

Astoria Jan. 1st 1916.

They tolled the Church bell three times and rang it to herald the New Year and after spending about another quarter of an hour in Church we went over to the dance. Dad & Frank were in Church and they came over to the dance. This being Leap Year all boys caught asking a girl to dance were supposed to be fined a quarter but I don't think many spotted up. They had a square dance which Mr. Cope and Aunt Mopsy put in. Mr. Cope apparently enjoyed him self immensely and danced till nearly three o'clock and every body agreed that it was the best dance this year so far. Frank and I spent the remainder of the night at Aunt Alice's but Dad, & Frank who we discovered had been up in the gallery all through the dance, went home. Aunt Alice sat up as the boys was asleep and she thought he was asleep. Aunt Alice didn't call me till nearly ten o'clock and I was very anxious to get up then. It was raining hard so after I had breakfast I sat around and read till noon. We just sat down to dinner when Dad. drove down after Frank so I went up with him and got the mail and then walked home. We just did chores this afternoon except Frank who cut a lot more of the chicken house flooring. It has rained nearly all day.