

# Journals of George Veix

## April to October 1906

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### **Sun. April 1<sup>st</sup> 1906**

I hauled a load of fodder and a load of millet for the cattle today altho' it was Sunday.

After dinner I hitched up the team to wagon and loaded on Yoap's corn cutter to return home as I had intended to go there to get my lister. Wife and Rosa went with me—we also called on Spooner to see Jimmie Spooner, Charley and his family being there. On our return home we came by the saw mill to see the lumber that had been made. This evening I wrote a letter to Bessie at Haskell and enclosed my check to her for the sum of seven dollars which she had previously asked for.

### **Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1906**

I did not haul any feed for the stock today on account of being so windy.

I went over to Thomas' and plowed Em's garden patch and also marked it off for potatoes. I owed her \$1.04 and had promised to plow the patch and mark it off for her to square the account. It took me nearly the whole day to complete my work and I must add that it was the hardest earned dollar I ever got with my team. Broke one double tree and had to make another before I could continue plowing.

Exp 25¢ Agnes place

### **Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1906**

The first thing I did after breakfast was to hitch up and haul a load of fodder for the cattle as I had not fed any the day before. Having fed them one load I went after another for next day's feeding. This done I hitched on to a plow and marked off the potatoes ground to plant potatoes. The women folks planted some in the afternoon while I went to help Bittenbender work on the chicken house on Agnes' place.

Jake Shotzman came for the team to break up new ground on his lease. As he had my wagon along I sent him to saw mill after some more lumber which we needed at once.

This evening I wrote an order for lumber for roofing the chicken house, also for one window sash. I also gave Mr. Lantis some money to get me 25¢ worth of nails to use on roof.

It began raining about 5.30 o'clock this evening and still at it at bedtime.

½ day, Dr. for team

### **Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Drizzly rain during the whole day. I fed cattle the fodder hauled the day before. Jake Shotzman came returning the team and broken plow beam. We repaired plow by putting on another beam, by the time it was near noon so unhitched and fed horses. After dinner I went home with him taking an extra team in order to return with wagon and box full of hay. Gave part of the hay to cattle for the night and the rest I put in the barn loft for horses. Wrote a letter to O.L. Chase of St. Louis inquiring about price of paint.

Still raining tonight.

1 day, Dr. for team

**Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> 1906**

It was too muddy to haul fodder for the cattle so got a load of millet in wagon box and fed it to them. I then hitched onto the harrow and tried the King method of dragging the roads, by slanting the harrow teeth so as to lay flat. The harrow answered fairly well for a split log drag.

After dinner I went to Agnes' place to continue work on the new house. Alf Bittenbender and his son were there and at work. We ~~fe~~ ran short of roofing lumber so did not quite finish our work. Mr. Lantis expects to go to town Saturday and will bring out more lumber at my expense so that we can finish that evening.

Allie and Cora went to Homewood this afternoon for more oil to run Incubator. Got spring wagon repaired.

½ day, Dr. for team

**Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Got two loads of fodder this morning, one load of this I fed the other remained on wagon for next days feeding. I then hitched team to harrow and again dragged the road as yesterday. By the time I got through it was nearly noon.

After dinner I went down to river intending to help Shotzman haul three saw logs but failed to do so because we were kept busy trying to repair the brush plow he was using in breaking new ground. We finally had to give it up and I sent him to Samuels to borrow one.

It is reported that little Rosie Appier died last night very suddenly. She had diphtheria, but was reported to be out of danger and gradually on the mend toward complete recovery.

**Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Fed cattle the fodder hauled the day before and went after another for next day's feeding. As it had commenced to rain again I remained indoors and read the news until after dinner when it ceased raining. I then went and repaired the livefence between Rosie's and Nellie Plake's lands by setting in hedge posts. This done I went to Agnes' place and finished the roof to her house.

Jake Shotzman returned my black team this evening as he claims he was out of corn for their feed, but would come for them again early in the week to finish his plowing.

Exp. 5¢

**Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Fed stock the fodder on wagon then turned horses loose in the lot. Repaired fence in hedge to keep stock out of clover, killed one rabbit for skunks and stayed indoors the balance of day and read the periodicals.

Em Tom and children were over to visit us as also Mr. I. Caleb to get me to address an envelope to Thos. Lewis. Sent Cora to Lantis' to get me nickels worth of tobacco this evening.

Cw ½ day Exp. 20¢

**Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. 20¢

Hauled fodder and fed cattle first thing after breakfast this morning, then went for another load for next days feeding. This last load winded up my fodder hauling for this winter as it was all I had. I hitched on to the harrow and dragged it over the road, on my return I unhitched for dinner. Henry McCoonse came and got some potatoes for seed from Allie, so did Leo Straufuss who was on his way to town. I sent for 10¢ worth of tobacco by him but he failed to leave it at

the house on his return. I also got the girls to get me 10¢ worth of stamped envelopes of the carrier. After dinner I went down to river and Shotzman and I hauled three saw logs to sawmill and returned with a load of 14 pieces 4x4 to Silas' place, in all about three hours work. On my return home I brought a jag of hay in wagon box.

### **Tuesday April 10" 1906**

Fed my last load of fodder today and then loaded my wagon with manure and hauled it to the field. On my return I brought a box full of millet hay for cattle and again loaded my wagon with manure and hauled it to the field. On my return I drove to Leo Straufuss's to get my tobacco.

After dinner which was after one o'clock I started with team to Shotzmanns to get him to again help me haul the heavy sills from the saw mill. He was busy disking when I got there so I went to work to drag some logs into place to pile my lumber on. This done I unloaded the lumber from the wagon which we had hauled the evening before. When I finished my work Jake also was through disking and we started for the saw mill. We hauled two loads this afternoon.

### **Wednesday April 11" 1906**

Fed millet today then went to saw mill to help Shotzman load on the last load of heavy timber. I guess all together he must have put in about one whole day in our hauling lumber in the three pieces of days we were at it. I came home with a box full of hay also brought the black team home with me as Jake was through with them, he having finished yesterday.

After dinner I hitched on to a plow and plowed the garden. This finished I went and burned off grass in woods pasture southeast of my house. Tonight I answered Nellie Sullivan's letter.

### **Thursday April 12" 1906**

A load of millet for the cattle and two loads of manure to the field was the limit of my work this forenoon. After dinner I hauled one more load and just as I began to load another load the Assessor R.W. Hood came along to assess my property. He remained so long and as threatening clouds had begun to loom up early in the afternoon that by the time Mr. Hood was ready to depart it had begun to sprinkle and later began to rain hard. I unhitched and unharnessed the horses for the day and went to the house, read my papers for a while then went to doing chores.

### **Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Ever have toothache, you who read this? I've got it now, one of those sudden spurts and rest a while kind. Had to jump once in a while all through the night last night, almost out of bed at times on account of the pain. Haven't time to spare to go to town to have it yanked out, will try to endure the pain untill next week if possible.

Fed millet to cattle and hauled manure the rest of the day.

Delivered four large loads today. During the noon hour while the horses were resting I tacked on some barbed wire along the fence between Rosie's and Nellie's lands.

Northwest wind tonight and a drizzly rain has set in.

### **Saturday April 14" 1906**

I hauled a load of hay from the river and placed part of it in the hay loft and the rest I fed to cattle. I then changed wagons and hauled two loads of pole wood for the house.

Exp 7.56 Rec. \$1.00

### **Sunday April 15” 1906**

Easter Sunday—I remained at home until after dinner then went upon the hill to see whether or not my timothy had come up. It was coming up fine. The Hills boys were also there to play ball but I told them they would have to pay me \$1.00 per month as damage for the privilege of playing in the field. They subscribed and paid me the dollar for the month which ends same date in May next.

I saw Bruce Plake and settled with him for cutting saw longs by giving him a check for \$7.56.

The boys organized for a baseball team by electing Bruce Plake as manager, Peter Herron as Captain, and Dude Bittenbender as Treasurer.

Exp. \$14.00

### **Monday, April 16” 1906**

Hauled a load of manure to the field this morning and on my return brought a load of millet for the cattle. After feeding cattle I again loaded the wagon with manure and delivered to the field, on my return unhitched the team for dinner.

After dinner I delivered three more loads of manure. Allie helped me load wagon each time else I should not have hauled as many loads as I did.

Mr. E.M. Miller came to the field where I was unloading manure this afternoon and asked me for more money toward his work in sawing my lumber. I gave him a check for \$14.00 being the balance of amount due him to date.

Cr. ½ day Exp \$3.62

### **Tuesday April 17” 1906**

The first thing after breakfast was to load my wagon with manure and deliver it to the field; on my return I brought a load of millet hay for cattle. I then hitched on to the lister and marked off furrows for potatoes which we planted in the afternoon. After I got through covering the potatoes which was done with a team and cultivator, I hitched on to the hay wagon and went after a load of hay near the river. I had to go for the hay today as I must go to town tomorrow to meet my cousins from Leavenworth who are to pay me a visit.

Jake Shotzman came this afternoon to work for me. I put him to listing corn ground. Gave Mr. Caleb a check for \$3.52 for saw logs. Also paid Em 10¢ to burn some brush for me along the fence near her house.

Cr. 1 day

### **Wednesday April 18” 1906**

I did not haul any feed today but got ready to go to town to meet my cousins from Leavenworth. They failed to arrive on the Santa Fe, so I went to the Mo. Pacific Depot to see if they would come on that. Sure enough they did and we went from there to the Tuman restaurant and had dinner. I then done some trading and later came home. The cousins that arrived were Mrs. Menzel and Miss Rose Veix.

Jake Shotzman came to work today quite early and put in a whole day’s work.

I took in five bushels and 24 lbs of potatoes today and sold them for sixty cents per bushel realizing \$3.24 for them. Drew \$10.00 out of the Bank and blowed in most of it on various things.

Cr. 1 day

### **Thursday April 19" 1906**

Hauled a load of millet today to feed cattle and cousin Rose had to accompany me just for a ride. Having fed the cattle I hitched on to the harrow to scatter the manure I had piled up in the field. When this was done I came home for dinner. I invited Bingaman to dinner, also to feed his horses as he was then plowing Em's garden patch.

