

time so this morning Dad. cleaned out the ice house and Frank and I unloaded the corn stalks as we will have to put the corn on the wagon to haul ice. Clare Deal called Mary up this morning and told her they had some brickbats down there which are very much like Nukal so this afternoon Frank and I hauled a load home. and didn't have time to get any ice. Billy McNeilly came in to night and had a look at the bellows just about froze standing around talking to him and said he wouldn't be needing a hull for some time and may be not at all. We got photographs of Dick to-day but we all think they are very poor and so does he. Mary washed to day and to night helped her do her chores and slept the rest of the evening in my chair. I felt lough and so did she. Martha presented us with a red hull calf to-day. We heard a racket in the stable about noon and went out to find it wallowing around in the dirt and Martha very anxious to get it to wash it. Nildes

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It has been very cloudy all day and trying to snow but very little fell. There were a couple of streaks of sunshine that lasted for a minute

or two each which would give the bear a chance to see his shadow. Frank has been hauling ice all day and we have five loads in now. We had no snow to chink it with this year so I don't know how it will keep. The pond is a busy place now. Two gasoline saws going which have taken the place of the old horse drawn markers. Val Leary is cutting on this side for anyone who wants it. Jack Waters is cutting back of Belbeck's place and loading it right on cars from the pond. and Powell is filling his big ice house. Mary has been busy all day cooking and baking bread. This morning she was very blue about her butter it didn't bubble just right and she was sure it was no good. At noon it seemed to be rising well but she thought likely it would be sour. We had it for tea and she says it is the best she has made yet. I read Pickwick papers to her which she ~~enjoyed~~ to-night, then I had a shave and we went to bed early.

Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup>

We finished hauling the ice to-day and it snowed and drifted enough during the night to chink it with snow. Frank and I unloaded the last load after dinner and then Frank took the team to had hauled back to Val and paid him for the ice