

Tuesday December 30th

Sam, Ted and Bert Munsie drove in this morning to see if we were ready to thrash yet, but Dad told them we wanted to get the windmill up first. He said he overheard Russ Lampkins tell Ned Henderson last night that he had promised to go some where that day (Sam didn't hear the name) but that as he could not go he would have to go Wednesday. Sam thought that he must have met Ned when we told him we expected him as he heard Henderson tell Ned that he could let the boys know, but Dick didn't say anything about it last night but not likely Henderson saw him after that. All an drove in while Sam was in here and after talking election for awhile they all drove out expecting to thrash some where up the gravel. I did chores and puttered around most of the morning. And Dad & Frank cleared up a little around the well as as to do all ready if Russ Lampkins comes to - narrow. This afternoon they cut up nearly all the apples with Apples we cut some. I raised the nests in the hen house off the floor so the hens would not scratch them full of straw and put fresh straw in. Butto Belly faeries were in to night to get Dues advice about a horses leg which he has got hurt some way off my mind and nice all day. When Dick came home to night he said Henderson did tell him that Russ Lampkins would be here to narrow & erect the windmill.

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I was awaithed very early this morning by a great disturbance in the kitchen which I realized after he came to my senses was not in one of the traps Dad set last night and trying to get free by dragging him self and the traps all over the place, he was making such a racket and I knew must be putting in such a very disagreeable time of it that I arose and despatched him. At just then the fairer as I got up and this clock is way over half an hour past, but as I had my clothes on and was wide awake I decided not to go back to bed again so drew till about half past six and then went out to do chores. I got quite a lot of Cunt's picture done and Dad thought it was better than the one I did for Aunt Lena. We fully expected Russ Lampkins this morning so Frank went down after breakfast and brought Ruby over but as Lampkins disappointed us again we started on the tubs drain we are going to put in along the foot of the garden and back of

the Chicken house, we all four worked at it this morning and Dad, Shaky and I this afternoon so we got a nice start at it. Jack Repreis came along at noon and Frank went off shooting with her but didn't get any thing. Dad went down to night and met Ray who is just going to spend New years' with us. Russ came over after supper and wanted Frank and I to help him fix up a lot of orders that he had got from various farmers for seed potatoes and oats. We did to the best of our ability but I think we had Russ in a great state of anxiety on account of our pretended card games, after that he played two or three games of checker with Frank. I slept the last couple of hours of the old year but roused up sufficiently to wash the family a happy New Year and go to bed. Dick was at a dance and didn't get home till about three o'clock in the morning. Beautiful day, mild and pretty sunny.