Jake Shotzman worked the whole day plowing. After dinner I went to harrow the ground that Jake had listed east of the Thomas house. When this was done I hitched on the spring wagon and loaded on five bushels of potatoes to deliver to Mrs. Coen's. Cousins Mrs. Menzel and Rose went to Coens with me. I got \$3.00 for the potatoes. From Coens we went to see Sarah Nisley to get goose eggs and also to introduce my sweet cousins. I failed to get any goose eggs. Skick was here this P.M. and gave him an introduction.

Cr. 1 day

### **Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Having hauled the millet for cattle feed I then hitched on to a plow and filled up a ditch in the field east of Thomas' house by back-furrowing. When this was done I undertook to help Shotzman plow on the land he was at work on but my plow failed to scour or slip dirt so we both quit for dinner. After dinner I hitched on to the corn planter and began my first planting for the season. When I quit in the evening I caught Scott and harnessed him up and drove him to Lantis' and got his buggy so my lady cousins could have some pleasure during their stay with me.

Cousin Rose killed a large black snake under the bridge east of the house today. Jake put in another whole day in plowing.

Cr. 1 day

### **Saturday April 21" 1906**

Finished plowing corn today east of Thomas' house and then proceeded to haul millet for the cattle.

As my wife desired to go to town today, I hitched Dolly to Mr. Lantis' one horse buggy and let her go to town while I put old Fan to planting corn, the first work she had done for almost a year.

Jake Shotzman again put in a day in plowing. Tonight we went to <sup>H</sup>. Bittenbender's wedding dance more for the sake of getting my cousins to enjoy themselves if possible. Miss Rose managed to get to dance several sets.

### **Sunday April 22" 1906**

Took my cousins to their church four miles south of my place. We got there on time in a borrowed buggy belonging to Mr. Lantis. On our return and just as we were ready to start one of the wheels broke down. I had to send my cousins home in by riding with Mr. Koenig, while I went over to Mr. Henry Reh's and got another wheel to return home on.

After dinner we went to the ball ground and from there to the river. On our return home we stopped at the school house to show them the interior.

Shotzman put in 4 ½ days' work this week which ended last evening.

### **Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1906**

Exp \$5.00

I got up early and made every preparation to go to town today as my visiting cousins, Marie and Rose were anxious to return home. I got the plow shares to be sharpened also the buggy

wheel to the Lantis rig for repair, this costing me \$1.75 and for paint 15¢. My lady cousins went to the pasture and got some small cedar trees which they took along to set out in my uncle's yard.

I drew out \$5.00 from the Bank for use while in town. Took them to Martin's gallery and had their photos taken, and from there we went to a restaurant for dinner. I advanced \$2.00 to Martin on pictures, paid 75¢ for our dinner, got them bananas 15¢, then we went to the Park to drive. From the Park we went to the Depot to wait til train time. I took in 280 lbs potatoes, got \$2.80 for them. Jake did not work for me today. He took the team to use for himself.

Cr. 1 day

### **Tuesday April 24" 1906**

Exp. \$2.00

Jake came over this morning with a load of hay and put in the day plowing. As it was so windy I did not haul any millet for the cattle nor did I haul any for them the day before on account of having to go to town. I repainted the repaired buggy wheel to the Lantis rig and then shelled some seed corn preparatory to planting corn. I managed to go one round in my planting before dinner. Bingaman came over early this morning to look for the subsoiler to my lister which he had got the evening before, but we failed to find it. I planted nearly five acres of corn this afternoon.

Cloudy and lightening tonight as tho' it might rain before morning. The wind is still very high. Wrote letter to Silas tonight telling him of recent visitors entertained by us, also a card to O.L. Chase about paint.

Gave Jake \$2.00 check toward work at half rate.

Cr. 1 day

### **Wednesday April 25" 1906**

Shotzman put in another day in plowing while I planted that already plowed. I also got some millet for the cattle and harrowed the potatoes.

Received a Postal picture card from Marie and Rose telling me of their safe arrival in 11worth. Also a photo of Rose. Answered her card and enclosed a letter addressed to her which by mistake was opened by my Rosebud.

Cr. 1 day

### **Thursday April 26" 1906**

Shotzman again put in the day plowing. I helped him plow part of the day and later harrowed some of the field on account being too rough to do good work in planting. Lantis got my planter this morning but again returned it before night. I hauled a small load of millet for cattle.

Got another letter from Rose and Marie today enclosing two proof of their photos taken by Martin in Ottawa last Monday.

### **Friday April 27" 1906**

Shotzman did not come to work today, as he intended to plant his own corn.

Frau went to town today. She and Cora took in a load of potatoes in the lumber wagon. On their return home they were caught in the rain and thoroughly soaked.

I was planting corn today but failed to finish on account of the rain.

I caught cold night before last and have been rather unwell the whole day.

Wrote a letter to Rose L. also one to Marie Menzel which I enclosed with letter to Rose.

Also wrote a letter to Martin inclosing proofs of pictures of Rose L. and Marie taken last Monday.

**Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Owing to rain yesterday I did not finish my corn planting until this afternoon in field south east of Thomas. I plowed a while this fore noon until dinner time.

Hauled my last load of millet to cattle this evening.

Felt pain in chest as effect of bad cold, and not feeling overly well as usual. Cough tight.

Shotzman failed to show up for work today.

Cr. to date 7 ½ days work

**Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Fine day today. I went to see my corn recently planted and found it peeping out of the ground and prospects of a good stand.

This afternoon I went up on the hill to see a scrub ball game.

Shotzman put in three day work this week, making 7 ½ days he has worked in plowing and receiving two dollars toward his work.

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**Monday April 30<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Shotzman came this morning to work. I put him to plowing near the house till noon while I was repairing my pasture fences. Not having any feed handy for the cattle I turned them into the pasture west of the house.

After dinner Shotzman took one team and wagon also enough corn to feed the team during the week and went home. He is supposed to go to work this afternoon and cut corn stalks in Allie's field near the river. As he also took one plow along he was directed to plow east of his house when to damp to cut stalks. He wanted one bushel potatoes so I told Allie to let him have them and charge them up to me which was at the rate of 60¢ per bushel. I tried to plow this P.M. but Ephie got so lame I had to quit. Chopped stovewood instead.

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**Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1906**

Ephie seemed to have greatly improved of his lameness of the day before so I hitched him and Ceilom together and plowed them the rest of the day, but did not work them as hard as I otherwise should.

The tombstone Agent came along and bothered me some as did also O.S. Arnold the Watkins medicine Agt.

Frank Spooner also bothered me in having to change corn planter to plant drilled corn. He having borrowed my planter.

It is presumed Shotzman put in a whole days work near his house today so credit him accordingly as I am too busy at home to go there to see how he is progressing.

Gave check to O.S. Arnold for the sum of \$5.00 my wife owed him.

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**Wednesday, May 2 1906**

Finished plowing ground south of the orchard by the house today. I then went after the harrow and proceeded to harrowing the ground. I broke one harness tug yesterday by striking a stump. I again broke another tug today in the same way.

Looked over my first planted corn today and seems to be a good stand except near the branch where the gophers destroyed it by following in the planter track.

Frank Spooner brought my corn planter home this P.M. Frank said he saw a big snake near the river yesterday. Evidently Shotzman was at work <sup>then</sup> as well as today. Intend to go after a load of hay tomorrow, also to see what he is doing.

Wrote to Supt. Peairs today to permit Silas to return home if he is out on the Institute farm and not in the shop.

—1—11

**Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1906**

Miller left with his saw mill for east of Ottawa today.

I hitched on to the corn planter this morning and planted corn near the house west of the orchard—the threatened rain the evening before having failed to materialize.

When I finished planting I hitched on to the hay wagon and went down to the bottom for hay also to see how Jake Shotzman was progressing. He was just finishing the plowing at the field east of his house when I got there. Evidently he had been working quite steady as the field was tough and soddy.

I put him to plowing another small patch nearer the road which I wish to plant into potatoes. I told Jake he might tend them for half of what we raised on the ground. Jake also asked for more money. I promised to pay his wife in town the following day. Cooler tonight than usual.

—1—12

**Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Paid Shotzman \$3.50

Went to town today and took in som potatoes of Allie's. Got \$2.35 for them @.60¢ per bushel.

I also met Mrs. Shotzman there and paid her three and 50/100 dollars toward Jake's work. Supposing he worked today as usual.

Had drawn \$5.00 out of the Bank for the purpose of paying Jake and for incidental expenses. I also paid Franklin Co. Hdw Co ten dollars toward my account—Balance of \$3.54 still due them.

Got me a new subsoiler for my lister which is included in above balance. An old gentleman from near Waverly by the name of Williams is staying over night with us tonight. He is on his way to Marion Connor's but got off his road and too tired to continue further for today.

**Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$19.40

The first thing I did after my chores were done this morning, as it was raining, was to write to O.L. Chase of St. Louis, Mo. ordering 15 gallons of his paint and sent him my personal check for \$19.40. Four gallons of this paint was for our chapel, price of same @\$1.60 per gallon=\$6.40. After mailing my letter I went to Mr. Kilbucks to notify him of his note maturing. Mr. Williams

the old guest who stayed over night with us went along as he was on his way to Mr. Connor's. On my return Shotzman came with team after more corn it feed on.

After dinner I hitched up to cultivate the potatoes. This done, I went to plowing and kept this up untill nearly sun down.

### **Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Willie McCoonse came over this morning in time for breakfast as I had previously promised to go along with him to hunt young wolves. We went up Mud Creek, got separated in our quest through the woods so I came home, reached home in time for dinner. As I did not find any wolves and, having left him still on the hunt I could not say as to his success.

After dinner I went to see the ball game which didn't amount to any exciting game as it was only the neighborhood boys who played.

Shotzman put in nearly every day this week except Saturday forenoon which if worked in the afternoon he must have put in 5 ½ days this week—previous report shows 7 ½ days work done. Also \$5.50 cash paid and one bushel potatoes at .60 making \$6.10 he has received.

Peterson heifer had her calf today.

### **Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Loss \$5.35

I got an early start for the river where I had some disking to do in order to get the land in shape ready for corn planting. I went but a trifle over two rounds when the shaft to my disk broke in two. I was compelled to quit and return home with broken piece in order to take to blacksmith at Homewood for welding together. On my way home I stopped at John Plake's to borrow his disk but he said he was going to use it. I'll remember this when he wants to borrow of me again. I went to Homewood after dinner to have my repairing done.

