

Silas road his filley for the first time and took a trip north toward the school house.

Thursday March 11th 1909

Hauled a load of clover hay and fed it to cattle this A.M. Silas and I then got ready and went to Joe Grieshaber's sale. I went there with intention of buying some corn but failed to get any. I bought some dress goods and got a sewing machine with my purchase for \$4.50. The dress goods have been selling at \$3.00 per patern, as each piece contained ten yards, "mohare" they call it.

Al. Walls and Mr. Kilbuck Sr. were over to see me today but I was absent.

Friday March 12th 1909

Snowed last night, all melted today.

I went to Hopkins this morning to return borrowed log-chain. Put Silas to hauling manure from front of barn.

This afternoon I went to saw some hedge into post lengths while Silas hauled the post to the house.

Went to Literary tonight. Poor program. It was voted that tonight be our last meeting.

Al. Walls came over this P.M. desiring to rent Allie's place over the river on grain rent. He had previously rented the place on cash basis but never signed up the contract and backed out completely on our verbal agreement. I told him another party was now on the string.

Saturday March 13th 1909

I sawed more hedge post today while wife and Silas went to town. I finished all the hedge poles I had cut. Wife spent \$5.00 today for groceries etc. as I had told Silas to let her have some of the money out of the two checks he had cashed in town for me, total being \$19.00. He brought back only \$14.00 of it.

A.Hull came over this evening to talk about renting Allie's place over the river. He is to go over the river tomorrow to look over the place and decide.

Fine day today and the honey bees were out.

Hull and Skick bet 25¢ each over telephone dispute. Skick won.

Sunday March 14th 1909

I remained at home till after dinner, then I got ready and started for Britts on Silas' place where I was to meet Andy Hull as he was to look over Allie's place before deciding to rent it. We met there, Mr. Hull and I, but he concluded not to pay cash rent for Allie's part. He desired to rent it on grain basis by giving a share of the crop delivered at Richter. I did not let him have it because I had not figured on renting the place that way. Al. Walls also wants it on those terms but I am undecided as to whether I should let it to him even for that after backing out on the first.

Road drag – 2 hours

Monday March 15th 1909

We had to haul a load of hay from the bottom for horse feed this morning and as we got back before noon and mowed the hay in the barn loft, we still had time to haul a load of clover hay to feed to cattle before dinner.

After dinner Silas hitched on to the road drag three horses and began to drag the road. He put in two hours time and went from the house east to the bridge and back then south to Strafuss gate and back, then north one mile and back.

I put in my time sharpening hedge posts. Silas hauled 100 more to the house after he quit the road and took 30 posts between I and Strafuss line fence.

½th day at road work with team

Tuesday March 16th 1909

I sharpened more post till noon while Silas hauled the balance that I had made; he then put in the balance of the forenoon to hauling the tops for fuel.

After dinner we took the team and scraper and began scraping out the ditch so as to turn the water down the road south of the house. We put in half days work at it and will require another half days work at least.

One of my cows (Babe) was sick this afternoon. I drenched her with flax seed tea and she seemed to be all right tonight.

Received a letter from Cora today but as yet have not heard from Mr. Peairs.

³/₄ day at road work with Silas & I and team

Wednesday March 17th 1909

St. Patrick's day, wind in the south.

We continued scraping out the ditch along the side of the road south of the house to turn the water away from the field and did not finish till nearly 4 o'clock. When we quit there we went after a load of fodder on Plake's place.

My cow was down again this morning and we had to help her up.

Went to Slankard's tonight to telephone W.N. Mace at Pomona about buying my hogs. He didn't want them till next week.

Strafuss engaged his today to Bradley and partly engaged mine but the price doesn't suit me. Wrote Whitaker a letter about Allie's place tonight.

Thursday March 18th 1909

Silas and I went to quarry stone at Yoap's rock quarry. We got out and hauled one load this forenoon and one load this afternoon.

The stone is for foundation to Agnes' new house on her land which I propose to erect in the near future.

Allie went riding on Ceilom this afternoon and this is the first time Ceilom has done anything since he got crippled.

Silas and I hauled the last load of fodder bought at J.W. Plake's sale this evening.

Joe Kilbuck is disposing of his household goods and intending to leave for Oklahoma. Mortgage took his farm.

Friday March 19th 1909

Feel very tired tonight. I quarried stone the whole day except the time it took me returning home for my dinner.

On my way back to work after dinner I went by Joe Kilbuck's house to see his cook stove which he offers for sale.

Silas put in the day plowing for potatoes across the road from Thomas's.

Was invited to a dance at Joe Kilbuck's tonight but none of us went.

Samuel was plowing and planting potatoes at the same time today. His wife and Jake Gokey dropping the tubers at every third furrow.

East wind this evening.

Saturday March 20th 1909

A drizzly rain set in early this morning so I did not go up on the hill to quarry more stone as it is too dangerous to handle stone when wet. I went to remove the fence that was around my straw stack and rolled up the wire, also pulled up the fence posts and placed them in a file.

After dinner I cleaned out the stable of manure then sharpened fence posts.

Silas and his mother went to town to meet Cora as she had written she would come home from Haskell today, but she failed to arrive.

Gave Silas my check for \$5.20 as his balance due him for part rent on his place. Saw by paper that Mary Moody married yesterday.

Sunday March 21st 1909

Remained at home most of the day till late in the afternoon when C. Huff and I went to Joe Kilbuck's to see if Whitaker was there as he had failed to come over as was his intention to talk over renting Allie's land over the river. Didn't see him at all today.

C.Huff and family, Mrs. I. Caleb and daughter, Mr. Samuel and wife had dinner with us today.

Received a note from Mrs. John Kilbuck requesting me to measure some land for her tomorrow. It appears that she was about to buy out Mrs. Bittenbender's land near the river joining theirs.

Went to meeting this evening to hear Rev. Jos. Romig. Big attendance.

Monday March 22nd 1909

Went to measure the land for Mrs. Jno. Kilbuck this forenoon. R. McCoonse, L. Slankard, and I. Had my dinner at Slankards. Silas delivered six hogs for me at Pomona this afternoon; one stag and five shoats. The stag bro't me \$19.25, the shoats \$46.80—total \$66.05.

