

commotion. What we are going to do with every thing I don't know as the house is so full now there is hardly room for us in it. The party broke up soon after four. Dad. took the town ones down in the hobs and we got home just before dark. It has been a nipping cold day but sunny and our fires were all right so the house was good and warm. The kids were all asleep when we got home and we laid them out in different beds. Harry B. slept till it was time to put him to bed. Dad. had another cable from Mr. Parker asking for Mary's official marriage certificate and they sent to Ade Millman to get it so that looks as if Harry B. was mixed up in the proceedings. We had a very merry Christmas in spite of lighter hopes. We all got very pretty little calendars from Mr. & Mrs. Parker.

Sunday December 27th

It was a very cold night last night and has been a nipper of a day with a north west wind. We have been shut up in the front part of the house where we have been quite comfortable around our Greber heaters. Mary using it to fry bacon & heat the kettle. We are just about out of coal so let the kitchen fire out during the day but scraped up enough coal to put a fire on for the night but we moved the kids into their part

of the house for the night. I went up to Harvey Shands about noon to ask him if Liza day would suit him as well as to borrow to audit the school books as I want to go after a load of coal or coke in the morning. I thought the wind would freeze my face going up the road. Charlie told me it was 10° below this morning and was about zero at noon. I spent the day trying to get a chance to read my new book but not having much luck on account of the numerous chores Mary had on. She has been on the go all day but feels pretty tired.

Monday December 28th

For some unaccountable reason, because the wind did not change, it turned milder during the night, and has been much milder though still cold enough all day. Harvey Shand told me that last night when he went to the barn just before dark the mercury stood at 8° above and when he came back in less than an hour it had risen to 14° above; what caused it is a conundrum. I drove over home as soon as I could get away after breakfast and Frank and I went down to get a load of coke as they have no hard coal down there. We took for Queen so made fairly good time but as I had to go up town for some condensed milk for the baby it was about noon when we got out here. We had