One heifer lost her calf today. Loss of calf \$5.00. Expense of repair 35¢. I took some seed potatoes down to Shotzman this morning. He is to plant them on shares, half and half. Jake put in about half a day listing. Planted potatoes the balance of the day I guess.

½=12 ½

### **Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Cultivated a few rows of corn this forenoon across the road from Thomas' house. After dinner I took the team and planter down to river and planted corn on ground that was listed by Shotzman. I got there after two o'clock and Jake had just got back from Bittenbender's to repair the subsoiler which he had previously twisted out of shape while listing. He again twisted it out of shape while I was there and finally had to abandon the lister and hitch on to a stirring plow.

I got a card from Peter J. Veix today informing me that their telephone number (Bell) was 1066. I also got a letter from Agnes asking me for money.

I took the first dose of medicine called "Yonkerman Tuberculozine," a sample trial remedy for catarrh, this evening.

### **Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Started rather late this morning to go down near river to continue my corn planting owing to picking out seed corn. Jake was plowing away and kept at it during the day but he failed to finish. I had to harrow a portion of the plowed ground before I could continue my planting. Jake was still batching as his wife had went to visit her brother east of Ottawa the day before.

Tomorrow will finish my planting on Allie's place, nothing now unforeseen happening.

Sent Agnes my check for \$5.00 this morning to buy herself a pair of shoes. Took more potatoes to Jake for him to plant on shares.

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### **Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> 1906**

By working later than usual I managed to finish my planting in Allie's field today. Jake had just begun to plow a short time before I got there as he had made only four or five rounds. I had to wait until he finished as my intention was to harrow the ground crosswise of the way it was plowed. I hitched on to the harrow however and harrowed the first rows and when I got to Jake's plowing I quit and began cutting the high stumps so numerous in the field. when Jake finished his plowing I put him to harrowing. This he finished about 3 o'clock and I proceeded to plant corn. Jake put in about three fourths day work today, as he did nothing more for me today. He marked off his potatoe ground to plant more potatoes.

¾=15

### **Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$2.00

I went down to river to finish my corn planting this morning. Put Jake to disking and harrowing the ground east of his house while I went to Allie's field to cut sprouts. Jake got through with his work about three o'clock, putting in about three quarters of a day's work.

I proceeded to plant the field which by the way was the roughest ground I ever planted. The disk nor the harrow did not in the least smooth the ground owing to being so dry and cloddy.

Having finished my work I let Frank Spooner take the planter to plant his corn as he was there waiting for it with his team. Jake and I came on home with all the horses. Jake asked for \$2.00. I gave him a check for the amount after supper. Mr. Kilbuck returned the church money today. Got a letter from Blossom today.

### **Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> 1906**

I.T. ☆ (illegible; meaning unknown)

I hitched on to the harrow today and harrowed the corn east of Thomas' house. Wife went to town today. I also desired to go to town in the afternoon but failing to finish my harrowing in the forenoon I gave it up. My object was to get the paint I had previously sent for.

I finished harrowing the field about two o'clock then harrowed a few rounds on the piece south of it. As it was so windy the dust blowing so much I quit harrowing and came home.

Hitched on to the plow and finished a small land near the house.

Mrs. Thomas got salt and pepper boxes today in my care thro' the mail.

### **Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Stayed at home until after dinner today then went upon the hill to see the ball game between Chippewa & Wahoos of Ottawa. A large crowd attended. Result of game was 13 to 1 in favor of the Chippewas. From the ball ground I went to see Jimmie Spooner now making his home with his grandparents B.F. Spooner, Sr. From Mr. Spooner's I came on toward home but again stopped at the ball ground where I found some of the boys playing cards for tobacco tags. As I had a few with me I also took a hand. Got about 70 tags during my stay. Answered Blossom's letter tonight.

According to my count, Shotzman put in four days work this week and receiving \$2.00 toward his work at half rate, the other half being applied on his indebtedness to me. All told, he has worked 17 days, and received \$8.10 toward same. Previous reports herein added.

### **Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Loss \$4.00

Went to Frank Niseley's this morning and got the goose eggs that Sara Niseley sent yesterday. As I did not learn the price I could not pay for them. On my return hitched on to a harrow and harrowed the weeds down in my timothy. After dinner I hitched on to the rake and began to rake up the weeds; later called on Allie to rake them to me while I pitched and tramped them into the ditches in the field.

I found one of my sow pigs dead in the barn this morning. She probably had been kicked to death by one of the horses. I lost about \$4.00 as the value of this pig.

Mailed my letter to Blossom this morning.

Mr. Kilbuck got one bushel potatoes of us today as also did John Thomas. Frau set goose eggs today.

### **Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. 55¢ envelopes & postals

After breakfast this morning I got ready to go down to the bottom after a load of hay but it began to sprinkle so I waited for it to rain harder and did not start. It ceased before noon. In the meantime while it was sprinkling I buck sawed the balance of my pole wood.

After dinner I hitched up and went for the hay. The Township board Mr. Hood, Mr. Sterling and Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ were over to see the Caleb hill. I promised to work the road by cutting the knob down seven feet in depth at its highest point for the sum of \$100.00. They promised to send a surveyor out to survey the level. From there we went to see the bridge north of Elliott's barn. They promised to let me work out my land tax on four forties if I would finish the grading to the bridge. They went home from there and I after hay. On my return Allie and I done more weed raking in timothy field. Bo't 25 envelopes and 2 postals this morning. 55¢

### **Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$5.25

Went to town today for the purpose of seeing the Walas circus parade and to get the paint which I tho't had come by this time at the Santa Fe freight depot but none had arrived or been received for me.

I got some fence wire 96 lbs of it for Silas Place @ 3 1/4 ¢ per hundred. Total \$3.20, also five sticks danamite and fifteen feet of fuze for 50¢.

After loading these in the wagon we were ready to return home.

I also got Rose L. and Mrs. Menzel's photographs at Martin's today. One large one which I desired to frame I left at Chenoweth's for that purpose. Frame selected to cost \$2.15. Paid \$1.00 on it and balance due when I get the picture. My expenditures today for various things was \$4.25 not including \$1.00 lent to A.W. Spooner which he borrowed till next week.

### **Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup> 1906**

After breakfast I got ready to do some fence repairing. This completed I hitched up the horses to the cultivator and cultivated the potatoes. Mr. Albright came along and bothered me so did not finish untill after dinner.

After dinner having finished cultivating the potatoes I went to the cornfield and cultivated corn until about six o'clock when I came home, hitched on to wagon and went to Mr. Albright's after his diamond plow as I intend to use it in cultivating my grape vines on the morrow.

Heavy clouds and some lightning as tho' it might rain tonight.

### **Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Cultivated my grapes first thing this morning after this was done I went to cultivate my corn and worked hard in order to get through. By working later than usual I managed to finish my work.

Got a letter from Katie telling me she could not comply with my request to purchase the 80 acres on the hill. I also got a letter from Blossom informing me of her return home from St. Joe.

### **Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> 1906**

I.T. ★—50 (illegible; meaning unknown)

Went to town today to get my paint also to meet Tom and his wife from the Territory. I got the paint and Tom was there waiting.

I got Blossom's picture which had been left at Chenoweth's for framing. Cost of frame \$2.15.

On reaching home I cut out a road to the branch so that I could more conveniently lead my horses to water as my pump was out of repair and cannot use it until after Monday next at which time a party from town will be out to repair it.

I then went to hunt rabbits for my skunks, killed two near Thomas' garden.

Misses Nellie Plake and May Herron came home on a visit today.

### **Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Went to ball game this P.M. Chippewas vs. Ransomvill. Our boys got beaten. The score was 3 to 13 in favor of Ransomvill.

I got one dollar from our boys for rent of ball ground which was due on the 15<sup>th</sup> Tues.

A.W. Spooner asked me for a job and I told him to come over to begin next day.

### **Monday May 21<sup>st</sup> 1906**

Got a letter from Peter J. this morning informing me that he came thro' Ottawa on his way to Iola Ks. I answered it at once as also that of his sister Rose now in Leavenworth.

A.W. Spooner put in one day plowing for me today. I hauled Reed's ladders etc to Chapel this P.M. to begin painting.

A.P. Elder sent out his man this A.M. to repair my pump. I cultivated corn this afternoon. I still owe him 31¢ for his work.

### **Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1906**

A drizzly rain was falling for about an hour this morning then ceased. When the rain was over I hitched on to the harrow and harrowed my patch for sweet corn across the road from the barn. When this was done I hitched on to the planter and put in my sweet corn.

A.W. Spooner plowed the rest of the day after the rain ceased falling. After dinner I went to cultivate corn.

Tom and his wife, Allie, Cora and Bud all went fishing. They caught about 25 fish.

### **Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1906**

Spoooner plowed the whole day while I cultivated corn.

I received a letter today from Marie Menzel from Nebraska.

Cordray and others came out today to fish at Cedar Bluff.

A three minute shower of rain fell this evening and the clouds blew over. No prospect of any more rain tonight.

Tom wants to return to his home in the Territory tomorrow.

### **Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> 1906**

As Thomas Lewis and his wife had resolved to return to their home in the Territory today I let one of my teams go to deliver them in town. My wife took them in. I went to the hill pasture near Yoap's and repaired the fence during the day.

A.W. Spoooner put in  $\frac{3}{4}$  days work on account of a slight shower of rain which scared him into quitting. I paid him \$1.50 as he said he intended going to town the next day to take in the Carnival. I still owe him 31¢ for his work.

His work at 75¢ per day for 3  $\frac{3}{4}$  days work was \$2.81. Paid him in all \$2.50. Balance as above 31¢.

Bought a box of shells from H. Reh for my rifle for 10¢. Gave wife \$1.00 to see carnival.

### **Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> 1906**

A light shower of rain fell last night, more needed badly.

I went after a load of hay down near the river this forenoon. After dinner I went to the field to do more cultivating.

Wife went to Bingamans this morning and got 500 sweet potatoe plants which she set out this afternoon.

### **Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> 1906**

I.T. ☆ (illegible; meaning unknown)

Wife, Cora and Rose went to town today to take in the Carnival. Returned home late.

I finished cultivating the big field for the first plowing today.

The County Convention convenes today at the court house but I could not go owing to busy farm work.

### **Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Quite cool today, clouds were coming up from the north this evening as tho' it might snow.

Cleaned out my barn today and scrubbed the floor to smokehouse where I keep my pets.

They make such a mess and raise such an unwholesome odor that scrubbing was really necessary.