Katie 'phoned that she would be in Ottawa on the 6 o'clock train and for me to meet her. I went but failed to find her. Thinking I had missed her on the road I came on home. She hired a livery rig and overtook me just before reaching home.

Mr. Romig paid me \$1.00 for assisting in measuring land.

Tuesday March 23rd 1909

I hauled a load of feed for the cattle this morning while Silas took borrowed buggy home to Strafuss'. We then hitched on to the lister, intending to mark out some potatoe rows, but Joe Kilbuck and J. Sholtzman came along and bothered us so we had to unhitch for dinner. Our visitors had dinner with us. I bought Joe Kilbuck's cook stove (range) for \$10.25 giving him my check for it and I am to get it Thursday P.M.

We marked out ten rows with lister east of Thomas' and planted it in potatoes this afternoon.

Silas went to Dude Bittenbender's dance tonight. High wind and threatening rain tonight.

Scraping ½ day Ag's place

Wednesday March 24th 1909

Silas and I went to Ag's place and began to level off the ground where I intended to set the house. It was nice and warm when we went this morning but the wind suddenly changed to the north and turned pretty cold. It began to rain and later to snowing but quit and almost cleared off by the time the sun set.

I had intended to plant more potatoes this afternoon but gave it up.

The new moon is up high and lying on the back. The old saying "indicates a dry moon."

Road dragging 1 ½ hours

Thursday March 25th 1909

Sent Cora \$5.00 check today.

We hauled a load of feed for the cattle this morning then Silas hitched on to the drag and worked the roads. Whitaker came and bothered me trying to rent Allie's place over the river but we came to no definite understanding. Rev. Mr. Romig came soon after Whitaker left and he had dinner with us.

Silas went after a load of hay near the river. Mr. Romig got ready to go soon after Silas left so I rode with him. Silas had almost loaded his wagon when I got there. I went to Richter to see F.R. Monniger to rent him land on north side of river but failed to see him. Left a note for him at the

store. Engaged four bolts made for foot bridge @ 15¢ each. Engaged J.W. Britt to lay and stake off foundation tomorrow at Agnes' place.

Friday March 26" 1909

I went over to Smiths' to help Britt line up for the foundation this morning while Silas drove over to Joe Kilbuck's after the stove I bought of him.

After dinner I went to mark off more potatoe rows while Silas and Allie dropped the seed potatoes. We planted ten more rows this P.M.

After planting the potatoes Silas and I went to Smiths to set posts on the line along the road over the hill so as to shut off public travel around the hill. We got the post set but did not get to stretch the wire.

Joe Kilbuck went south today.

Glovers went to Chanute yesterday.

Mrs. Kilbuck lectures tonight in Ottawa.

One day scraping Ag's place

Saturday March 27" 1909

Hauled a load of clover for the cattle this morning then we went to Smith's on Agnes' place to scrape a portion of the hill down for a basement to proposed new house. Mr. Smith helped all day with his team, but we did not begin till ten o'clock.

Wife went to town this afternoon in Smith's buggy. Gave her my check for \$5.00 to get groceries and requested that the change be returned to me but none has been returned as yet.

Found one of my pet skunks dead this morning. The best one I had. The others had killed it.

Sunday March 28" 1909

Wife, Allie and Katie went to visit the Huffs but found no one at home. Allie and Katie came on home. Silas went to Sunday school.

A. Whitaker came over and had dinner with us. Fred and Chas. Elliott came home with Silas and also had dinner with us as did John Thomas.

Went to evening service this evening.

Monday March 29" 1909

Folks all went to picnic at school house today as the school closed this date. Mr. Jos. Romig gave a talk and told about early days in this neighborhood when he taught school, 47 years ago, and called by name a lot of us older people that were his pupils at that time. I did not go to the picnic.

I went to quarry more stone and about 2 o'clock came home for dinner. I then walked to widow Farris' place to see A. Whitaker about renting Allie's place over the river but he was absent from home. I left a note there for him.

Tuesday March 30" 1909

Quarried more stone today while Silas hauled it. He hauled five loads today. I did not hear either from F.R. Monninger nor A. Whitaker today with reference to renting Allie's place over the river. Heard today that Thomas intends to move into the Joe Kilbuck house next Thursday. They will have made a big mistake when they leave the house they now occupy on Rosa's place and they will learn it to their everlasting regret, as they need never to expect my help again hereafter, should they

once leave my premises or any under my control. Others have done the same in the past, now regret it.

Cattle sold, six head, \$100.

Wednesday March 31st 1909

I went to quarry more stone this A.M. while Silas went after a load of hay down near the river. I had not been long at work when John Little came there in quest of live stock and persuaded me to return home. I came on home and sold him four calves and two young bulls, one having lump jaw for \$100.00. The two bulls at \$45.00 and the four calves at \$55.00.

As Katie was to go back to North Dakota this afternoon I had to let wife take her to town while Silas helped to deliver the cattle to Pomona.

Mr. Little had dinner with us. I went to quarry again after dinner. Silas reports that Mr. Little fell off his horse on the way and broke his collar bone and had to do all the work alone with cattle.

Thursday April 1st 1909

Sent my check to Bank for collection this morning received from sale of cattle yesterday. I then went to quarry more stone on the hill. Silas plowed the garden today and also some in field east of Thomas.

Mrs. Rose Cornell came over today to file her report of school work during the term which closed last Monday.

Leo Strafuss paid me the 30¢ he owed me for things purchased for him last week as I had spent my own money for them.

Friday April 2nd 1909

It looked so much like storming this forenoon I did not go up on the hill to quarry stone. Silas hauled manure, I helped load wagon and between times I sawed stove wood at wood pile near the house. The Assessor R.W. Hood came along about 11 o'clock and listed my personal property which netted \$1070.00 after taking out exemption of \$200.00.

After dinner I went to quarry stone while Silas put in the balance of the day plowing.

