

he didn't stay long. We then all drove over there and got a few potatoes and took him a birthday present. Joe & Frank were skating on the pond.

Mary spent the evening reading a detective story that she got for Dick and was then scared to go to bed. I sat up trying to draw a horse's head that looked like a horse to embellish a couple of verses that Mary composed to go in a horse blanket that the family are giving for Christmas. Much colder and snowing to night.

Monday December 20th

It snowed several inches in the night and I went out before daylight and swept paths, but I might have saved my time as it has thawed with a misty rain all day and to night the snow is all gone. Art came over and finished his cupboards today. I spent most of the forenoon tinkering around the barn. I carried up several rails from the road and covered over the stall that I am going to fix for the calves with rails and hay. This afternoon I did chores worked a little at the chicken pen and Tim Joe & Lee Long came with a load of hay so I helped them put it off and by that time it was time to do night chores. Tom hauled a load of gravel for the lane this morning but had to have his team shot.

Tuesday December 21st

We all went down town in the buggy this morning and Mary finished (I hope) her Christmas shopping. We got home a little after noon. The Long boys came with another load of hay this afternoon and just as we got it off Ted Misner came in with our pig. I worked for a very short time at the chicken house after Ted left before it was time to do the night chores. I went over to Dave's just before tea to arrange about getting Doc. tomorrow afternoon. Tom Stone was just unloading a load of gravel in the lane as I came home. He hauled one this morning which we were down town. Very mild, rather dull but very pleasant air.

Wednesday December 22nd

I drove down town in the buggy this morning and got Bell coming to run up my mash. I would have had him bag it but he got cold. I called in at the farm and got some instruction from Dad. on cutting up pigs. He drove down town with me. I came home to dinner and this afternoon went over and got Doc. and Doc's wagon and went down and got my mash also a wagon & doll buggy and some other things that Santa Claus wanted me to bring over here for him. I got the Eaton book case and set it up to night. I was here today. Chilly cold.