

Dover was greatly excited over the news in today's paper that the Union Bank in Hamilton where Oda Sovereign is teller was robbed and Oda with another clerk who were alone in the bank were ordered at the point of revolvers to lie on their faces and then were roughly put into the vault and locked in. They were not there long as the manager soon came back and released them. The robbers only got \$500. The papers are full enough of such happenings but that is about the closest it has ever come to Dover. Another choice bit of news is the announcement of Gertha Barwell's Alan Gibbets' engagement, with the promise of a swell June wedding with all the trimmings. The old "Maple Leaf" will be full of state news this week.

Thursday February 5th

We were late getting up this morning but as soon as I could get around to it I drove over home and we put the light work on the sleighs and Frank and I with Joe & June over to Wilbur's to get the load of straw he offered me for nothing. We found Wilbur in the house playing solitaire, but he came out and we went over to Frank's where the big wheat sticks

is. We weren't long putting on a small load as we didn't want to take any chances of upsetting and we got home here with it about one o'clock. We had dinner and then pitched it off over the granary. We had to move some hay first. Mary was baking to-day but about four when we were ready to go back she put her bread in the pans to rise, huddled the kids up and went with us. When there we transferred to the cutter and got back home about six and found the bread in nice condition to bake. Dad went down town to meet Dick to-day who arrived on the one o'clock car with a grand club hank which the bank staff presented him with on his departure. Very mild and cloudy.

Friday February 6th

As the very mild weather was still here to-day, Mary decided that she must can her beef, which has been hanging out on the porch and was well thawed by this morning. It is such a sickening sort of job that I cut it up for her this morning. She put it in the jars after dinner and boiled it for five hours, but when taking it out of the boiler to-night, she found that several of the jars leaked at the top which was so