

watch her as Aunty Alice was going up town. I went in to see Mary for her kids and then went on up town and got my Faircut. I had told Ina I would try to meet her at the Wearing Hill at five o'clock but as I went around by the farm and the roads that way are so bad I didn't get home till nearly six. Just as Gay and I started for home it began to rain and got colder so Dad let me have his mackinaw. It turned out to be a very rough night with high wind and a terrific down pour. Dad & I rambled up Pommers & George to the big wagon & sack this morning and I don't know what all happened but they got away and tore out two or three fence posts in front of the house ran in to the corner of the house broke the tongue, reach, rack and the end off the double-tree and finally wound up over in Martins field. Dad got a nasty cut on his thumb but other wise was not hurt. In order to tame the horses down a little, this afternoon they soaked them to the top-leighs which they dropped out here straight to the road and then got the wagon and went down after silage.

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A wild storm raged all the early part of last night and the wind was still strong and cold this morning with a drizzling rain for part of the time it has been cloudy and raw all day. I walked down through the gully to the road when I first went out this morning and at that time there was very little water except in the channel of the creek which was high, but judging by appearances more water went through the gully last night than at any time so far this spring. Five of my pine logs had floated off the place, two of them were just in Side Doves fence, two down near the culvert and one down in Shands woods. The road in front of Doves gate was washed bare of gravel and worse than that a regular canal had been cut along the east side of the track making the road really dangerous. I called up Marston from Shands after breakfast, and offered to drive him out from Doves if he would come down but he said he would be down in a day or two when the roads settled. To-days paper told of a terrible tornado which swept through several of the mid western states including Indiana & Illinois causing great loss of life & property. Over 500 people killed and over 2000 injured. I could