

Tuesday May 4th

I drove over home this morning and Dad and I went down the Lake Shore to Snider's and got a small load of hay, nice bright timothy. I brought it out here but we arranged to go for another load to-morrow for Dad. Dad went home from the corner to do some chores and I came on out with the load had some dinner and put the horses in & Dad walked across and helped me put it off. He took the team back so I didn't go. I was here all day and she had to walk home. Three more chickens died to-day and several look sick we put a few more under the old hen. I went out after tea to-night and shook the ^{fire} stove down and sat down out there to watch it for awhile and the first thing I knew Mary was pounding on the wall calling me. She said she had been looking for me for an hour and couldn't make me hear, reason being that I had been sound asleep. She had gone down cellar for something and thought the odour she had been complaining about was worse and upon looking into the cistern discovered a "damned, damp, disagreeable hole" and thought it was a rat. but when I got

wakened up sufficiently to go and dip it out with a pail I discovered it was a musk rat. Whether it is our long lost hair pet and how he got in there I don't know, but suppose he must have gone through the wall where the cave pipe enters. Sunday and nice day but cold wind. Froze / pinch of ice.

Wednesday May 5th

I was up at five this morning and hurried as much as I am capable with my chores but what with the little chickens and feeding the calf which is slow learning to drink it was 9:30 or later when I got over home. Dad had the team harnessed so we were not long getting started. We just got nicely out the lane when Enck called us and said some one coming up the road had signalled as we drove out. We stopped and Dad went back to meet Aunty Alice walking over with a cable gram which she said needed an immediate answer. It was a long one from Mr. Parks and as nearly as I can remember read "Wire if you agree to give Tohy's infant one fifth of sum you receive. Advise you to agree. Case adjourned till 12th when I think judge will declare you entitled to ground rent and