Saturday April 3rd 1909

Drew out ten dollars today and gave checks for \$22.07 for fencing wire and groceries. Out of the ten dollars, I got shoes \$4.00, repair of old ones 75¢, Paid S.H. Lucas on acc't \$2.00 dinner 20¢ repair plow 50¢. Tablet 10¢, shave and haircut 35¢, Harness staple 10¢, Gave Silas \$1.00 Beef, etc. 85¢, Total \$9.85.

Paid Franklin Co Hdw Co \$20.07 in full of acc't, and receipted for.

I got 3 spools of barb wire or 275 lbs to fence field on the hill and paid for this on the \$20.07 check. I got six sacks of cement for the Agnes basement charged to my acc't at Hallorans \$3.00.

Sunday April 4th 1909

I remained at home till after dinner. I and Allie were the only ones at home. Wife and Julia had gone to Rufus Caleb's on a visit, and Silas had gone to Sunday school and did not return home till after one o'clock.

Skick and I went to Britts. On our way over we stopped at Slankards and I bought his tongueless cultivator for \$3.25. I engaged John Britt to do the stone work to my basement for the Agnes house and to begin next Wednesday at three cents per foot and he to board himself and get his own

tender. Ab. West his nephew is to help him in the stone work. I had engaged him about a week ago in fact but let him know definitely today as to when to begin work.

Monday April 5th 1909

Went to quarry more stone today.

Silas took about 45 or 50 of my hedge post up on the hill to fence in the field so that we can use the rest for pasture. Silas hauled two loads of stone this forenoon and one load this afternoon. I then sent him after a load of hay near the river as it looked so much like rain, in fact it did rain not long after and I got a good wetting before I reached Hopkins.

I came on to Agnes place with shovel and pick and worked till sun set starting the trenches for foundation to basement. Rec'd letters from Rosebud and Cora today.

Trench digging Ag's place 1 day

Tuesday April 6th 1909

I went to Smith's on Ag's place to dig trench for the foundation wall to the basement today. I worked hard and only got part of two sides finished. It will take me all of tomorrow to finish and may even have to get Silas' help.

Silas hauled six loads of stone today. Mat Smith hauled some sand to use for mortar.

A. Whitaker came over and informed me that he had given up renting Allie's place over the river. I wrote Jim Homisher inquiring if he wanted it as I am informed by Ben Powers that he did.

Colder this afternoon and wind changed from south to north west.

Trench digging $\frac{3}{4}$ day ^{and cash for nails 50¢} Ag's place

Wednesday April 7th 1909

J. Britt and son Ed were at Smith's this morning when I got there to work on trenches. We lined up the size of foundation on all sides and I went to work while they began to lay some stone. They quit at noon and went home. I gave Britt 50¢ to buy spikes with at Richter for use on the house on Ag's place and 60¢ to pay Blacksmith for bolts for foot bridge over the river. Silas hauled two loads stone this forenoon and I sent him to get log wagon to haul saw logs to mill this P.M. as the foundation will soon block the road completely. He delivered one big burr oak log from Cobb's. Didn't quite finish my trench work.

Surity \$150. Lantis.

Trenching $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day –

Thursday April 8th 1909

Finished my work a trenches for Ag's house today. Silas also finished hauling saw logs and hauled two loads of stone besides. Britt and son worked on foundation today. Height at west side to be 8 feet, south $8\frac{3}{4}$, east $8\frac{1}{2}$, north 8 feet. Average 8.4. Went surity for W. and Levi Lantis on a note for \$150. at First Nat'l Bank due in six months from April 7th interest at 10% from date. They secure me with the mare and a set of single harness. The note is for the purchase of the mare above mentioned, brown in color, four years of age, with one eye injured.

J. Britt –Tobacco 10¢
Friday April 9th 1909

I started to quarry more stone this morning while Silas went for a load of hay to feed to cattle. I went by Smith's to explain how I desired stone work done. Britt asked for a piece of tobacco and after dinner I again went by there on my way to work to deliver a dime piece of the tobacco to Britt.

Allie and Julia went to town to meet Thos. Lewis and wife, as they wrote they would be in Ottawa this date but they failed to show up. I sent Silas to Elliotts to buy a load of corn this P.M. but failed to get any. He came and helped me at the stone quarry.

Saturday April 10th 1909

Silas and I went to town today to meet the girls who were returning home from Haskell for Easter, and to get more cement for basement work. The girls were there when we reached town. I had also intended to get some corn at the elevator but knowing I should be loaded I bought 30 bushels of the Elliott boys at same price I should have to pay at the elevator which was 72¢ per bushel. I gave Fred Elliott my check for \$21.60 for the 30 bushels. I then loaded 20 sacks of cement and came on home. Got home in time to replace cross piece on my wagon box Silas broke in hauling stone.

I, wife, Allie, Julia, and Agnes went to Huff's dance to look on tonight. Returned home at one oclock. Very windy today and tonight.

Sunday April 11th 1909

Slept late this morning. I remained at home expecting John Plough to come over as we were going over the river to look over Allie's place, he desiring to rent it for this year but the wind remained so high the whole day he failed to show up.

I understand that Thomas Lewis and wife came yesterday and came out from town with Samuel late last evening.

Huff and family came over this afternoon and remained for supper. Tried to get them to remain over night but they went home in the dark.

Wind continues high tonight and indications of rain.

Fred Huff brought over three wild ducks he killed today.

Monday April 12th 1909

It had rained last night and a hard one too. Silas and I went up on the hill to set fence post this forenoon, while we were at work John Plough and Jim Homister came over there to rent Allie's place over the river.

We came on home and I drew up the papers. Allie got \$35.00 cash in advance and a note for \$30 more due in six months for her part over the river. I took grain rent, 2/5th for my part for my wards.

After dinner we again went up on the hill to finish our work. Got through long before sunset.

This evening I wrote a letter to J.W. Plake telling him of the attempt by Geo. Williams to force a road from my corner west to his place one mile west of here.

Tuesday April 13th 1909

I went by Smith's on my way to quarry stone. Britt and son Ed, and Ab. West were there to work.

I told Silas to put hay in feed sack for cattle, haul cement to Smiths from our house and to drag the road. He did not drag the road south as dinner was ready when he got back from north.

