

where he has been all day setting out tomato plants in baskets. He told us the other night that hands (his size) were wanted and has since talked of much else since, he was to get 8cts & have but has got his envelopes yet as they are not through. We came home this morning and Dad broke the news of our spreader deal and he took it calmly although he thinks we made a big mistake in not putting in with him & Mr. Fleming on his John Deere as he unconsciously believes it to be the best in America. I went down this morning for the purpose of obtaining some particulars concerning a load of hay which Mrs. Battersby is purchasing from us through the agency of John but as that gentleman was in bed with a cold. I failed to receive any valuable data. So I came home and mowed lawn till noon. Dad took back Alfred's bags this morning and buried at his shovels with the intention of cleaning out the ditches in the oat field but as he found in Alfred an opponent to the building of a new school, he stayed and argued till noon. I read most of the afternoon and then went out and assisted Dad to rearrange the implements in the old shed so as to create a space for the old wagon

we then repaired a little fence to enable us to turn out the old sow, but it didn't take her a great while to discover the weak spots in the rookery which we call a fence and now she is at liberty. I think Dick came home to tea and says our manure spreader has arrived. It froze ice last night and has been very cold to day.

Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>

Frank & Dick went down to Sunday school & Frank & I went to our church but Dick attended the Presbyterian as he saw none to associate with in the back pews of the Episcopal. This afternoon Dad & I drove up to Dunbar's to see how many lambs he had; but he has had no better luck than we, for his flock has only increased by one ewe lamb. She is really worse off than we are because two of his ewes now won't have lambs till they are three years old while ours are all yearlings and if any thing will be better off. Dad when him self was at church but his son was home, he gave Dad. guinea fowl to mate with the one Jonas gave us but when we got it home we learned they were both of the feminine gender from the fact that the new comes requests imagin any fowls