After dinner I went up on the hill expecting to see a ball game but not a living soul was there.

I kept on and visited Samuel and borrowed 50 fence staples to repair my pasture fence with.

### **Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$1.00

Dude Bittenbender came over this morning and almost caught me in bed as I had just got up. His trip was to get my name on a note for \$15.50 which his father desired to renew, as I was already on I signed again. The note becomes due again in 90 days from this date and payable at Peoples Nat'l Bank.

Henry McCoonse came over today and sold me a Blacksmiths forge for \$1.00. I cultivated corn and pulled weeds today.

Received a letter from Peter J. inviting my company to his home. He even promised to pay my car fare if I would go home with him.

Received a card from Blossom with her picture riding on a donkey, and all she had to say was "Hello everybody."

Girls replanted corn today across the road from the house. Wrote a letter to Mrs. A.J. Klink tonight.

### **Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Rec \$1.00

Cultivated corn for a short time this morning then quit on account of being so cloddy. I put up the horses in the barn then went up on the hill to repair the pasture fence. Did not finish in the forenoon so had to return again in the afternoon. A sprinkling of rain fell while I was up there at work. Ran out of fence staples so had to quit.

Lee Straufuss came to borrow a pair of cultivator fenders and I sold him one pair for \$1.00.

Wife has been gathering and canning strawberries. Had our first mess of peas for this season for supper.

Girls were still replanting corn today but did not finish.

Tinkered with forge this evening trying to put it in working order but got to dark before completing my job.

Chapel Exp 3.65

“ ” paint 6.40

10.05

### **Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp today \$1.25

Decoration day today. Went to town this afternoon expecting to see Peter J. go through Ottawa on his way home from Chanute. But he failed to show up.

This fore noon I and the girls took 21 head of cattle up on the hill to pasture; on our return I got the horses out and harrowed millet ground untill noon. As above stated I went to town in the afternoon. Got one pair blinds for chapel window and 3 quarts more of green paint to paint the blinds now on windows at chapel. The ones I got today were to replace broken ones.

Cost of first 2 quarts green paint now used up was 90¢. Cost of blinds secured today \$1.00. Cost of 3 qrts green paint \$1.75.

Rain fell last night and refreshed things mightily. More rain fell this evening in abundance. Got 9 doz eggs at A. Smiths today. Paid \$1.05 cash. Still owe 12¢.

### **Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup> 1906**

Rec—\$2.00

Made three bee hives today and hived two swarms. One of the swarms were doubled as both swarms came out one after the other, one having already settled the other (whose queen was found near the hive she left) also settled on the same bunch making one large swarm. When I found the queen to one of the swarms I clipped her wings so as to prevent her flying. By so doing I got one large swarm from two. This made three swarms hived in two hives. Lost one swarm yesterday during my absence in town.

Henry McCoonse came over this P.M. and bought my old spring wagon wheels for \$3.00. Received \$2.00 cash and the balance \$1.00 to be paid next week.

Rain fell again this afternoon. Saw four little skunks in my box today, the first time I ever got to see them out.

### **Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1906**

Put in my time today sowing my millet seed. Allie helped me in the afternoon by harrowing in the seed while I sowed ahead of her. A.W. Spooner came over late this evening and asked for a job of work. Promised to let him know Sunday should I happen to need help in cultivating.

Albert Reed started this afternoon to do more painting at the Chapel.

### **Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1906**

Started to the river this morning to cultivate the corn in Allie's field. Took my harrow and riding cultivator. When I got there I hitched on to the harrow and harrowed the listed corn. I went but three rounds when my doubletree to my harrow broke in to by striking a stump. I tied it together with wire to hold till I got back to starting place, unhitched and went to Mr. Elliott's and got a piece of scantling and made a new doubletree.

I went over the river late this evening just before quitting to see Jimmy Spooner but they were not at home. They having come across to this side of river the day before by wading the river. Wife and Cora went to town today. Took in some peas and got \$1.00 per bushel for them.

I bro't home four of the window blinds to chapel this evening for repair.

### **Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1906**

I stayed home and repaired the window blinds to Chapel today as I could not spare the time to do so at any other time. I repaired three pieces and had to quit to hive a swarm of bees. I got stung about fifty times on both of my hands. Both of my hands are fat as I write this record. I still have one more window blind to repair.

The bees I hived this P.M. went back to the hive they came from and would not occupy the new hive.

Late this afternoon I went up on the hill to salt my cattle. On my return after doing the chores Cora and I went after the cultivator near Thomas' house as I wish to put on my cultivator shovels which have been re-pointed. I owe the blacksmith \$2.00 for re-pointing the shovels. Wife is cleaning strawberries while I am visiting the ball game today.

### **Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Finished repairing the window blinds to chapel this morning, put them in the wagon and delivered them at the Chapel as I went by on my way to work on the bridge north of Mr. Elliott's.

I dragged logs with my team until middle afternoon. I then scraped some dirt with scraper for a while then unhitched from scraper and hitched on to plow and plowed for more dirt. Again hitched on to scraper and kept this up until I finished my job.

Rained again last night, had intended to do some cultivating today down near the river and took my stirrup cultivator along with me this morning. Lost one bolt to one of my shovels to cultivator on my way. Allie and Cora hauled the last bit of my hay today from the bottom.

C. Spooner and family went home yesterday and again waded the river.

## **Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1906**

I plowed a couple of small patches near the house today and the women folks planted one of the patches in potatoes after I marked it off for them.

I found a dozen of small peach trees where I was plowing and transplanted them for the purpose of experimenting on them later in budding them to some of my best peaches.

A.W. Spooner came over this evening presumably to help me in my farm work as this was the first time I saw him since last week when he applied for work and I had promised to let him know last Sunday but did not get to see him.

Received four letters today from the children at Haskell. Bessie wants me to come up there during commencement.

I am sick at the stomach tonight.

## **Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Spooner and I went down to the bottom to cultivate corn today and should have finished the field had he not broken one of the handles to the cultivator he was using. We bro't one cultivator home intending to use it on the home place tomorrow while one of us go down to finish the work near the river.

It is pouring down rain at the moment however and very doubtful if any cultivating will be done tomorrow.

I gave A.W. Spooner half of what tobacco I had today which was 5¢ worth for him.

## **Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> 1906**

As it was too wet to cultivate I proceeded to repair one of the screen doors to place in house now occupied by Levi Lantis on Agnes' place. Having repaired it I repainted it but did not take it over to Lantis' as the paint was too green, not yet having dried.

Two swarms of bees came out today. I managed to hive the second swarm that came out. The first swarm settled but before I was ready to attend to them they departed in a south westerly course.

Henry McCoonse came and borrowed my crow bar this morning. This evening I went to Lantis' house and put six lights 8 x 10 in window east, also put new door lock to door.

A.W. Spooner did not work today. He went off soon after breakfast this morning. I killed one rabbit for my pets today and you should see how the little ones go for the rabbit.

## **Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Repaired mowing machine in preparation to go down to the bottom this afternoon to cut some grass for horse feed as I was just about out of old hay. I started as soon after dinner as possible and cut enough grass to make one good load of hay. I had to borrow a can full of oil for my machine at L. Slankard's on my way down. After cutting the grass I went down to see the river which was about overflowing. Charley Spooner and family had already come over in the boat in the morning.

I found one bee tree while at the river.

I stopped at Jake Sholtzman's and lost 10 tobacco tags at cards, 5 of these I owe to R. Cobb.

C. Spooner and family were at my house on my return home, as also A.W. Spooner. I paid A.W. Spooner \$1.00 this evening.

## **Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> 1906**

I repaired a broken swingle tree and got other timber for a few other swingle trees which I shall soon need. This was all I done in the fore noon. After dinner Cora and I went down to the bottom to rake up the hay I had cut the day before and also bring a load of it home to feed our horses. Cora drove one team hitched to wagon while I took the other with hay rake.

I went out and killed another rabbit for my pets this morning.

Charley Spooner went to town today, his wife and Jamie remaining with us. They stayed over night again.

Lightening toward southwest might rain and spoil balance of my hay now in bunches.

Raked a small patch of hay for Slankard on my way to the bottom.

## **Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Remained home most of the day. After dinner Charley and I went up on the hill to the ball ground and I to salt the cattle. As no ball game was in progress, no one being there, we went down to the river to see how high the river was. We pushed the boat into water as it was high and dry on land, the river having fallen. We came on back and did not go to the ball game which we saw was in progress in Mr. Elliott's pasture.

Mr. Caleb was moving his son's (Rufus') furniture to his house today. Rufus and his wife having dissolved partnership.

Charley Spooner and his family remained over night again as I told them that I would go down to the bottom on the morrow and they could ride that far in wagon.

## **Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1906**

I went down to the river with my disk cultivator this morning to cultivate my corn. C. Spooner and his family rode that far with me on their way home.

Rufus Caleb and Jake Gokey came by my place going south in the buggy on their way to the Territory. I saw Belle Caleb at Sholtzman's this morning in company with Mrs. Samuel.

Cora and Allie hauled one load of hay this afternoon which finishes up all I had cut last Friday.

Received a letter from O.L. Chase of St. Louis dunning me for 80¢ he claims I owe him for paint.

Albert Reed was painting the chapel again today and has just finished the first coating of paint.

## **Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1906**

A.W. Spooner came to work this morning and put in the day cultivating corn. I went down to the river to cultivate today. On my way to work I loaded on one screen door for the Agnes house for Lantis' use, also a pair of hinges for the door. \$1.10.

Mr. Reed bro't over a dead rabbit for my pets this evening and informed me that more white paint was needed to paint the Chapel with, about three gallons more will be required he said. I shall have to send to St. Louis for the paint.

Received a letter from Blossom today.

## **Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Delivered two hogs at Pomona today to E.G. Swayze. They bro't me \$33.90. On my return I hitched on to the lister and laid by my potatoes; after doing this I hitched on to planter and

planted the potatoe patch into Kaffir corn for Allie. A.W. Spooner put in another day cultivating corn, this being his second days work.

I wrote a letter to O.L. Chase of St. Louis for more paint to use on Chapel and sent him a P.O. order for same \$4.80. I also sent an additional sum of .80¢ on previous order.

#### **Thursday June 14” 1906**

I went to the river late this morning to cultivate because I had to do some repairing on my harness before starting. I also got a bee hive in shape to put in a swarm of bees but the bees had settled so high up on the tree and on the body part of the tree at that I concluded that my time was too precious to lose any time in trying to hive them, so let them go.

