

them off with a bullet every time I saw them light this afternoon. Dick did not get home to tea again to night. It rained hard last night and this morning but cleared off and has been quite cool & windy to day.

Sunday June 7th

The boys went down to Sunday school and church. Dad (after a good deal of squirming) also attended the morning service, he tried to induce me to go but when I usefully offered to stay at home to take his place he couldn't very well get out of it. I cut a little wood watered the horses & fooled around. I went out once with the rifle in quest of crows but as none were in evidence in the vicinity of the cornfield I in my wrath sought to drive a bullet to the heart of the hickory nut tree, but owing to my unpractised marksmanship it escaped unscathed. Lila came over this afternoon and she and Hank went back to the gully armed with the rifle and returned this evening with a quantity of wild strawberries, which we were not aware of being developed into an edible condition. Dad, Enah & Tiddeums went down to the Woodson's till the latter grew into such a state of excitement which was

unequalled in magnitude & noise to any of his former vocal exercises, so much so that Dad. grew anxious about him and brought him home. I started to read Hamlet while they were gone. Dick spent this past meridian in town. Enah & I took in church to-night and we all had tea after we came home. It has been cold & raw wind all day again to day.

Monday June 8th

We were late this morning any way and before Dad got the team out Walt & Tom McCall with Dick & Laddie came in and their visit culminated in Dad. going back with them to see a colt of Walt's which just came this morning, they weren't gone very long, when Dad. refused to take five dollars from Walt. for just taking him down town & back in his auto mobile, Walt said he was glad to see him in such affluent circumstances financially but Dad told him that if he had a little pile the five would have added to it and persuaded him to accept it but as he was penniless that amount would only be tantamount to signing, this was before he knew that Tom Abbott had been in while he was away and left a cream check for twenty five dollars for the month of May, which we don't consider had for three cows & two heifers one of