This afternoon Silas took Agnes, Cora, and Rose to town as they return to school at Haskell. John Thomas and family removed to the Joe Kilbuck house today.

Found one dead pig under Ceilom's manger this evening.

Wednesday April 14" 1909

I went to quarry more stone this forenoon while Silas went after a load of hay for horse feed. After dinner I again went to the stone quarry.

Silas went after the load of corn at Elliotts that I bought last Saturday. He also hauled a load of stone.

Thomas Lewis and wife came to visit us this P.M. and remained over night.

I received a postcard from Marie today.

Lewis informed me that Rachel Kilbuck gave her little daughter to them and that he (Lewis) went to town yesterday and legally adopted the child and it cost him \$3.00 to make out the papers before the Probate court.

Stone, Plakes, 2 loads –

Thursday April 15" 1909

Had to quit quarrying stone at Samuels and move to Plakes quarry because the stone at Samuels was getting thinner and rougher. I wanted something smoother and if anything thicker. So at noon on our way home I brought my tools to Plakes quarry where I got some thick stone.

Silas hauled two loads from there, tho' not full loads, because I fear breaking my wagon box. As it is, our cross piece under the box was broken. I replaced it this evening.

Took an ax handle to Hopkins this A.M. Due 25¢.

Stone, P. 4 loads –

Friday April 16" 1909

Went to quarry stone again while Silas hauled. He hauled four loads today, then I sent him after a load of hay to feed the cattle. The wind being from the east I concluded it might rain before morning and cause the roads to be muddy.

Lewis' left this morning for their home in Oklahoma. Rachel Kilbuck went along on account of the baby, adopted by Lewis'.

My fingers have cracked open on account of handling stone. I can hardly do this writing.

Saw in today's paper that Slankard's have a daughter born 13" Instant.

Received a letter from Mrs. Klink today.

Saturday April 17" 1909

Silas and I went to town today as I had to get more cement. We got 20 sacks more. I paid by check to Britt the sum of \$15.00 toward his work on stone basement on Agnes place.

I also paid L.S. Slankard \$3.25 for a cultivator he had bought of Joe Kilbuck.

I gave a check for \$10.00 to M.A. Mathias for some groceries and he gave me the difference in cash out of this cash I gave Silas \$3.00. We got back early from town.

Silas went to Huffs to set hooks. Wife, Julia, and I went later in wagon to see the dance at Huffs tonight. Katie sent \$100.00 draft loaned to Agnes for house exp.

Sunday April 18" 1909

I got up late and did my chores after breakfast. Silas stayed all night at Huff's last night so as to see his hooks early this morning. He did not reach home till noon and brought the Elliott boys with him but no fish, as he failed to catch any. The boys had dinner with us and stayed till nearly sun set.

I went to Thomas late this evening and borrowed "good stories" from Em.

Clara ----- had a daughter from Andy McLaughlin and about a week old. It was a case of brutal assault and the dog skipped the County on the evening previous to promised wedding.

Stone, P. 1 load –

Total lumber mill bill @70¢ on ~~M~~ \$26.99

Monday April 19" 1909

I quarried about a load of stone this forenoon when J.N. Martin came there with Silas. Martin came for his pay for sawing lumber for me. On questioning him as to number of feet of lumber he got out of four logs I was very much surprised at his figures at over 800 feet. I told him there was not that much to get out of the four logs. We then went to measure the lumber and there was only 541 feet in all. I gave him a check for \$11.99 as balance due him including previous sawing he did for me which in all totaled 3856 feet of lumber.

Silas hauled one load of stone.

Rained the P.M. Silas hauled manure.

I wrote a letter to Katie and cleared dirt away from the house vacated by Thomas.

Tuesday April 20" 1909

As it had been raining and still threatening more rain I told Silas he need not haul any stone till after dinner, but he might haul manure or plow till noon.

Britt again failed to continue his stone work today. I went up to the stone quarry and put in my time getting out more stone. I have probably five or six loads out.

Silas hauled eight loads of manure to the field today. More rain this evening and tonight.

Wednesday April 21" 1909

We went up on the hill to set more fence posts around the field where Hopkins is farming. On our return home for dinner we brought half of a load of stone from the quarry.

Went back again after dinner and stretched some wire. We finished about 35 or 40 rods of the fence.

On returning home we again brought half a load of stone. It was too muddy to haul a full load. Hopkins helped us this P.M. Jno. Britt worked this P.M. on the stone work.

Hopkins asked me to collect 25¢ from Ab. West in payment for an ax handle I made for Hopkins. Colder and cloudy today.

Stone P. 3 ½ loads –

Thursday April 22" 1909

Went after the same old job again, quarrying stone while Silas hauled. He delivered seven half loads today. The roads were too muddy to haul full loads.

I wrote two letters tonight one to Mrs. Menzel and one to Mrs. Klink.

Quite nice today altho' partly cloudy and the wind still in the north.

Had a nice mess of mushrooms for supper this evening.

Friday April 23rd 1909

Went to Hopkins to work on my wire fence. Hopkins helped me to unroll and stretch the wire. We used up all the wire I had on hand (475 lbs) and still lacked about 40 rods of finishing the fence. We got through at noon.

Silas hauled manure and plowed some. I burnt brush piles this afternoon and cut some sprouts near Williams.'

Silas delivered cement at Agnes' place and I guess hauled stone the rest of the afternoon. He went to Huff's this evening to bait his hooks.

Wife also went to Huffs and failed to return home tonight.

Saturday April 24th 1909

Britt worked till noon today and quit. Paid him check for \$10.00.

I shoveled dirt out of the basement this forenoon. Silas dragged the roads.

Went to town this P.M. Wife, I and Silas. Paid Silas \$5.00 and drew \$5.00 myself for groceries and incidentals.

Got 200 lbs of barbed wire, \$7.00

" 80 rods hog fence \$22.40

and fence staples 10¢ 10

All charges — total = \$29.50

Sunday April 25th 1909

Silas started for Elliott's soon after breakfast. Julia went to Sunday school, Wife went to Samuels, Allie started to the slough to fish. I wrote a letter to Agnes and when this was completed I went to see if my potatoes were coming up. When I got back I took a bite for dinner then got ready and started for Allie's place over the river to take a well wheel over there but the tenant had already got one.

