

corners. It would sometimes be nearly on him and he would jump right off the track into the snow and apparently make just as good progress there as on the ice. I jumped in after him once but my feet slid out from under me and I cleaned off quite an area of ice in a very short time and carried most of the snow off on my clothes. At last Alex Spain joined in the chase and we both got Bryan headed for Juep's point where we thought we would catch him sure, we could just see his figure ahead of us and followed him around the point right through the snow and some very poor ice till the first thing we knew he was taking to the land like one of these alligator boats, we hiked back around the point hoping to be where we thought he would get on the ice again by the time he was but there was no sign of him. He told us after waras when we were taking our skates off in Greenbury's wood shed that he was up behind Juep's ice house and heard as go past. Dick came down before I left and hung around till I got my skates off and went up to Kuly's after a loaf of bread I got up town. We got home about ten. Very soft all day - not wind enough to turn the windmill till after dark. Mrs. M. Bick was here washing all day.

Tuesday January 27th

As soon as we got things done up this morning which was about ten o'clock we looked up and went over to John Wessas and Dad's and his horse hall. Mr. Morgan was ~~broken~~ over there and we got looking at his

-gasoline engine and he was running it and grinding oats and showing us all around so it was after noon when we got home. Mr. Morgan came home with us and stayed to dinner and half the afternoon. Consequence being that we didn't get any thing but chores done although we had intended to haul some rails and clew out the ice house Allan Law was in to night and said if they were hauling ice tomorrow he would haul ours for us but I think it is raining now so not likely they will be doing much with the ice. It has been very soft and spring like to day. It rained last night and took most of the snow off the roads, and left them very slippery.

Wednesday January 28th

We cleaned out the ice house first thing this morning and got it all ready to fill. It rained last night and was so very mild that we didn't think Alan was coming but just as we got ready for him he came along with a load, he said he went to see Val. about it last night but Val. was at lodge, so this morning he went down after a load of sand for the chickens so the thought they wouldn't be cutting to day but some body saw him down town and told him that Val. wanted him to haul what was on the stand over here. so he did. he got two loads over before dinner and four this afternoon. we didn't get the last load chinked or placed to night and if all is well he is going to haul ones two more loads in the morning. We think we are putting this in better