

Monday November 5<sup>th</sup>

I had breakfast at Aunt's this morning and came home right after, but in accordance with the doctor's advice and the feeling of my arm have done no manual labor all day. I soaked my arm for an hour this morning and again to night and Eual wrapped it up the way Dr. Cook did. This afternoon rode down to the mill with Tom, and paid Charlie Lacey 37 dollars on the account but was surprised to find that there is still over 70 dollars to pay. Chris came over this morning and picked out all the pullets and old hens that were any good and Jack paid me 17 dollars for them 15 pullets & 3 old hens. The government tractor at Ben's is plowing over at Ben Lacey's today but is doing awful work. Frank plowed all morning and he and Dad have been digging potatoes this afternoon. They got them all in that they have dug to night and were very agreeably surprised at the quantity as well as quality and size of the potatoes, very few were damaged with the frost. There are still four rows to be dug. To night Dad and Eual went down to Aunt's to celebrate Aunt Alice's birthday. Ruby and Aunt Maude were there as well as the John Shands, Hooper, Lacey, & Co.

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I soaked my arm again this morning and then went down town to show it to the doctor. He did not lance the sores this time as I expected but sterilized each one of them by poking a wire with cotton batting soaked with full strength carbolic acid into the heads of them and working it around. It made me squirm somewhat as the carbolic burned. I stayed at Aunt's to dinner and left on the one o'clock car for Simons. I went up and collected over prize money, eight dollars and ~~four~~ Frank's and my own shoes to be half soled. I then went over to the Court House to what was supposed to be a meeting of Unionists to select a Union Candidate for the Union Government but I found it composed pretty largely of good or at least dyed-in-the-wool Tories with a sprinkling of Grits. About all they did and under the circumstances I guess it was the best they could do was to pass a resolution authorizing the executive of the Conservative party for Norfolk to select twelve men representing different parts of the county to meet twelve men selected in the same way by the Liberal's and between them they are to arrange a convention of delegates representing each party equally and they are to select a Union candidate.