I stopped at Britts on my way back. Heard that Tilda Lantis was the proud mother of a son born on the 20th. Allie caught no fish today.

P. S — 2 loads —

Monday April 26th 1909

I started to quarrying stone again this morning while Silas hauled it. He hauled three half loads this A.M. and two this P.M. one being from Yoap's quarry. Silas broke a spoke off to one rear wheel to my wagon on the last load. We quit rather early as it was about to rain and we barely got home in advance of it.

Hopkins set balance of the fence posts on east side of the field on the hill today; Silas having delivered the 200 lbs of fence wire I got last Saturday to finish inclosing the field. I got all told 575 lbs to fence in the field. Britt and son worked at basement today but quit early.

Tuesday April 27th 1909

It was too wet to haul stone this morning so I sent Silas to do some plowing by the Thomas place while I put in my time clearing out the fence row north of my house preparatory to stretching hog wire fencing in order to have more pasture for the few hogs I have, as I have no corn to feed them. I concluded to let them live on grass until a new crop of corn is raised.

This afternoon Silas and I hauled hay from the bottom to feed to horses. W. Hopkins came there for hay. I engaged to let him have ½ a ton his choice from two stacks @ \$6.00 and \$8.00 per ton. Britt and son worked at basement today and quit early.

P. S – 4 loads –

Wednesday April 28th 1909

We went after our old job again this morning quarrying stone and hauling it. Silas hauled eight half loads of stone today. We finished at about 4 o'clock and came on home.

On reaching home I hitched my team to a harrow and harrowed my potatoes which are just coming up. Silas went to Huff's to bait his hooks. He brought an 8 pound fish and reports having caught three small cat fish besides. Those he gave to Fred Huff.

Mat Smith went to town today to get more cement. He came back in time to haul some sand. Saw by the paper that Edith and Joe Kilbuck went to Alaska yesterday. A high wind is blowing from the southwest tonight.

Thursday April 29th 1909

I stretched some of my hog wire today on my north line between I and Agnes. I stretched 40 rods and should have finished to the main road had it not began to rain about 4 o'clock. Silas finished plowing the patch across the road from Thomas place then harrowed it. When he got through I sent him to Greens to inquire what they were paying for hogs. I have five shoats I wish to dispose of on account of the lack of corn to feed them. I will then have only 13 pigs and two cows left to get my start on when I have corn this fall.

Friday April 30th 1909

This A.M. is the date set for the viewers to view the proposed change of a road around the hill on Agnes' place. Hal Greene, Mr. S. McCollough and Mrs. Harrison were the viewers.

Mr. Manrose, a member of the Township Board also came over. The viewers reported adversely to the petition and concluded that the road should be over the hill on the section line. It was noon when they got through.

Silas planted corn east of Thomas place today. I stretched more hog wire this P.M. Skick and Wollen came over this evening.

Britt and son worked on the basement again today.

Clear and cold with wind in the north west tonight.

Saturday May 1st 1909

A hard freeze last night undoubtedly did much damage to fruit. My potatoes were killed to the ground. Many of them were about three inches high.

It was so cold this morning I gave up the idea of going to town. Silas and Jason Spooner went. I gave Silas a check for \$15.00 out of which he was to get ten bushels of corn and some groceries. He reports paying 80¢ per bushel for the corn. I cleared out brush along the fence this forenoon. This afternoon I unrolled and stretched the last roll of hogwire on hand.

Silas brought 40 rods more today.

Clear and still tonight, weather moderating some.

Rec'd \$2.00 in adv. for ballground

Sunday May 2nd 1909

Silas went to Sunday school and on his return came with Frank Wiscomb in the buggy. Silas having bought the buggy and harness for sixty dollars. Frank was to wait till next August for the balance if Silas paid fifteen dollars down. I had to make out a check for the fifteen dollars out of my fund. This afternoon Silas hitched his hag to his rig and went down to the bottom north of Elliotts where they played a game of base ball in my hay field. I told the boys if they used the ground for ball games I should have to tax them nine dollars for the season and they must agree to keep teams and rigs off the grass. They paid \$2.00 in advance.

Monday May 3rd 1909

I put a cutter on the brush plow this morning and told Silas to plow the new ground I broke last year at South east corner. I went with him to cut a few brush where straw stack used to stand. It took me till noon to finish as I was bothered in replacing a handle to the brush plow which Silas broke off soon after starting in to plowing. This afternoon I cleared out more brush along the fence for hog wire. Silas kept on plowing until he twisted off the cutter to the plow when he had to quit.

Silas went to see his hooks this evening, intending to take them up because of busy work he could not attend to them.

Allie went to town in Silas' rig today.

Tuesday May 4th 1909

I cut brace poles this forenoon, six in number and carried them to place where we could get them to haul.

Silas kept on plowing the whole day. This afternoon I unrolled hog wire along the fence and stretched it but did not get to staple it on. I also patched up the plastering as Allie and Julia were getting ready to re-paper the living room.

Wife went on a bum to Huffs today and did not get back till night.

Warm today. Fred Huff came to borrow the rifle this evening.

Wednesday May 5th 1909

Tacked on the wire I had stretched last evening.

Silas plowed again but broke the end of beam to plow about middle afternoon. It took both of us some time to get it into working order again. He went to the field with it and plowed three rounds and quit.

Tonight wife, Silas and Julia went to Yoap's dance. Allie and I stayed at home.

Britt should have finished the basement wall tomorrow had he not run out of cement. As Smith is going to town in the morning I told him to bring three more sacks of it which I hope will be sufficient.

Thursday May 6th 1909

Used up my hog wire today then didn't have enough to finish what I wish to fence in. Silas finished plowing the new ground east of the Thomas place today and proceeded to harrow it but failed to get through with the harrowing.

Rolled up some barbed wire to take to the other place on the hill to fence in a patch of new ground later that Hopkins broke out.

Frank Wiscomb came over today and brought the whip and capet that went with the buggy that Silas bought of him. Frank had dinner with us. Jason Spooner bought his horse for \$150.

