

Sunday December 28th

We were very late getting up again this morning so none of us but Frank went down to church, he went down to Sunday school and church. Dad and I did chores and read all morning. We let Belle out for a run, which she enjoyed very much and no doubt benefited by although we did notice that the swelling in her lid was reduced much but she didn't show any sign of lameness. This afternoon about half past three I drove back up to the Bowler's again. The roads were good, smooth and hard with no snow to bother as I was home before dark. I was climbing in the buggy without as I passed his place and came up for a visit to get rid of trouble. He said although he didn't seem in a very bad way, he has another form in view now which it would be to old maids who live on the place, and if he gets it he is to move the first of March and live in half the double house. Dad and Enah and Tidums expected to go down to Mr. Battership this afternoon but Tidums went to sleep and I broke the game. I drew to night. Dick has been skating on the creek this afternoon, he says the ice is pretty good and for the most part strong. He went to church to night. Frank I think spent his time bath in the gully. Lovely day, no wind and fairly sunny

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We expected Rev. Tappins down to day to put up the windmill but he didn't show up at all. We did up all the chores this morning and worked at the old apple tree a little more. This afternoon Dad decided to go down to town ship nomination. He didn't get started till about a quarter after three but he enjoyed what little oratory he heard. George Hammond took great pleasure in making personal remarks about Jim Wadale. Tell Jim got pretty hot at the mouth made George said he admitted that Jim had a better education and more of some thing else than he had but that he didn't have any more brains that if he had had brains enough to learn anything he would be going to school yet. Both these fellows were too mad at

each other to talk sensibly but Sam King's manner²⁰ was different. although a great many people were very dissatisfied with him as councillor and had no doubt held him out, but he said if they put him out this election it would not be because he had got in council and held his peace as was the custom with other councillors it would be because he had been in action all through and had made some showing, he then stated that every job that the present council had done was a permanent job, whereat some one in the audience inquired "What about Fishy's bill?" Mr. King smiled and acknowledged that that wasn't a permanent job but he said ~~he~~ ^{he} did the best that could be done and the devil himself could do no better ~~and that~~ was his own bill. Then in reference to Fishy's bridge over which there has been a lot of kicking about he said it was the best bridge in the county of Norfolk. At that a small English sparrow jumped up and chirped out "Mr. King, may I ask you a question?" "Certainly go ahead" another reply. "Will you please tell me what was the use of putting up such a costly bridge at the foot of an almost impassable hill?" King smiled again and replied blandly that they did it simply because they had to, they had to be a bridge there and why not put one that was indestructible and consequently costly as the that would cost less and have to be replaced in a year or two, and as they were and he said that Hammond was going to run for some about dark and said that Hammond was going to run against Ed. Ripens for reeve. I did up the chores and after tea Frank and I went down to Miller's nomination, where every thing was very quiet. Nipe was the only one who said much and he just gave an account of his stewardship and saluted the whole of those present. R. M. Taylor, John R. Davis and Ed. Moon were nominated to run again. I then and Taylor was the only one who said positively he would run and the general opinion is that the fight will be between Nipe and Ed. All the old council were nominated and about a dozen others but which ones are going to run I don't know. Dick got home a little before we did to night, he had been skating on the pond though Dad tried to argue with him that it was unsafe. I had thought Dad tried to argue with him that it was unsafe. I had got in to the creek today. Mrs. M. & Bride was here all day working. I had then a very busy day. Mild and dry clear and.