

The boys and I got ~~ready~~ the produce of the apples gathered today. I have dry potatoes as well. I went out to town with six barrels of apples sold to Watts. Was greatly surprised to find that the knitting mill of Mrs. Ellis was on fire. Watched it burning for a couple of hours. The large establishment was quickly demolished with all its valuable machinery and other stock. It took fire at about half past ten. P. M. Continued turning for several hours. ^{Our friend Ida Skinner came this evening and is assisting with the work.}

We killed a sheep this morning. The boys and I, for home use. Lewis and I cleaned up a load of oats afterwards. While Joe went over to James Challand's to help thresh. We are about square now in exchange of work for this year. I went up to dinner this afternoon to look after certain matters relating to our mortgage. Succeeded in getting a loan of \$500 from the old one, & paid other debts besides. Went to Holcomb after tea on the way home. Had tea with them.