Friday May 7th 1909

Britt finished the wall in basement today except as may needs be built over the plates later on.

Smith got three sacks more of cement yesterday.

Silas finished planting the patch of new ground east of Thomas' place about middle afternoon then proceeded to plow new ground near Williams' place. I stretched and tacked on some old hog wire I had on hand but it failed to be sufficient to enclose all I wish to fence in. Will have to get more tomorrow.

Took my corn planter apart this evening in order to take it to town tomorrow to have new runners put on.

Basement; Total to date, \$125.20

Saturday May 8th 1909

Went to town today to get more of the eighty cent corn to feed on. I got ten bushels at the elevator costing me eight dollars.

I received a letter from Bessie before I left for home and she inclosed a P.O. order for \$20.00, \$15.00 for me and \$5.00 for Allie. This money came handy for me.

I also got my corn planter repaired with new runners and a point on plow share.

Paid John Britt by check the sum of \$11.65 as balance due him for building basement to Agnes' house. Up to date, to include my work in quarrying and hauling stone and the cost of stone at 50¢ per cord just for the basement along will cost total \$125.20.

Rec'd \$2.00 more for ballground=\$4.00

Sunday May 9th 1909

Wrote Bessie today.

Remained at home till after dinner. Mr. J.W. Plake and his neighbor Mr. Marin who came out with him had dinner with us.

This P.M. Julia and I went to church to hear Rev. Chaffee preach at our chapel.

Wife and Allie went fishing, Silas went riding in his buggy to ball game north of Elliotts. I went over there after church. Got \$2.00 more from the boys.

On my way back I stopped at Britts. He was drunk and called me all kinds of names all of which I took untill he brought in my dead mother's virtue with it, at this I choked him and almost hit him but refrained. Went from there to see Mr. Kilbuck who was reported sick.

Monday May 10th 1909

Sent Silas to Hopkins with barbed wire this forenoon and on his return to bring a load of lumber from R. McCoonse place that I had sawed for me as I understand it was warping. He hauled all (546 feet) in one load.

I repaired pasture fence this forenoon. Skick brought a nice catfish and we had it for dinner.

Silas plowed this afternoon. I repaired the tongue to corn planter. Took me all afternoon to do it.

Silas and Skick went to town late this evening to see the show at air dome which opens tonight for the first time this season.

Tuesday May 11" 1909

Silas finished plowing near Williams,' then he harrowed and planted it and finished in time to list about half of the long strip across the road south west of my house.

I put in my time today at various things principally in stretching more hog wire.

Late this evening Julia and I went to Mr. Kunard's pasture to get "old Jersey."

Rev. Bruce and his boys came by this P.M. and he asked me for a job at carpenter work. He wants \$2.00 per day and he to board himself.

Wednesday May 12" 1909

I went up on the hill to build a fence along the creek on the west line of the new ground that Hopkins broke out this spring as I wish to enclose the plowed ground as soon as possible before turning in some of my cattle to pasture there.

Hopkins helped me this P.M. We finished a portion of it and might have finished all of it had we not run out of wire.

Silas listed and planted the ground across the road from the house on west side of the orchard.

Wife went to visit Mr. W.H. Kilbuck who is on the sick list.

Thursday May 13" 1909

It rained this morning for a short time so I occupied the time in writing a letter to my Rose-bud at Haskell. I sent Silas to Slankards after the tongueless cultivator bought of him some time ago. I put in the balance of forenoon in taking off some barbed wire to use at my hill farm as it had quit raining before Silas left for Slankards.

This afternoon I sent Silas with wire up to my other place while I put in some bolts on cultivator. On his return we went to cultivate our potatoes. Silas cultivating while I hoed after him.

O.D. Farris delivered some lumber for a culvert at the corner so the road west will be opened to public.

Wife came home at noon today.

Friday May 14" 1909

Went up on the hill soon after breakfast to work on my fence. Hopkins and his son Frank came to help me. Again we ran short of wire but we finished the part we were at work on along the branch. Silas again plowed near the house. About middle afternoon it began to rain and continued intermittantly till late after night.

Jason Spooner came over and remained over night.

Saturday May 15" 1909

Went to town today, wife and I. We went on bottom road so as to see Bob Patterson and find out as to prospect of buying corn of him. He promised to phone Geo. Williams Monday evening and let me know. In the meantime I had to get six bushels more at the Elevator and also got one bushel millet seed to sow. I gave my check for \$6.00. I also bought nails (200 lbs) to use in building Ag's house. Gave my check for \$6.12 for them.

Silas came into town this P.M. to take in the show tonight. Gave him \$1.00, Skick borrowed 50¢. I also gave my check for \$2.00 for groceries.

Mrs. Huff and children came over tonight said the river was about to overflow at their place.

Sunday May 16" 1909

Found my heifer down and unable to get up as she was weak and about to become fresh. I got Silas and Wallen to help me lift her to her feet and brought her to the house and turned her into the timothy field. I then proceeded to repair my harness. Dude Bittenbender came with some fish he killed this morning as the river is rising.

After dinner I went to Thomas to get "Good Stories." The river overflowed its banks this evening. Mrs. Huff and children came to remain over night.

Monday May 17" 1909

Silas and I had to lift the heifer again this A.M. This noon she became fresh, Silas and I acting vetrinarians. The heifer is only a year old, or just a trifle over.

Silas plowed and nearly finished the patch south of the barn. I took more wire up on the hill and finished the fence around the field.

On my return home I went to cut sprouts near Williams.' Geo. Williams came there to inform me that R.D. Patterson had 'phoned for them to tell me I might have a load of corn. I spoke for corn last Saturday and Bob promised to let me know today by 'phone.

Tuesday May 18" 1909

I cut sprouts today and this afternoon had to repair my wagon box so it could hold shelled corn as so much shelled corn would come into the box with a load of earcorn which I am to get of Patterson this evening. Silas finished plowing, harrowing, and almost finished planting the patch across the road south of my barn. Had it not been necessary for him to stop in order to haul the corn from Patterson's he could easily have had the corn all planted. I sent him after it while I went to cut more sprouts. The load of corn cost me \$20.50 for 27²⁰ bushels. Raining again tonight.