I finished cultivating the corn over for the first time and intend to begin over for the second in the morning.

Wrote a letter to Dr. D.P. Yonkerman of Kalamazoo, Mich. declining to try his remedy for catarrh unless he will guarantee me a cure. He wanted ten dollars for a month’s treatment.

A.W. Spooner put in his third days work for this week.

#### **Friday June 15” 1906**

I went down to the bottom to cultivate and hoe weeds. I hoed 51 of the shortest rows and plowed over the corn that had been cultivated before the rain.

During my cultivating, I killed a mouse; as I knew of a hook and line on a fence near the river I proceeded to bait the hook with the mouse. I caught one channel cat fish of about two pounds weight. As this alone would not make us a mess I went over the river to see Charley Spooner for the purpose of buying more fish of him. As he intended to take his fish to town the next day he and his family came home with me and are now lodging with us. A.W. Spooner put in his fourth day’s work cultivating.

#### **Saturday June 16” 1906**

I went down to the bottom to finish my cultivating across the road from Shotzman’s—the toughest job I ever had it being so soddy;

C. Spooner and family road part of the way with me, Charley on his way to town <sup>^</sup>with fish and she to her mother’s.

A.W. Spooner did not put in a whole day today. He having quit about 5 o’clock so my wife said. This should have been five days he put in this week. He also got a 10¢ piece of tobacco.

Shotzman tells me he found my skunk down near the river.

#### **Sunday June 17” 1906**

Fixed a bee hive and put it on top over one of the stands to prevent if possible from swarming tomorrow. This same stand swarmed today but went back again. Got some honey torn loose from comb while uncapping the hive so bro’t it in for table use.

Salted the cattle on the hill pasture late this evening. I managed to kill one rabbit for my pets late this evening. Wrote a letter to Cousin Marie Menzel this evening in answer to one received some time ago.

#### **Monday June 18” 1906**

Mailed my letter and her photo to cousin Marie Menzel this morning. In today’s mail I received a letter from cousin Mrs. A.J. Klink.

I cultivated corn today near the house. Late this afternoon I broke a shank to my cultivator so discontinued using it and hitched Dolly to the shovel plow and worked till sun down cultivating. Wife went to Homewood this P.M. took in Dew berries and Rasp berries.

**Tuesday June 19<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$1.75

Went to Homewood today to get my cultivator repaired. Mr. C.W. Greene came by the shop while I was there and he invited me to dinner as it was the 11.30 oclock. I accepted his kind offer. I got home about one oclock or later and fed my horses. When they got through with their dinner I again hitched them up to the cultivator and proceeded to cultivate corn. I worked for about two hours and again broke the cultivator but a different piece than the one repaired. I had paid \$1.00 for repairing a similar break. I bought a pair of overalls for 75¢ while at Homewood.

After breaking cultivator I unhitched and unharnessed horses then repaired halters. This done I took the gun and killed a rabbit for my pets.

Rec'd a letter from Bessie. She wants money.

**Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$5.55

Repaired and painted window sash with screens this forenoon. Mailed my letter to Bessie inclosing a P.O. order for \$5.00 also sent one letter to Mr. Peavis inquiring as to date of commencement at Haskell.

After dinner I again went to Homewood to have my cultivator repaired. Owing to rain last night I made no attempt to cultivate corn with shovel plow as it was too wet. Cost of repairing cultivator was .50¢

This evening I killed another rabbit for my pets. Just now they are scratching hard at the screen trying to get out and may possibly get out and free themselves before morning.

**Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> 1906**

Cultivated corn today and finished the patch near the house.

Hal Greene came with his wife this morning and bought \$1.50 worth of berries.

Wrote a letter to Blossom informing her of my intention to visit Haskell for the Commencement and requesting her and Marie to go there too, and that Bessie would meet them at the Depot as I had previously advised her to do so.

**Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$3.50

Cultivated most of the corn across the road from Thomas' house the crooked way today and might have finished had it not been so hot in the afternoon. Another rain of the gentle kind is falling tonight.

A.W. Spooner was over this evening after his pay for last week's work. I owed him \$3.50 and as I had no change I let him take a ten dollar bill to get his pay out of and bring me back the balance of \$6.50. He promised to return my change tomorrow evening.

**Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1906**

I could not cultivate any today on account of the ground being too wet from last night's rain.

I hitched up to the wagon and went down to the bottom after my harrow and took what screen sash I had made for the Lantis' house also for Shotzman's. I put on the sash and screen door for Lantis. Also put on the screen sash for Shotzman.

Wife went to town this P.M. I gave her 95¢ to buy chicken wire and she took 50¢ extra of the money I had intrusted to A.W. Spooner the evening before making \$1.45 she spent for no telling what as I had only sent for five yards of wire.

Received the paint for chapel today from O.S. Chase of St. Louis Mo.

C.E. Appier had a new boarder to come to his house last night, a daughter so I heard. C. Spooner and family are at B.F. Spooner's again to live.

### **Sunday June 24" 1906**

Having sent for heavy screening the day before and not having time to spare at any other time I proceeded to extend my skunk box by adding another room for an exercise room for skunks. This took the greater part of the day to complete and tonight is the first time I have left them outside of smokehouse. After this was completed I went to hunt rabbits for them. I killed one as also one falcon hawk, both of which I fed to the skunks.

Frank Spooner and his family came to visit us today.

I did not go up on the hill to salt cattle today for want of time. Thundering and lightening as tho' it might rain again tonight.

### **Monday June 25" 1906**

As it was too wet to cultivate I went after some lumber to build a coop for little chickens in order to keep them away from near my bedroom window. I took the Chapel paint on my way over and left it at Chapel. Got the lumber and proceeded to work as soon as I reached home and kept at it until dusk. Did not quite finish the coop, a part of the roof yet to put on and the door to each one of the compartments.

I lost one of my pets today. The male skunk acted as tho' he was sick about noon, and just before sun down he died. The female and her seven little kittens seem to be all right. I think the male died of a broken heart on account of his inability to get out of the new quarters I had attached to the box they are confined in.

### **Tuesday June 26" 1906**

Exp \$16.20 – Due \$14.50

Got ready to go to Haskell Institute to witness the closing exercises and see Bessie get her "sheepskin," she having graduated from the Academic and Domestic arts. I went down soon after dinner, wife taking me to town. On reaching town I went to a barber shop and had my hair cut and shave, paid 35¢. I then went and got a coat and vest at Walker's store also two pairs undershirts. Cost of coat and vest \$13.50 of shirts \$1.00. Total \$14.50 all on time.

I then went to the Depot and bought a round trip ticket, cost \$1.35. Reached Haskell long before sundown. Silas met me at India Station. Met Anthony Walker at Haskell and had several chats with him.

### **Wednesday June 27" 1906**

Exp. \$3.20

Got up early from a bed in 3<sup>rd</sup> story at Haskell in large boys building where I slept in same room with Silas and a number of others. At 10 o'clock they all assembled at the chapel and the regular program proceeded with. When the program finished the diplomas were distributed.

Bessie got two. After dinner the field sports began, consisting of "high jumps," "racing," pole vaulting, jumping, and throwing balls called "shot putting."

I saw Tilda McCoonse and Ethel Plake as visitors there from the Hills.

After supper the competitive drill took place and the captain of the smallest company of boys in the school won the sword as reward for having the best drilled company. I gave Silas \$1.00, Bessie \$1.00 and Agnes and Julia 50¢ each. I spent 20¢ myself for cream.

#### **Thursday June 28" 1906**

Exp. \$2.5¢

Got up early, dressed and washed long before any of the others in the same room where I slept did.

After breakfast I went to the Superintendent's office and asked for "leave of absence" for all of my children. Bessie got a free pass home. I paid \$1.60 for the others, and on reaching Ottawa received 20¢ rebate of the ticket agent. Nellie and Ethel Plake and Tilda McCoonse came on the same train with us to Ottawa. Wife came to town to meet us. Paid for our dinners for 5@20¢ each, cost \$1.00. Bought 10¢ tobacco, 1¢ for postal card to E.M. Miller in reply to his done letter for \$4.50 for lumber sawing which I was for the present unable to pay. I also wrote a note to Miss M. Rodgers.

A.W. Spooner put in two days cultivating corn for me up to this evening. Let him have 5¢ worth of tobacco on the account due him \$1.45 for what work he has done. Paid Bessie \$2.50 handed me for her by Mr. Peairs.

#### **Friday June 29" 1906**

Exp. \$2.25

I put Silas to cultivating corn with one team and A.W. Spooner with the other this morning while I hoed some of my sweet corn.

Quit in time to kill a rabbit for my pets for their evening's feed.

Spooner broke the cultivator he was using late this evening; by so doing I shall not be able to begin cultivating near the river tomorrow as was my intention.

Spooner quit this evening and went home in order to go to town tomorrow. Paid him \$2.25 amount due him for three days work.

Every indication of rain tonight.

#### **Saturday June 30" 1906**

Exp. \$1.00

Went to Homewood this morning to have cultivator repaired while Silas finished plowing across the road from Thomas; laying by that much of the corn. I took two gallon of berries with me to Homewood that wife want me to sell and get hog meat with, sold there for 40 cents or 20¢ per gallon to the Blacksmith. He repaired my cultivator and charged me 65¢ for the work. Went from there to the Hepler store and got the meat 65¢ and 10¢ tobacco. Altogether I spent one dollar cash. I returned home about noon from Homewood. After dinner I cultivated corn across the road from the house while Silas used shovel plow and our one horse to cultivate short rows in same field. We did not finish. Rain failed to fall last night but raining now.

#### **Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1906**

Remained at home untill after dinner; ~~and~~ shaved myself in the forenoon and looked over the cornfield. After dinner I went up on the hill to salt the cattle. I did not get to see any of the cattle

as they must have gone into the timber. Wayd came along about the time I got through and he and I went from there to Spooner's house. We remained there until about 9 o'clock playing a friendly game of cards (Casena) and had our supper there. The clouds came up thick and black from the north west just as we left for our homes and I for one ran nearly all of the way. Reached home just as it began to rain. Now it is coming down pretty hard and steady while I pen these notes.

