

now and couldn't get up it looks pretty tough for him and he is all alone with her, he himself is just able to limp around and do the chores, but he expects Com. home this afternoon and went over to Jack Martin's for awhile when I got back from John Wences to ask them about a stove brooder and Chris. told me that he might be able to get one for me from a man in Galt. I went to Jim's on the one o'clock car and took my sample of milk to Jeff and priced the brooders at Boyd's. Chris advised me to get cost \$33.00. I came home on the 3 o'clock car. To night Marj and I went to the Methodist Church to hear Capt. Martin give his lecture Jean Valjean. Frank and Hilda were there but there was a very small crowd, the lecture was very good. Very cold & windy all day. Below zero to night.

Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup>

It was very cold this morning, below zero and a strong wind and although we were up fairly early it took us some time to throw out and start to work. Frank went to prime the pump of the windmill this morning but the water froze immediately between the pump rod and the pump head and as the windmill was in gear it broke the wooden jerk rod. Frank went over to Tupper's after breakfast to help him move some thrashed hay, but they

didn't do much at it and Frank came home after dinner. I went down to Sam Lewis to thrash this afternoon. I didn't do very much as there was only a very little bit and Charlie Duaneburg couldn't keep warm at it alone. We finished about four o'clock and then had supper. Sam got about three bags of seed. I went down town to night.

Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>

Dad and Frank went down to Preston's this morning and cut one of the trees. They were going back right after dinner but Frank fixed the jerk rod in the windmill first, and then Sam Thompson came after his axes. Karl Culman also came and got logs. Then Pickford and Tom Butler came over and Pickford bought one of the yearling rams to kill. By the time they left it was too late to cut more wood so they just took the wagon down and hauled home what they cut. I went down to County's to tea to night. Marj. was there and she and County went up to the Girls Branch and I went to band practice. Neither of our meetings amounted to much owing to lack of snow so Marj. and I went over to Miss W. Duane's for awhile and then I spent the evening over at the monthlies with her. I left my barn at Mrs. Henderson's but when I went to get it the door was locked. Hasn't been above zero all day but clear & now.