

Tuesday March 23rd

This has been a very disagreeable day. Cloudy raw and
frequent rain or snowing most of the time. I
cleaned out the cellar but as I didn't work at it very hard
I took up most of the day. It was in bad shape as
all the old pumpkins & squash that I put down there
had rotted. I have been cudgelling my brains all day
to figure out some way of relieving our financial
situation as it seems useless to wait much longer for
the fortune to come. We are about \$300. in debt besides
the mortgage of \$300 and I have got to do some fencing
this year and the barn needs shingling. I also want to
get a couple of good cows and set out some more fruit.
and if I could only finance it would try to run my house
again and raise about 500 chickens. We looked over
my insurance policy and could borrow about \$225
or \$250 after the next premium is paid on it. but that
wouldn't pay our debts. so I think I will have to try and
raise about \$700 on a mortgage if I can find the money.

Wednesday March 24th

I went over home this morning and Frank & I tagged
up a few rats for me before dinner and then after noon

took them to the mill and went on down town and got some
groceries, coal oil, my can of milk at the dairy and some
food at Billy Loring's then came back by the mill and got out
Chap. It was nearly five when we got to the farm so left
the load there and I drove home in the buggy. I saw Chris and
spoke for space in his incubator for enough eggs to hatch
500 chicks. and he said he could put them in next week or
the week after but advised waiting till the week after next
as he thought they would hatch better. I also spoke to Hall
for 100 rods of fence & 50 steel posts so I will have to
raise money some place. Dad. Counselors waiting awhile
and if I have to mortgage going to Frank Reid. I've got
two letters from Mr. Parks to day saying that all the counsel
think it would be unwise to try to get before the judge
until this premature baby case is settled & proved as
the judge would probably shelve the case any way till
then. so Mr. Parks says it will be the middle of April after
the Easter vacation any way before the case comes up. He
said Mr. Harwell, my Counsel, was going to see Gurin Simon
privately and suggest a settlement as there is the possibility
of them appealing the judge's decision if it goes against
them and that would cause more delay. Dick wrote Aunt saying
Vita is very dangerously ill in the hospital. Will. is to visit.