

to see if we could take them out, we can't tell yet whether it is going to work alright or not. Dick came home to tea to night to try on his clown suit which Cuck is making for him for the masquerade dance he had to go back again after tea. It thowed a lot to day in the sun but froze all day in the shade. Dad. sent away for a gobbler to-day.

Wednesday March 25th

Stubby came over this morning and pruned the orchard most of the day. I didn't help him any as Dad. and I put up a fence across the chicken yard to separate the two pens. It began to rain about the middle of the after noon so Stubby and I put the corn stalks off the way go and then he and Dad. started to clean out the calf pen. Cuck went down town at three to have her teeth fixed and Dad. and I minded ^{by turns} till Frank got home. We forgot to tell Tom Abbot to bring us any butter, although he hasn't brought any can back anyway yet, and as Frank forgot to get any on his way home, he had to traipse back to town and get some when Cuck got home. I went down to hand practice to-night. but as Harry, Mom, Walt, and Carl were the only ones there we didn't have any. It was a lovely day till it rained and was very mild all day and to night.

Thursday March 26th

Stubby trimmed orchard till we got the Chores done and then we went

over to the big barn and put on a load of hay before dinner. When we took the team over to the trough to water them at noon I let go of old Harry thinking he would go to the stable but the old fool lit out right for the field and Belle after him and they tore around there quite awhile before we caught them but didn't damage their harness any. This after noon we hauled the hay over to the other barn and put it off for the cows and then went over and got another load for the horse stable but didn't get time to haul it over. Stubby did Frank's skins up for him as he is going to send them down to Hallam. Dick came home to tea to get all fixed up for the dance, he looked fine. I was kind of sorry I didn't get a little trouble and fix up myself. It was terribly muddy and dark so I drove him down to the side walk. He didn't come home after it was over. It has been very dark all day and rained nearly all the after noon we heard thunder growl two or three times which Dad. now believes when heard in Spring to be a sure sign of cold weather off and on for six weeks but according to the other reliable forecast that the wind on the twenty first and twenty second will be the prevailing wind for six weeks we are to have it from the south west so Bill Cakes says, but they are having it very cold in the north west - 6 below at Edmonton.

Friday March 27th

It rained nearly all day and got much colder as the wind veered right around to the north. Stubby couldn't work in the orchard so