

noon we read did chores and listened to Cuck play the piano. Dick got up and had a bath before dinner, got Dad. to shave him and went down town about the middle of the after noon as he says he is going to church to night. Frank spent most of the after noon skating on the ditch out here from the lane fence up to the oak trees and down in Danminster's gully. Very cold and strong west wind, a little snow ^{and down in (not a bad day)} after wind.

Monday February 9th

It froze about the hardest yet last night and has been pretty cold and breezy all day, but was bright and sparkling part of the time, and snowing a little part of the time. We didn't do any thing but chores and Dad. cut wood. Mrs. M^s Bride was here washing all day and as it was too cold and draughty for Fiddens in the kitchen Frank had to stay home to look after him in the dining room Dad. and Cuck were contemplating a trip down town this after noon to sign the deeds to the lots that Mr. Shawey who is buying them and a Mr. Ross brought them over this after noon and saved them the trouble. The option is up on them to morrow so they wanted to get things settled. She paid Dad. a check for the six hundred. Jonas was over here most of the after noon selling seeds. Dad. gave him an order for some of L. P. Gansons seed oats and we are going to make out and order for him to night of garden seeds from Simmers. No body was down town to day, so we haven't got the mail.

Tuesday February 10th

Dad. saw a load of ice going into Mrs Patterships this morning and just remembered that we had not returned John Quans hump little ice traps. and as we thought he might be needing them I took them down but he said he never used them as they were too small so told me to take them home again which I did. I stayed there quite awhile helping & watching him. Bob. Feitch was hauling the ice, it is a lot bigger and better looking than ours but John says it doesnt keep at all well in Mrs. Patterships ice house. It is cement and built right in the side hill. He let the ice slide down the hill and drop about eight feet to the bottom of the ice house and it breaks up badly. Dad. cut wood while I was away and when I got back helped me clean out the chicken house. This after noon I cut a piece off the stack and Dad. carried over a lot of straw to the chicken house. Jonas came over this morning and we gave him the Simmers order although we are sure he is not an authorized agent, but as we dont have to pay for the stuff till we get it I suppose it will be alright. Dad. told him he was crazy to waste his time selling seeds instead of cutting his hedge down for wood over at Fuyers but Jonas said he had to get a little money some way as he only had fifty cents. Frank said he was working down cutting ice this after noon. It has been much milder though still freezing to day cloudy and just breeze enough this after noon to turn the wind mill, snowing a little to night.