

for which Dick Quint and Aunt Hattie arrived there to-day. I got home before dark. Mary was just out feeding the chickens and collecting the eggs. we got a total of 40 to-day. I have felt the cold to-day more than any day this winter I think. The mercury was 9° below this morning Ray said and there was a north-east breeze all day that was intensely chilling. It is freezing hard to-night but the wind has gone down. Mary and I sat up till after mid night reading and I stayed awake nearly the whole time, which I considered a remarkable accomplishment and which Mary attributes to the fact that she promised me I could have a smoke if I kept awake long enough to read me chapter.

Thursday January 27th

I struck off this morning as soon as I could get away which was far from early, to get Queen shod. I expected to find the shop full when I got down there but I was in luck. There was just one horse and four hands in the shop. The hands weren't occupying Libitine and he was just finishing shoving the horse so went right to work on Queen. While she was being shod

I went on up town and got my hair cut, peddled some eggs and did a little trading. I called in at Aunt's with a jar of cream. They were all at dinner but I didn't stay. This afternoon I didn't do anything but the chores. Mary has hopes of going to the Carnival next week as Mabel and Iva promised to stay with the kids so she was going over all her old garments to rig out a costume and as she wanted to see if she could skate before attempting it on the rink we all went down back of the school house where the school kids have a little patch of ice cleared, and Mary had quite a work-out. She managed well considering she hasn't had skates on for six years. I went over to Davis before tea to see if I could harrow Doc to-morrow to haul coal. Brother John is there and they were figuring on hauling up wood but they said I could have Doc first thing for ^{no wind} long enough to get a load of coal. Very cold this a.m. but moderating.

Friday January 28th

I got over to Davis with Queen a little before nine which was as early as I could make it and they had the wagon all ready for me but as it looked very dark and threatening I suggested that we haul the wood