### **Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1906**

Exp. for medicine \$1.00

Sent Silas over to Shotzman's to get a set of single harness of mine so he could plow corn with shovel plow. On his return I put him to work but he broke the harness before he finished so I proposed he complete his work by using the two horse cultivator. I was busy fixing a door to Allie's chicken coop in the fore noon. When I finished this I took the hoe and hoed weeds in corn till sun down. Allie and Bessie went to town in the afternoon with a lot of new potatoes but failed to dispose of them and bro't them home again. I sent for cough medicine for Julia and also for danamite for Shotzman to use in digging the well at his place. Failed to get danamite because they called too late for it at the hardware store.

### **Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1906**

Silas and I went down to the bottom today to cultivate corn. He used the disk cultivator while I used the walking cultivator. We were bothered greatly in various ways with our implements so did not get to do a full days work.

We also had to go all the way to Mr. Elliott's house to water our horses because the river water was too muddy for the horses to drink. Have a good prospect for corn crop near river better than on home place.

### **Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$3.00

With the exception of Silas and myself all the rest went to town to celebrate. Silas went fishing while I went to cultivate and hoe corn near the river. Gave wife \$3.00 for incidental expenses at celebration.

Silas returned home late without any fish. As for myself I returned home about noon on account of cultivator being out of fix. I bro't the hay rake home with me and after dinner mowed some timothy for horse feed and hauled some of it to the barn late in the evening. I also mowed the front yard.

### **Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Put Silas to continue the mowing of timothy in small patches and haul the same to the barn as fast as it is dry enough to stow away. The girls helping him to mow the hay in the barn.

I went down to the bottom to do more cultivating. I <sup>did not</sup> finish Allie's field today. ~~and~~ Hoed sixteen short rows of corn. My cultivator beam got sprung <sup>and did not do the good work today that it had been doing</sup> ~~so on my return home I took the beam off and brought it home for repair.~~

I gave Pearl Shotzman 50¢ to give to Jake so he could get danamite to use in well when he next went to town.

### **Friday July 6<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Again went down to river to cultivate and did finally finish Allie's field. The corn nearer the river was so tall that many of the best stalks broke. Managed to use the cultivator as it is but could not do excellent work with it. When I got through in this field I went to cultivate a patch east of Shotzman's but could not do any good here with cultivator on account of being too rough. I took the beam off and bro't it home for repair. Silas and the girls have been putting up more timothy hay. Wife went to town in Lantis' buggy, took in some black berries but could not sell them. She left them at the store to be sold on commission.

### **Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Started to Bittenbender's to have him do some work on my cultivator beam but he was away from home so was his son (Dude).

I went to work and done my own blacksmithing. I heat the beam on the forge and beat it a little more on the anvil, put it in shape and departed for my work cultivating. The cultivator done splendid work today. Finished cultivating the patch east of Shotzman's house today.

Silas cut more timothy today but failed to care for it after it was dry enough to rake and shock, as this is the last of the week I don't like the idea of leaving it spread out on the ground over Sunday. May have to attend to it tomorrow which is rather <sup>against</sup> my inclination to do any work on Sunday.

### **Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Remained at home all forenoon, waiting for Mr. Lantis who was to go with me to Mr. Albright's to see the timothy which Mr. Albright desired of us to put up on shares. Mr. Lantis failed to show up so after dinner I went along to see the field.

Stopped and talked with Albright for a while and from there I went to see my crop south of Thomas' house. On my return home I got some salt and went up on the hill and salted the cattle. After salting the cattle I went to Mr. Spooner's to see Jamie and remained there till nearly sun down. Mr. Spooner and I then went to see his peach orchard north of his house and from there I came home.

On my way home I saw the cattle and called them to their salt. All are looking well except the "big cow" one of the oldest ones in the herd of 21 in this pasture.

### **Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Went down to the river to hoe my corn this morning. Took my dinner, hoe, and water jug. Owing to rain early in the afternoon I hoed only 22 rows of corn which finishes all of the shortest rows. From now on my rows will gradually get longer.

I put Silas to cutting down more timothy this morning and also ordered that the hay cut last Saturday be raked and hauled to the barn but they failed to do so, consequently it got wet after it had been raked up.

Wrote and mailed a letter to Cousin Marie Menzell this morning.

### **Tuesday July 10<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Did not go to the bottom to hoe corn today. I hauled the timothy today that was cut last Saturday. Cora and Agnes helping me while Silas cut some more.

Mr. Albright came this morning to see me about putting up his timothy crop on shares and as he had previously spoken to Mr. Lantis on the same subject, I persuaded him to go and see him again and should he give up the job I would then consider the proposition as at present I did not

care to get in the way and cause Mr. Lantis to lose the job. He did so and Mr. Lantis promised him he would begin work on hay crop about the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant.

In feeding my pets this evening one of them accidently bit me on my right middle finger on first joint drawing blood. Hot and sultry today.

### **Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup> 1906**

It looked so much like rain this morning so we did not cut any more timothy this morning. I mowed weeds with a scythe about the house untill noon.

After dinner Silas and I went after some lumber near R. McCoonse's on my way home I stopped at Slankard's and got the key to the school house and secured some of the books which I soon shall need to copy from as Clerk of school board for the Annual Meeting. Mrs. Slankard also gave me \$2.00 Louis had donated for the Chapel painting. On reaching home I put Silas to raking the timothy he had cut the day before. When he got through raking we hauled it to the barn, girls helped me mow the hay while Silas went to kill a hawk we knew of in the pasture.

A.W. Spooner is here tonight to being painting my barn in the morning.

### **Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$2.05

First thing done after breakfast was to hitch up to spring wagon and go after my paint oil at Chapel this morning so Spooner could begin his work painting my barn. A lot of time was lost fooling or monkeying around as some say and he did but fairly begin work when dinner was called.

Silas started to cut more timothy, went one round and broke the sickle. This discontinued further work in that line as I had to post notices for the Annual school meeting which had been neglected. Late this afternoon we went to Albright's with team and rake to rake and shock up the timothy that Mr. Lantis had cut this forenoon.

I gave wife \$2.00 for groceries to be purchased when she goes to town and also bought 5¢ worth of tobacco from a neighbor. Owe Lantis a piece of tobacco borrowed today 2 ½¢ worth.

### **Friday July 13<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Mr. Lantis and his boys passed by early on their way to make hay at Mr. Albright's. Soon after Silas and I followed with two teams.

We hauled seven loads of hay and mowed it in his barn during the day. Along toward 5 oclock I fell through the hay rack and almost broke my thigh bone on my right leg. Am quite [sore?] as I pen these lines.

A.W. Spooner painted nearly all of the east side to my barn today.

Wife went to town in Lantis' top buggy today. She took in about two crates of blackberries and got 5¢ per box for them.

Albert Reed informs me that he had finished his job painting the Chapel yesterday afternoon. I promised to pay him his ten dollars for his work on the morrow.

### **Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> 1906**

We went to put up the hay that Mr. Lantis had cut. I put Mr. Lantis to raking and bunching the hay with his team while I hauled with both of mine. Silas and the Lantis boys helping. We hauled seven loads to a stack then went to shocking the rest owing to indication of rain as it had begun to cloud up and sprinkled some late in the evening.

Spooner finished painting on two sides of the barn today, he having painted the east, north, and little of the west side.

### **Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Rec. \$1.00 Exp. \$1.00

Slankard came over today to show me a notice he had received from Co. Supt. Baker in reference to School classification book which I knew nothing about. While Slankard was here we looked over our account and on figuring up he was in debt to me to the amount of \$7.70. He paid me one dollar on it and still owes me \$6.70.

I went to Elliott's and got some corn to feed my horses on as I was out of horse feed. I got 2 ½ bushels for one dollar.

This evening I filled out the Census book for the coming term of school.

Rained most of the day today, a steady rain it was.

### **Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Took census of school children today as it was too wet to do any work toward stacking hay on the Albright farm. My partner Mr. Lantis went to cut more hay this morning. I had intended to begin work on hay stacking this afternoon but my pump in our well got out of repair and it took Silas and I the whole afternoon to fix it. Just before sundown we got the pump to work all right again.

After fixing pump I put a piece on one end of porch which needed repairing as the one that was on had rotted in two.

Spooner done no painting today as it was too wet but came this evening to try again tomorrow. Cora and Julia went to Spooners this P.M. to pick berries. Rec'd letter from Marie today.

### **Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Started to haying again today. Finished the stack I had started last Saturday which contains almost ten loads of hay. When this was done we began to haul more hay to Mr. Albright's barn. We delivered four loads into the barn.

A.W. Spooner put in another day painting my barn today. He painted a portion of the south end of it.

I read of the death of one of my name sake cousins in the letter received from Cousin Marie yesterday.

### **Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> 1906**

We went to our hay making again this morning. As my partner Mr. Lantis had broken the pitman rod to the machine I had to come home and make one for him, this took me untill about noon to finish. The boys hauled two loads of hay and delivered it in the Albright barn during my absence.

After dinner we began to stack hay for ourselves. We put seven loads on stack and one load left on wagon for the next morning, making eight loads hauled this afternoon. Mr. Coen was hauling stone out of my pasture today.

Agnes and Rose bud went to Ottawa today in Lantis' buggy.

A.W. Spooner painted a little today. His paint brush wore out on him and he was cleaning another one while I was at home this A.M.

### **Thursday July 19" 1906**

Finished stacking the hay in the forenoon and came on home to get ready to attend the annual school meeting called for this date.

Went to the meeting and got caught in rain on my way. There were only five person there at school house when I got there. It kept raining pretty hard for about an hour when it broke an began to clear up. Meeting called to order at a little after three o'clock About eight or ten more persons came after the meeting opened for business. I was again elected as clerk of school board. Rob. McCoonse was elected as Treasurer to fill vacancy caused by the removal of Geo. Kapp out of the District.

Spooner finished painting my barn this noon and claims he put in even five days work.

### **Friday July 20" 1906**

Rec. \$3.00 Ex. 3.00

I went down to see about getting Charley Moore's children on the school census roll this morning as I had failed to complete the census before the school meeting. I got \$3.00 more money from Slankard toward what he owed me over a year. He still owes me \$3.70.

Wife went to town this P.M. and blowed in my \$3.00.

Late this afternoon I went with the Lantis boys over to Albrights to get a load of corn as I also desired to get some of the corn if he had it to spare. They got 20 bushels. I and Bill Lantis turned over the wet hay so it might dry off by next day.

