

Joe has been harrow-  
ing over the flat, when  
we intend to plant  
corn. He has been  
finishing the new  
ground field with  
the smoothing harrow.  
I have been sowing grass  
seed over the same field  
before harrowing.

The weather has been  
extremely warm again  
to day. Vegetation is  
advancing very rap-  
idly for this time  
of year. We seldom  
have it so warm in  
May as it has been  
lately. Peach and cherry  
trees are in full bloom,  
and look perfectly  
beautiful. The spring  
~~has~~ been a de-  
lightful one so far.

The boys have been  
working away over  
the corn-ground to-  
day. Lewis and I  
run out the furrows  
in the new ground  
field this morning,  
to-day. I have  
been getting planks  
home and other  
things in readiness  
for planting corn  
to-morrow.

Am very thankful  
to Almighty God for  
temporal blessing.  
Our spring work was  
never in a more back-  
ward <sup>even spring</sup> state, ~~and~~ still  
we were never fur-  
ther along at this  
time of year. He has  
given me such  
good help.