Wednesday May 19" 1909

Silas did nothing untill after dinner as the ground was too wet from recent rains.

After dinner I told him to finish his planting across the road from the barn and to harrow the ground south of the spring so we could sow millet as I wish to seed it to alfalfa next August. We sowed the ground into millet this evening. I put in my time sprouting the new ground today.

Word came that I was needed to sit up for Mr. W.H. Kilbuck who is very sick. I was very tired but I went anyway. I sat up the whole night and read some novels borrowed of Samuel. Mr. Kilbuck was better when I left there.

Thursday May 20" 1909

I reached home after sun up from Mr. Kilbuck's this A.M. and went to bed. I slept till noon. Mr. Kilbuck was better when I left him this A.M.

After dinner I went to harrow my corn across the road from the Thomas place. I did not harrow but a few rounds and quit because there was too much trash on the ground it pulled up so much of the corn. I took harrow away and hitched on to cultivator and cultivated the rest of the afternoon.

Silas went to town to see the ball game between Haskell and O.U. Game was 3 to 4 in favor of O.U. in twelve innings. An agent from Williamsburg left a Peerless Separator here this P.M. on trial.

Friday May 21" 1909

Cut sprouts today while Silas cultivated corn. He finished the field this evening.

Jason Spooner came over this evening and coaxed Silas and Julia to go to the ice cream supper with him at our chapel tonight. They went in Silas' buggy.

Heard that Grandpa Kilbuck was no better today.

Allie began papering the living room today.

Saturday May 22" 1909

Sent Silas to cut stalks near the river this A.M. while I put in my time cutting more sprouts. Silas came home at noon reporting that the tongue to stalk cutter had broken.

After dinner he went back with tools to repair the break.

Rain set in soon after he left. I was planting corn at the time and I got a soaking. I came on home, changed clothes and proceeded to clean out the barn of manure. This done, I went to finish planting the row of corn I was at work on when it began to rain as by this time it had quit. Finishing this I cut sprouts the rest of evening.

Silas repaired the stalk cutter and came home.

Allie still papering.

Sunday May 23" 1909

Silas and Julia went to Sunday school in the buggy this forenoon.

I took a shave and scrubbed my head. Had intended to go up on the hill to salt my cattle and visit Granpa Kilbuck but it began to rain soon after dinner and kept on raining most of the time the balance of the day, and still at it while making these notes at 9.

I wrote a letter to Agnes this afternoon and inclosed my check for \$10 in the letter.

Bruce and I – 1-day each Ag's house

Monday May 24" 1909

Mr. Bruce came this A.M. to begin carpenter work on Ag's house. As nearly all the lumber was at my place we put in our time sawing them into proper lengths and Silas delivered them to Ag's place later. Silas went to the bottom after a small load of hay for horse feed while we got the house timber ready.

It rained a shower again about noon but soon stopped and we got to put in a whole days work. Mr. Bruce charges me \$2.00 per day for his work.

Recived word that Grandpa Kilbuck was no better and that he requests help to get his family some fuel for house use. I will help to get up some wood for him tomorrow.

Allie finished papering house today.

Bruce 2" day, I ½ day, S – 1 day

Tuesday May 25" 1909

I sent Silas to assist Mr. Bruce on Ag's house this forenoon while I went to cut and haul wood for Grandpa Kilbuck. On my way over there I concluded to save time by cutting their stovewood in my own timber then load and haul it over there. I did not get quite a full load cut.

Mr. I. Caleb and Ed. Pearce were there when I got there. We brought a load of poles to the house.

I came on home in time for dinner. Helped to work on the house this P.M., both Silas and I. We laid the sleepers for the basement floor.

B-3rd day – I 1 day

Wednesday May 26th 1909

Silas went to plow near the river this morning. He came home for dinner, said it was a little too wet but has kept on plowing. He went back again this afternoon.

I and Mr. Bruce worked on Ag's house today. Got sills and joist to both floors laid as well as one row of studding being a partition to lower floor. Rained a shower about two o'clock today but soon quit. Wife and Julia went to town in Silas' rig today. Gave wife my check for \$3.00 for groceries.

B 4th day – I another day

Thursday May 27th 1909

As Wiggins had offered me \$6.25 per cent for my hogs if they averaged 150 lbs and better if they averaged more, I sent Silas to deliver them today while I went to help Mr. Bruce on Ag's house. Silas came back just as I started to work again this afternoon and brought a check for \$53.12 for the hogs but Wiggins failed to live up to his promise as the hogs averaged 170 lbs. I 'phoned to him tonight and he promised to see me tomorrow but I don't expect he will do any better now having got the hogs. Silas helped us a while this P.M.

We got the frame work up today.

Friday May 28th 1909

Another heavy rain fell last night. I went to town after lumber today. Mat Smith also went and brought a small load of lumber. I failed to meet Wiggins in town today to see about the hogs. He beat me at least \$2.50 on the hogs.

C. Huff, A. Appier, and F. Poole came to see about changing the ball ground to a drier location as the bottom land is too wet to play on. Silas went down there this A.M. to mow over the ball ground and found it too wet. I took the boys over the ground in Rosa's land and told them they might play there when it was too wet to play on the bottom land.

Wrote Plake and Hood a card each with reference to road west from here.

(B. 5th day – cash \$1.00) – I 1 – S ½

Saturday May 29th 1909

Mr. Bruce came to work on the house again the A.M. I went over to help him and this P.M. Silas also helped. We got all the joist up and most of partitions in place. Paid \$1.00 to Mr. Bruce at his request.

Rain again this evening. Skick and Wollen came over this evening and we played pitch.

Sunday May 30th 1909

Went up on the hill to salt my cattle this A.M. and went to Yoap's from there to get my stone hammer. Had my dinner with them and came on home to see the ball game between Chippewa and Pomona. The score was 24 to 12 in favor of Pomona. They played in the pasture west of the house. I didn't get a cent today from the ball boys.

I paid Frank Kapp 75¢ Julia owed his wife for music lessons, squaring the account.

