

doubtful ones and has I think one hundred and fifty something votes to Nyses one hundred and ten, but still Dad is shaking in his shoes for fear of Ed. being defeated. Dad sent a card to Rus. Lampkins to-day saying to come down to-morrow if at all possible and put up the wind mill. It has been freezing and cloudy all day but nice. The wind is rising to-night.

Friday January 2nd

Rus. Lampkins came at last this morning, he and his man have been here all day and now have the wind-mill all put together and all ready to erect. I expected to see them build it up but instead of that they put the whole thing together on the ground and raise it with ropes, pulleys and a team. Shaky and Lint came over at noon. Shaky was up at his party till three o'clock so didn't get up this morning. He put in the after-noon digging the holes for the foundation of the legs, they are just a little inside of the old legs and as they have been put in with stone and brick piled around them he had a fierce time but got them nearly dug. Frank went over and borrowed Supper's post hole digger and that helped a lot as it will pick out a good sized stone. Chris Quamby came over this morning and took 18 of the masters. Lila has been over all day but went home with them to-night. Old Mr. Martin and Nellie Kiverson were over this after-noon. Cloudy with raw wind, not very cold.

Saturday January 3rd

It has been a very disagreeable day, it was just spitting snow when we went out this morning and threatened to clear up several times during the fore-noon, but after dinner it settled in to snow and stayed right after till by to-night there was a blinding snow storm raging, before tea the flakes were big and wet but there is quite a north east wind and the snow is drifting. First thing this morning Jim Waddle drove in canvassing for Aikens but Dad didn't promise him his vote. When he left Rus. Lampkins and his man came, and soon after them Shaky and Lila although they were very doubtful about the weather permitting them to finish the job. We worked all morning digging the holes and Rus. levelled the little tank up and fitted the overflow pipe into it, after dinner they set two of the legs in cement, they just put a little cement in the bottom of the holes around the plates which are bolted on to the legs and filled the rest up with clay. He said he didn't like to set the other two feet till he got the mill up and saw just where the wanted to go, and he couldn't raise it to-day on account of the snow he said he would get his ropes allowed. So they left about three o'clock or a little after. Shaky and Lila went at the same time. Rus. sized up the kitchen at noon and said he could put in a sink and all fitting from cistern to sink and all for about \$7.00 Dad thinks he will let him. We put the three heifers in the cow stable to-night but let John go loose in there we had a hard time trying snow drop up as she was frightened.