

the gully. It was after noon before we got back and I let the cows out. They didn't come near the orchard all after noon. I sat around and read Herbert Spencer all the remainder of the day and didn't go to sleep in spite of the lack of moisture in my reading matter. I felt rather tough around noon so Mary didn't have dinner and we had a combination meal about four after which I felt better, shaved & milked. Cloudy & cold all day. Raining hard to-night.

Monday October 5th

I levelled down more earth this morning but we had an early dinner and all went down town after noon. Mary wanted to take Harry B to the doctor again for him to look at his throat and she wanted to get some groceries. We were disappointed again though in seeing the doctor as he was away and we entirely forgot the fact that this was Drexler's wife's holiday so all the stores were closed. Mary was able to get into the drug store and Billy Langs, who thinks that this holiday this time of year after all the holidays there we have during the summer is a farce. We went down to the river in for a while and came home about four. Fine but cold wind.

Tuesday October 6th

It has been cloudy and threatening rain all day but it didn't do much more than sprinkle every now and then till to-night when it rained hard. We decided we had better put the box stove up as Aunty & Aunty Alice are coming out to-morrow if it is fine, so as Mary wanted to trim the edges of the dining room oil-cloth and turn it around, we had to tear that room all up and neither of us got much else done except working in there, but we got the stove up and the dining room house cleaned, and I killed a chicken and went down to the ^{cream-gang} carver for the

Wednesday October 7th

I spent most of the fore-noon doing odd jobs & chores. I had to straighten up another panel of fence that Mary went to last night and I fly-toxed flies in the house for Mary and had a shave. There was no sign of Gint being here as Aunty & Aunty Alice set at 11 o'clock so I drove down & found that was the arrangement. Gint had gone to the mill and had not returned. This afternoon I levelled a little more earth and then we all went for a walk through the gully which is very pretty now. The grass is so green since the rains and the trees are just beginning to turn. Beautiful day, frost last night but no damage was done. Mild till to-night.