

informed me when he got home that he had just met Blin Ryene who had told him that the Detraus had won 6-4. I was very much surprised on my way down town to meet George who had come in at five o'clock and had tea at Auntys. We expected him to morrow night. Dad had a letter from Dick to-day which has created a little excitement in the family circle as he told Dad that he had run across a William Barrett out there who he thinks is the son of his brother who left home at the time of the North & South war and was never heard of afterwards, and who has always supposed to have enlisted and been killed with out ever being married. This fellow told Dick that he had brothers by the names of Hugh, an old family name, and ~~George~~ <sup>Robert</sup> which was the name of the missing brother, also another named Charlie, one of these has recently died. Dick said this was a rather tough looking fellow owing to his need of a barber's service, but that he had the large Barrett nose. If Dick has made no mistake it is quite a discovery, but it seems almost incredible that so large a branch of the family could have become so separated for so many years, especially as there have been several attempts from this side to find traces of the lost brother and as Hugh & Fred Barrett (Aunt Ellisons) have lived out in that vicinity for so many years. Very below zero this morning but lovely day.

Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>

We haven't done very much to-day except chores. Dad and I

to George (Boardley) out on the halter for awhile this morning and gave him a good dusting with louse pills. Frank George (Pelly) and Ted shot and dressed a couple of rabbits this morning. I practiced a little at my show card lessons. This afternoon all but Dad and me went in the tub sleighs down town and got Ada, Dess and Winnie and took them for a sleigh drive down to the better factory where Evald got some butter. I was busy doing the chores so didn't go but read and slept for awhile. So night Frank and George went down to Auntys for tea and from there they intended going up to Ada's to spend the evening. I read "Mud and About Nothing." Froze hard last night. Snowed all day. Cold wind this morn.

Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Frank, George, Ted and I all went down to Sunday school this morning and much to my disgust they run me in for opening the thing, as Mr. Johnson is away. Marton Bisons took the service in church. Mary came over here to dinner but through some misunderstanding Gary & Frank didn't come home but went with Ada to dinner and George brought Ada out here to tea to night. Mary and I went for a butter ride this afternoon and took Miss Martin. It was a beautiful afternoon and we had a fine drive and nearly upset trying to pass Frank Ryene on the side road back of Fleming's place. We lost one of Mary's new Christmas kid gloves but went back and found it when we met Frank Ryene. I went to a meeting to night that Frank Smith had to make plus for a big meeting Thursday. Went up to see Mary for awhile afternoon.