

my clothes picked out for the carnival and got fixed up. I got an old evening dress coat and a vest that Dad wore at the Jacobite show and Auntie Alice and Eval fixed some lace around the throat of it. Miss Phipps and Auntie Alice came over this afternoon. Miss Phipps didn't stay long and wanted Dad to read a poem on Saturday night as they are giving the soldiers another feed it being the anniversary of Paardburg. Auntie Alice stayed to tea and later Miss Martin came over and she stayed too. I drove them both down when I went about six. I called for Marj. and found her all decked out in a suit covered with pennants of different towns and looked fine. We had a fine time, Essie went up yesterday and stayed all day to day at the Hoops so we stopped there on our way up but they weren't going in costume so we went on. we were surprised and rather disappointed at the very small crowd. There weren't more than a couple of dozen in costume I don't believe. However we had a good skate. Essie Miss Hoop, Mr & Mrs Murray Hamilton and some Bob. Blunt a soldier and a cousin of Miss Hoop's came on after the judging was done and we were there till about ten o'clock. we then went down to the Hoops and had something to eat and drink altogether having a very nice time I think. Essie came home with us

and we got in soon after one. We had to take the buggy as it has been very soft and sunny all day and the snow melted.

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Dad and I went down first thing this morning and got a load of ice. there was a big crowd of teams around the flat farm and we had to wait quite awhile to get loaded. It snowed about an inch last night so we took the sleighs but the hill was about bare so I went over to the mill and told Harry Moon I wouldn't be able to take them up to night but when we got to the top of the hill with our load, we found they got up quite well so I went back and told Harry I would take them, he said they would much rather go in the sleighs than the auto if it was possible. It was about noon when we got the load off. This afternoon Dad hauled two more loads and I hid up the stables and chinked the ice we had in. To night I took Harry & Joe and got down to Harry Moon's about seven or a little after. Besides the five members of the orchestra, there were five girls waiting to go. Winnie, Grace Shwomb, Susan Dyer and the two Fisher girls. We got to Vittoria in about an hour, the roads were far better than I expected and we jugged along all the