

Northern Lights were so bright that it was almost as light out as bright moon light except that there were no shadows. Freezing very hard.

Thursday April 15th

It was cold this morning but bright and as Mary wanted some paint & stuff for the house and I wanted to go over and take some rats to the mill we went to town. Mary stayed at Aunt's for dinner but I went over to the farm. Frank had just left with his plow & tractor to do some ploughing for Jones up at the Halfway house and Dad & I didn't get the rats bagged up before dinner so by the time we got them bagged up after dinner and I got down to the mill with them I decided it would be too late for me to wait for them and take them home so I went back & put the team in and went down after Mary. She was still up town when I got there. Aunt Alice is sick enough to be in bed but won't ease up much on her activities. We brought Gay home with us. As who ever hauled the cream yesterday failed to collect our can I went over to night and asked Mrs. Lampkin if I could take it

there and churn it and as the surveyor Evans was there I went with them down to the corner and got the can and left it with Mrs. Lampkin. Cold wind. A cable gram came from Mr. Parks to-day Friday April 16th reading "Judge has appointed 3rd day for hearing argument in (obviously should be "if") evidence on Child is complete. As anticipated Dimmons releases claim to actual realty so now & arms will be argued on that day anyway."

Friday April 16th

I was up before day light this morning owing to Gay's return but it turned out a rotten morning. Rain hail snow & high wind from the west. Took the joy out of life for a few hours but this afternoon it cleared off and was not so bad. I intended going after my chop this fore noon but put it off owing to the weather and went over to churn instead but when I got there Mrs. Lampkin had it all churned & washed. I went over to Irum Welker and got 1.57 refund on our unused milk tickets. This afternoon I went after the chop. Dad, Enah & Harry B. had all gone down to see Dick off but as he left at noon they missed him.