Later Silas came with team and wagon and we got 26 ½ bushels of corn or a level box full with side boards. I am to return its equivalent in value in corn this fall. Present price being 45¢ per bushel. Total \$12.37 ½.

### **Saturday July 21" 1906**

Went to Albright's this morning with team and hay wagon to finish hauling and mowing his part of the hay. Two of the Lantis boys with their team had preceded me. We each hauled a load of hay and got through about noon.

After dinner I went to work to put in the loft window in my barn while Silas went after a load of wood for fuel. When he brought the wood I sent him to the Chapel to get the paint and Mr. Reed's ladders. Almost a gallon of mixed white paint and about ½ a pint of green paint was left over after painting Chapel.

Silas having got young pigeons at Albright's on his return we proceeded to fix a place for them in the barn but did not finish our work.

### **Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1906**

Helped Silas complete a place to keep pigeons in the barn loft this morning. As it was so very warm and sultry today I remained about the house untill after dinner.

After dinner I took a shave and changed clothes then went up on the hill to salt my cattle, from here I went to B.F. Spooner's to see Jamie. Played with Jamie untill he got tired and went to sleep. Looked over Spooner's peach orchard then came on home.

Mr. Spooner gave me 46¢ he owed Cora and Julia for picking berries. He still owes them 12¢. I gave the money to the girls on my return home. Wrote a letter to cousin Marie also prepared my school report to send to Co. Supt. J.E. Baker.

Heard today that Henry McCoonse had disposed of his home place to one of the Burgoon boys.

### **Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1906**

Rec. \$2.00

Ground sickle this morning then put Silas to cutting timothy which is dead ripe but probably will do for cattle feed.

I started to make a swingle tree but changed off to making a shaving-horse so that it would be more convenient in making things in the line of woodwork requiring the use of a drawing knife.

L. Slankard came today and borrowed my wagon and also paid me \$1.00 toward what he owed me. He still owes me \$2.70. Late this evening I went to Henry McCoones to get my crowbar and incidentally ask him for \$1.00 which he owed me. He paid me the \$1.00 without asking.

Mailed my letter to Cousin Marie I wrote last night. Miss Linnie Hughes came this P.M. to apply for position as teacher for our school.

### **Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Silas cut more timothy today and had my old machine not needed repairing so often during the day he would have finished.

Bessie raked some of the hay this forenoon and I and the girls Cora and Agnes hauled two loads of it this afternoon. I put Silas to raking more of the hay and weeds late this evening.

One of my pets was so hungry that it accidently bit my finger as I went to feed them tonight altho' they had two young rabbits to eat during the day.

### **Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Finished hauling timothy and made a small round stack but did not have enough hay to make a good top to it. The weeds that were left in the field we hauled off and put into ditches in the field.

Received a letter from <sup>Co.</sup> Supt. J.E. Baker this morning in reference to the Classification book he claims he had sent me and later wrote the Director (L. Slankard) for pay on or by Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> next or he would bring suit. Last Monday I wrote Baker that he was very much mistaken if he claims that the book had been sent me as I had never received such a book. In his letter today he says that Mr. Romig a former Director had got the book. I sent Julia and Rosa to Slankards with the letter this noon so that he may be advised and act as he may deem best. I suggested payment if Mr. Romig had got the book.

### **Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Put Silas to cutting the clover patch this morning but he did not cut even half of the patch of probably seven acres owing to the mower getting out of repair so frequently during the day. It kept me busy repairing the thing and was not able to attend to anything else altho' I made a swingletree and placed hooks etc on it between times.

Late this afternoon I went to dam up the branch in the pasture by Thomas' so as to get more water for my milk cows to drink.

Wife went to town today. I gave her \$1.00 to get repairs for my mower and put them on at once on her return. Hot day today, especially about middle afternoon.

### **Friday July 28<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Silas had better luck today cutting the clover patch than he did yesterday. The machine got out of repair once or twice only during the whole day but did not get to finish cutting. I raked and

bunched what he had yesterday and this afternoon raked and bunched what he cut this morning after which Agnes and Cora helping me we hauled three loads of it and stacked it in the field.

Silas found one of my young sows with a nest full of wackeys along the hedge while mowing. I later went to look at them and counted eight little pigs in and about the place where the sow was.

Em. Thomas came and got the boards this morning which I told her she might have over two weeks ago for fruit drying rack.

### **Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$1.00

Started Silas to finish the job of mowing again this morning but before he went one round he broke the sickle in two. This of course prevented finishing the work for this week. After dinner I sent him to Homewood to have both sickles repaired. I gave him \$1.00 to pay for repairs but he didn't have enough by 25¢ as the cost of repairs was \$1.25.

As it rained last night I did not get to stack any more of the clover etc. cut by Silas. Late this afternoon I got Agnes to rake up and bunch all that Silas had cut the day before while I shocked the best of it and left the rest lie in bunches as raked.

Looked at wackies today, they were all there yet. Cooler today since the rain of last night. Hot yesterday.

### **Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Remained at home most of the day. Wife, Allie, Bessie, and Silas went over the river to see Allie's place. Agnes and the smaller girls remained at home and got dinner late in the afternoon.

After dinner I took a shave, changed clothes and went up on the hill to salt my cattle; from there I went to visit Samuel, and got home just at sun down, just as the others who went to the river reached home. They bro't home two nice drum heads given them by Mr. Whitaker who also bargained for the rent of Allie's vacant house up to March first at 50¢ per month. I had sent him word he could have it at \$.100 per month.

### **Monday July 30<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Sent Silas to finish cutting the clover patch as he had but little more of it to do. He got through in about half an hour. I in the meantime got Agnes and Cora to load the wagon for me while I done the pitching. By the time we got our load to the stack Silas was through and ready to help me in stacking. We hauled and stacked our load in the forenoon, and hauled two more after dinner, which finished the work in this line at home.

C. Spooner and family came to visit us this evening. Jaimie is rather cross as he is being weaned. His trials having begun the day before. Camphor being used and he gets the taste when he nurses it seems and this makes him cross.

I mailed two letters today, one to Joe Logan and one to Geo. W. Filson who desired to buy some pole timber.

### **Tuesday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1906**

\$2.70

Repaired mowing machine this forenoon and after dinner. Silas and I went down to the bottom to begin our haying there. He took the machine while I had my team hitched on to the rake which I took over to hayfield. Silas done the mowing and hardly went two rounds until the machine was out of repair again. He broke the sickle in two. We quit and came on home.

Slankard came over this evening and informed me that with my approval Sid. Watson was engaged to teach our school this term. I approved readily, as I knew Mr. Watson and believe he would make a good teachers for us. Slankard also paid me \$2.70 balance of what he owed me.

Jamie and his parents went home this P.M. as Jamie was under the weather. Wrote 3 letters to prospective teachers who had applied for our school telling them they're out.

### **Wednesday Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$2.25 cash + \$42.50 two mo. time

While I was busy repairing my spring seat to my wagon so that I could use it to ride on to town, L. Slankard and Sid Watson came over for the purpose of drawing up the Teacher's contract. Mr. Watson having been engaged the day before to teach our school this term at \$50.00 per month.

I sent Silas down to the bottom to cut more grass but he returned again before I left for town, he having broken the sickle in two. I waited untill after dinner before leaving for town, wife went with me. Gave her \$2.00 in Ottawa to blow in outside of what she got for chickens \$2.60, butter etc.

I got a new McCormick mower at the Franklin Co H'd'w store on two months time without interest for \$42.50. Hope I can now make hay. Received a letter from Bob. Patterson this morning offering me a job of plowing @ \$1.25 per acre. Gave Silas 25¢ to pay Plank at Homewood for repairs.

### **Thursday Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1906**

After getting the paint worn off the works of my new mower by having Silas to mow weeds along the road in front of the house I sent him down to the bottom to cut grass while being occupied myself in repairing the hay rack. I went down to where Silas was at work and got there about noon. We ate our dinner and after dinner raked up some of the hay which was not as yet fully cured. Silas kept on cutting. Erwin Spooner was in the hayfield when I got there and I got him to help me load up the wagon with hay to bring home.

Erwin had an order from his brother A.W. Spooner on me for the sum of one dollar which I acknowledged and promised to honor in the near future. Heard that C.E. Appier's family are again afflicted with Diphtheria today.

### **Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1906**

Had intended to take two wagons today to the hay field and bring home two loads of hay on our return but one of my horses (Dolly) was very lame this morning so I gave up the use of one team and hitched up to my wagon and just as we got to the road I found one of the tires to wagon was gone and as I failed to find it near the house I left my wagon at home and got the boys (Silas and Erwin) to get Mr. Lantis' wagon on our way. We found tire to my wagon near the bridge by Mr. Cobb's. The boys had lost it the day before on their way home with a load of hay.

We got to the hay field, Silas began to rake and bunch hay while I and Erwin began to shock the hay. We worked about two hours when it began to sprinkle and before we got through shocking it began to rain hard so we quit and went to Shotzman's house and played high five. Rain ceasing we came home.

### **Saturday Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 1906**

As it was too wet to think of haying today I worked on my "work bench" which I am in need of at all times for repair purposes.

I had promised Erwin a job in my haying and should have had the help but for the rain. It rained again this afternoon.

Should have completed my "work bench" today had I had the nails and more lumber.

Dolly is still very lame today but some better this evening. Had Silas to bathe Dolly's leg in hot water today. It appears she had strained the left front leg at hock joint.

Erwin Spooner is still here at this writing. Wife had intended to go to town today but gave it up as it looked so much like rain again this morning.

### **Sunday Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Nothing doing today. I remained at home most of the day. Yoap and his wife visited us and remained until late in the afternoon. We had water melons and plenty cantalopes today.

I went up on the hill and salted cattle after Yoap left for home, and called on Jamie to see how he was getting along.

Four of the least girls went riding to the pasture this evening.

Mailed my report of having engaged a teacher to Co. Supt. this evening.

### **Monday Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Another big rain today. I did not start for the bottom to do any haying on account of threatening rain. Slankard came and remained for dinner. He came after his swingletree which I had borrowed last spring.

Mr. Channel came to buy Ceilom but we couldn't agree on the price. I wanted \$65.00 and the best offer he made was \$60.00. I at first asked \$75.00 and came down to \$65.00 toward the last in order to make the trade.

I mowed the weeds off my strawberry patch today. When this was completed I went up to our cemetery and mowed some grass about the graves.

