

was a beastly rotten trick as it was of no interest to him or his clients and no one else had thought of it at all. The judge said that it was a horse-shell thrown in & what he thought was going to be a very simple matter. That explains Mr. Parks cable where he suggests meeting Dad. in New York as he wants to meet Dad. there and consult with Aunt Hattie and try to come to some amicable agreement with her. He says he doubts very much if she would succeed if she did contest Dad's claim so I don't suppose they will have much trouble over there. Dick is going to cable Mr. Parks to night saying that Dad. is willing to meet him in New York when ever he comes. I didn't attempt to go to the mill but Dad. gave me a bag of hops and I took one of the bags of oats that Frank had lagged up for me. I agreed to buy \$15.00 worth of oats from him and to pay him when Mr. Ewen sends the money for the ram horns. He doesn't seem to consider that I should have any oats coming to me for my part I took in the harvesting of them although I pitched every sheaf of them and helped thrash them. I didn't put it up to him but hoped he would see it. He seems to think it all right for Dad. to supply me out of his share in spite of the fact that Dad. has let me have about \$200.00 this year and that according to their agreement Frank was to stand crop expenses. Mrs. Lamphun was over this afternoon and invited us all over for New Year's dinner.

Thurs day, December 31st
Mary had to go down to the doctor's to day for some special treatment so we all went down for dinner. We didn't know we were so late leaving but when we got down to Buntys we found they had given us up and had started dinner. Aunt and Dick were both there. Mary went up town soon after dinner and Dick and Frank went up for the mail but I just sat around the house all the afternoon. Dad. came down after he got Adie's letter and with a copy of our marriage register which was about as full of errors as it was possible to be. He went up to Mr. Gawn Mr. Donalds to swear that his name was W. H. instead of J. B. but Mr. Donald was out of town. We called in at the farm on our way home and Enah gave Gus a little set of furs which she got from Clara Kennedy when she. Dick & Frank went to Hamilton on Monday to see Eugene. Mary and I sat up to night and saw the old year out and the New Year in and well in. It was not a pre-meditated vigil but we have fallen into the habit of late sitting around our Poko-hontas Christmas present and doing the first part of the evening and then waking up late to give the baby her last bottle and being so wide awake that we don't feel like going to bed. There is a dance and a watch night service in town to night. Frank will take in both and the whole family was going down to Pickyork for the evening & then to church.