Monday May 31st 1909

As today is Decoration Day Mr. Bruce did not work on the house and I put in my time hoeing and replanting corn across the road from the house. Silas having finished harrowing the listed corn.

This afternoon I sent him down to the river to see if he could cut the stalks on Allie's place as we still have that field and my own across the road from Silas' place to plant before we have finished. He cut all the stalks there but has some yet to cut in my own.

Late this P.M. I hitched Ceilom and Maud (Silas' filly) together and proceeded to cultivate my potatoes. This is the first time I hitched Ceilom since he got hurt.

B. 6"– I $\frac{3}{4}$ day

Tuesday June 1st 1909

Mr. Bruce came to work again today. I had to finish cultivating my potatoes before I could go to help him. We got the 6x8 deck up and placed most of the rafters today. Silas went to work near the river and finished cutting the stocks and then he proceeded to plow. Rain set in again tonight which I very much regret to see at this time because I had hoped to finish corn planting this week.

B. 7"– I 1

Wednesday June 2nd 1909

Mr. Bruce and I worked on the house again today. Silas went down to the bottom to plow but it was too wet, so this P.M. I sent him to town after a load of shingles. It rained again this afternoon and we quit rather early, having put on sheeting on the south and part of the east side.

B. 8" day

Thursday June 3rd 1909

It rained more last night and most of today. I did not work on the house today. I cut sprouts till noon. After dinner I went to kill some squirrels for Grandpa Kilbuck and sent them over by Francis.

This evening I put in another tongue to spring wagon. Jason came over and said Grandpa Kilbuck wanted a young chicken so wife sent one over.

Mr. Bruce worked alone today putting on sheeting.

B. 9" day } I – 1. S. $\frac{1}{2}$
Check \$8.40 }

Friday June 4th 1909

Mr. Bruce came to work again this A.M. I went to help soon after breakfast. We finished sheeting the house and put up scaffolds on south and east sides by noon, Smith helped us.

This P.M. Silas helped in Smith's place. We put on some eaves boards and put up scaffold on the west side. Silas had to haul a jag of hay from the bottom this forenoon. Allie went to town in spring wagon this afternoon.

Paid T.J. Bruce by check the sum of \$8.40 toward his work.

B. 10 day } I – 1. S. $\frac{1}{2}$
Check \$9.60 }

Saturday June 5th 1909

Mat Smith went to town and brought out more lumber. Bruce and I worked again today. Silas worked in the forenoon and went to town this P.M. We shingled some on south end but did not finish. I paid in full of account to date. He claiming only $\frac{1}{2}$ days work done last Thursday when it rained and I had given him credit for a whole days work. Totaling \$19.00.

Wife and Allie went to sit up for Grandpa Kilbuck tonight.

The bees swarmed today and I attempted to hive them when I came home for dinner. They peppered it to me in good shape, my hands are fat at present. I left them and when I came home this evening I hived them. My nose got a sting and now feels big.

Sunday June 6th 1909

I repaired my bevel square and sharpened my hand saw, then took a shave.

Silas and Julia went to Sunday school. Wife and Allie went away on a visit before dinner. We had a cold bite for dinner as Silas had returned and Skick was here. The ball boys began to arrive soon after we had our dinner. They played a practice game today. I didn't get anything again today.

Lightening toward the northwest this evening. Hope no rain falls this week as I should very like to finish planting my corn.

B. 1 Sterling 1/2 Me 1 day

Monday June 7th 1909

Had intended to cultivate corn today but found (Maud) Silas' filly badly cut on one leg by barbed wire, happened some time during night, so I went to help Mr. Bruce work on the house.

Mr. Sterling came this afternoon to help us shingle at request of Mr. Bruce which I will have to pay Mr. Bruce for. Silas went to plow near the river.

I go again tonight to sit up for Grandpa Kilbuck who is sinking and has given up hope of recovery. Mr. Bingaman came over to accompany me.

B. 2 1/2

Tuesday June 8th 1909

I got back from Mr. Kilbuck's after sun up and Silas was ready to start to work plowing near the river, he already having had his breakfast. As breakfast was ready I ate mine and went to bed. I got up again about 11 o'clock. Miss M. St. John came and saw my bare feet. I subscribed for a farm paper she was soliciting for issued by "Mail and Breeze" Topeka.

Mr. Bruce worked along today. I replanted some corn and got disc cultivator ready for tomorrow's use.

I should have stated that Mr. Kilbuck is sinking fast. I doubt his recovery. Slankard and I sat up all night. Bingaman went to sleep.

Basement work

grading yard Mach 24 and 26"

Silas, I and team, 1 1/2 days

Trench Apl 6th 7th 8th - 2 1/2 days

April 7th cash for spikes 50¢

" 3rd six sacks cement \$3.00

" 10th twenty " " \$10.00

" 17th twenty " " \$10.00

" 28th five " " \$2.50

May 6th three " " \$1.50

Rebate for 55 sacks——\$5.50

" 15th Check O.H. Hdw. Co. 200 lbs. nails \$6.12

" 4th T.J. Bruce, Carpenter 9.40

" 5th T.J. Bruce, Carpenter 9.60

“ 5” 35.00 feet native lumber ^{\$1.50} 52.50
 6 cord Rock for basement ^{50¢} (P) 3.00
 6 1/2 “ “ “ “ (S)——

Quarrying and hauling——

July 1” Tile for over doors and windows \$1.50
 June T.J. Bruce 9.75

J. Britt acct

Apl 9” Tobacco 10¢
 “ 12” 1/2 bushel corn from Smith 40¢
 “ 17 check for \$15.00
 “ 21 Ab West 25¢ Hopkins acct
 “ 24 Jst. Britt check \$10.00
 May 8 “ “ “ “ 11.65=\$37.40

Draging road with teams and other road work

March 15” Road drag 2 hours
 “ 16” “ work, team 1/2 day (both)
 “ 17” “ “ “ 3/4 day “ “
 “ 25” “ Drag 1 1/2 hours
 April 13 “ “ 1 1/4 “
 “ 24 “ “ 1 1/2 “