

up first thing as it would be nasty handling if it
got covered up with snow. We hid that and I helped
them and used Doc & Iwen. We got all there was fixed
up before dinner and I stayed there and had dinner.
But came home right after to feed the chickens. It
began to storm about noon and was very blustering
and blizzardy while I was going down after the
coal but it was not cold. and by the time I came
home it was almost raining. I stopped in at Auntie's
said good bye to Walter who is leaving to night for
Roy & Vernon and going down too but expect to be back
next week. I also called in at the farm on my way
home and got a bag of potatoes. I couldn't get chest-nut
coal but got a load of stove. It was four o'clock when
I got home here and by the time I got the load off
and back to Dave's with the wagon and hauled up a
chunk of elm which they had split up this afternoon
and back home it was dark. I was tired to night.

Saturday January 29th

I spent most of the day working at the nests in the new
chicken pen but didn't get finished. I made all the partitions
separately and have them ready to tack into place. The

gang was back at work on the school wood shed and
got the roof nearly on and the west end boarded in. Harry
Evans was over here this morning to get the school-house
key which Mahel had left with me so that I could build
a fire for Sunday school to-morrow. and he wanted me
to go over and help but Mary told him I had to work
at the chicken pen. She told me the same, so there was no
help for it. She is afraid the hens are eating their eggs
because they haven't enough nests. Very mild, rain to night.

Sunday January 30th

We stayed in bed much longer than usual even for
Sunday morning. in spite of it being a beautifully
mild sunny morning with a strong south-west wind.
It was nearly eleven when we had breakfast. I had
to go over and light the fire at the school-house for
Sunday school and while in that direction I spent a
little time trying to dam the ditch through the little flat
back of the school house so there was a lot of water
going through there to-day and it would make a grand
pond to skate on if it was flooded. I didn't have time
to finish the job so I had to stay with the kids and let
Mary go to Sunday school. She was gone all the afternoon.