

160 lbs & the other 166. It began to thaw soft last night and this afternoon was quite mild and very cloudy and about tea time began to rain so that the pigs didn't get chilled out very well. Dad & Corrie threw into the shop to night. Eva's sister Mrs Johnson come over for dinner to-day and stayed all the afternoon and for tea. To night she Mary and I went down town Mary had to go down & help the girls fill Candy bags for the Sunday school Christmas tree, as they were having a practice in the Sunday school they worked at Frances Stoughton. I went up with Mrs. Johnson and then went down to Auntys when I went to sleep till Mary came in and we came home. It was a fierce night for walking as the mud was awful but it was very mild. We made a great procession going down. Mary had her flash light and was going ahead and showing Mrs Johnson the way while I brought up the rear with the Quaker's hoes under my arm. It was pitch dark and when Mrs. Johnson went to step over the ditch in Jack's field she slipped and went down on her hands & knees in the mud. I went in to the Quaker's for a minute. John has had a bad day of it.

Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>

It has rained pretty steadily all day and is still at it to-night, so that the mud is getting as bad as ever again although the frost is quite out of the ground yet. I haven't done any thing but just the Chores to-day and Dad has spent the whole time cutting up the pigs. It wasn't a very nice job as they didn't get hard at all. Mary went down this afternoon to see Mrs McGuen and stayed up there to tea. They are all going to leave for California just as soon as school closes. Mary is going to miss them very much. I went down after tea to-night to the Girls meeting of Mrs. Smith come but not many boys were out. However we all sat together around the stove in the back room and he gave them a fine talk and told them of a good many of his old pupils that have made names for themselves in various parts of the world. Mary and I stayed at Auntys all night as the walking was too bad for Mary to attempt I got my foot soaked on the way down getting across the ditch out here.

Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>

Last night was a fierce night. I woke up