Silas and Erwin cleaned out the stable today.

### **Tuesday Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Rained again this morning.

Wife and Allie went to town today and I was glad they went as I was out of tobacco.

I went up on the hill to the cemetery and cut more grass with scythe about the graves.

Again went after dinner and took a handsaw along which I used in trimming the cedar trees. I did not finish my work and will have to go back again.

After finishing my mowing with scythe I want to cut all other with a mowing machine.

A.W. Spooner came up there while I was at work. He wanted money, but I didn't have it for him.

### **Wednesday Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Sent Silas to Homewood this morning with six sacks of flax. It weighed out 12 bushels and 10 pounds. Got 85¢ per bushel. Total \$10.35.

After making some purchases the remainder of \$8.60 was bro't me. Out of this sum I paid A.W. Spooner \$3.60 and 15¢ worth of tobacco thereby squaring my indebtedness to him.

I mowed grass all day at the cemetery.

This afternoon I put Silas to mowing with machine in the cemetery. We failed to finish.

Mr. Albright came up on the hill where I was at work and returned to me the bridge petition I had previously given him to secure signers thereto.

### **Thursday Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1906**

We finished our mowing at the cemetery today. This afternoon I cut the grass, weeds and brush along the fence surrounding the cemetery. I cut the east, south, and west sides.

Silas and Erwin hauled a jag of wood for house use this forenoon. In the afternoon I sent Silas down to the bottom after my rake as we need it in the morning to put up the clover hay on the Albright farm. I went this evening to see Mr. Lantis for the purpose of getting his help to put up the hay as we get all of it if we remove it out of the field, it being already cut down by owner of farm.

### **Friday Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$1.53 Renewal K.C. World

Began to rake and stack the clover at Albright's this morning but did not get to put in a whole day as it began to rain about 3 o'clock. I had to put on a temporary top to the stack I had started. We shocked up what had been bunched of what was left in the field, altho' somewhat wet from the rain that fell. Erwin helped us today. He put in probably  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a day's work.

Worked Dolly to rake today as she seemed to be all right but she began to limp again this afternoon. On my return home I made a top box for my bee hive and put it on. I got it peppered to me by my angry bees.

Strafuss was cutting his millet today. I went to see mine this evening and found it all headed out so will have to cut it early next week.

Silas got two more pigeons today at Albright's. He now has five on hand.

Renewed subscription to K.C. World today. \$1.50

### **Saturday Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. 50c for ice.

We went to our clover haying again today on the Albright farm. I finished the stack started yesterday and about half finished another. Erwin again helped us today, making about two days work he has done in our haying, I sent for ice and we had our ice cream for the first time this season.

My coupling pole to hay wagon came off at king bolt today and delayed us in haying for a while during the time spent in repairing.

Jason was over this afternoon. He went from here to his brother Frank's where an ice cream and dance is being indulge in tonight.

### **Sunday Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> 1906**

I remained at home most of the day. Mr. A.H. Hull and Jim Homisher(?) came to see me about renting Allie's place for next year but could not as yet give them any definite answer. While they were here I gave them a treat in ice cream.

Silas and Erwin went to Homewood to see a ball game played somewhere south of there.

Mr. J.W. Plake, James Plake, John V. and wife, and Ethel Plake came just as we were ready to eat dinner and they all had dinner with us.

After dinner they wanted to see the spring and have a good, cold drink of water. I took them down there; on our return we had some melons, after which they returned home. I went up on the hill to salt cattle; from there to see Jamie. Allie and others went to the river by Allie's place.

### **Monday Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Finished our haying at Albright's today. On our return home from haying I put Silas to mowing weeds along the road east to the Nisely corner.

Allie was to start for the Territory today but I persuaded her not to go. She and Bessie went to town this afternoon. Erwin put in his third days work today.

Late this evening (by invitation) we all except Silas went over to Mr. J.W. Plake's. Sang songs and ate melons. Mrs. John V. Plake played on the organ. We remained until nearly 2 o'clock before we came on home.

### **Tuesday Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Sent Silas to Homewood with flax today, he and Erwin both went. Silas had 36-\$29.

I went down to the bottom after my mowing machine in order to mow my millet.

I reached home with machine rather late in the afternoon but in time for dinner as the rest at home hadn't had theirs. After dinner I went to mow millet but had to quit early as I was out of oil for my machine.

My pets were all out last night, having crawled out and escaped, and early this morning they began to chase little chickens. I caught some of them and put them back in the box. I caught two more during the day. there is still one more to catch but I guess not at present. The old she one is the only one missing. I got her kittens, 7 in number.

### **Wednesday Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Rec. today from flax \$75.50

I hauled off the balance of my flax today to Homewood while I had the chance. All told I received about \$85.85 for my last year's crop.

Silas was mowing millet today, but did not finish as it was too hot today to keep the team at steady work.

Late this evening a shower of rain fell, but not enough more than to lay the dust.

Wife and the smaller girls went to Mr. Plake's on invitation to dinner as a re-union of the Plake family was being held there today. All of the Plake children were present as also several other families, friends and relatives of the Plakes. I could not go on account of busy work.

A.W. Spooner remained over night with us last night. This morning he requested for a small loan but informed him that I didn't have it to loan as my girls will soon call on me for money.

### **Thursday Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Erwin and I went down to the bottom to stack the hay that had been in the shock for over a week. We stacked all that was in the shock; the other that was bunched but not shocked was too badly damaged by the rains. Some that had been mowed but not raked up I set fire to in order to clear up the mowland of trash.

Silas finished cutting the millet today.

We failed to find one of our Jersey cows this evening. As every body has their fences down leading to their corn fields including myself, I fear she may be in some cornfield.

John V. Plake and his wife return today to their school work in Mexico.

### **Friday Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. 35¢

I repaired the fence where one of my cows went through into the Plake pasture this morning where I found her. I also repaired Em's garden fence for fear some of my stock might get in and

do her damage or possibly do me damage by the loss of a cow from eating too much green corn. After finishing this, Erwin and I began to haul millet while Silas raked and bunched it. This makes Erwin's fifth day he has worked for me.

Agnes, Julia and Rosie went to town this afternoon to take in the carnival. I added 35¢ to their fund before they started.

### **Saturday Aug. 18" 1906**

I.T. 50 (illegible; meaning unknown) Exp. 22.65

As Silas, Erwin, wife et al desired to go to town today to take in the Carnival, I hired Jeff Lantis to help me finish stacking my millet. We finished after sun down.

I gave wife a check for \$29.65 and all she brought back was \$7.00. Out of above amount Silas got a suit of clothes etc. for \$12.08. Also paid Erwin \$3.75 I owed him for work.

We had ice cream this evening. As I was too busy during the day I did not get to go after Jamie as was my intention. I invited the Lantis boys to ice cream and they had all they wanted of it. We had to borrow 8 lbs of salt of Lantis as my folks failed to bring any from town.

Mr. Cobb sent two of his grand daughters to Haskell today by Nellie Plake. (Rufus' children)

### **Sunday Aug. 19" 1906**

Rested at home most of the day, reading and sleeping untill Frank Spooner and his family came at about 12 o'clock. They had dinner with us.

After dinner Frank and I went up on the hill to the ball ground as he had heard that the ball players were to reorganize their first team again which had disbanded early in the summer. Not finding any one there we returned home and as it was so warm we could off on ice cream when we reached home. Later, we went for the water melons.

Samuel and his wife visited Thomas' today to eat water melons.

Bessie and Agnes went horse back riding to R. McCoones this P.M. while Cora who also went to same place rode on a two wheeled cart she had made. She had Fannie hitched to her cart.

### **Monday Aug. 20" 1906**

Exp. \$5.54

As Allie and Bessie desired to go to town today I had to give up one team to them while I put Silas to mowing weeds in the south east corner of the south forty.

I gave Allie \$5.00 to get Bessie a pair of shoes and get me a sack of salt for the cattle, also some repairs for my mowing machine.

I fixed one swingletree today, looked for and found the sow I am expecting to have a nest full of wackies, but she hadn't found any yet; I also got the balance of the timothy seed at Frank Nisely's which I had bought and paid for last Spring.

I bought a bunch of ready stamped envelopes this morning of the mail carrier, paying 54¢ for them.

A.C. Plake went to Haskell to assume the duties of assistant farmer today.

### **Tuesday Aug. 21" 1906**

Exp. and Loan \$1.85¢ A.W.S. 60¢

Silas finished cutting weeds this forenoon in the field where he was at work yesterday.

This afternoon we took both machines down to the bottom. Irwin ran one of them. As it was about 3 o'clock when they began mowing, they did not finish the land they were cutting. I cut and carried off brush from mow land while they were at work.

J.W. Plake borrowed my wagon today to use in his threshing this afternoon.

A.W. Spooner came over this P.M. and wanted to borrow a dollar. I didn't have but 60¢ in change, he got that.

Slankard came over this morning and borrow eight new two bushel sacks of me and incedentally to talk telephone. He is about to have one put in at his place. The Bell system.

Paid Jeff Lantis \$1.25 for Saturday's work.

### **Wednesday Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1906**

Shocked up my crab grass hay that Silas had cut. Sent Irwin down to the bottom this morning to do some more mowing. He ran out of machine oil and had to quit about two oclock. Silas took the hay rake down there this P.M. but did not rake any hay as it looked too much like rain. Raining now while I am writing tonight.

I received a letter from Cousin Amelia today and have just finished answering it. I also wrote one to Katie.

I went to see Jamie and took him a cantelope but he wasn't at home.

### **Thursday Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1906**

Last night's rain prevented haying today. I dug some at my cave for my pets to winter in, for a while this forenoon.

This afternoon Irwin, Silas and I went down to the bottom with both teams to do some more mowing.

As we had our dinner late today, (2 o'clock) it must have been after three oclock before we commenced working. As I am paying Irwin for his work, this afternoons work probably made up for lost time yesterday, therefore one days work.

Threatening more rain for tonight.

### **Friday Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Went down to the bottom to do some more mowing. Overtook Dude Bittenbender on our way and he promised to pay me \$1.00 if I would mow and rake the ball ground for next Sunday's game between Chippewa and Acorn.

We worked untill noon mowing in the bottom; after dinner we went with machine and rake and cleaned off the ballground.

On our way again to the bottom after clearing the ball ground Silas was so careless as to break both shafts to the rake in his effort to go through a narrow gate when he should have unhitched from it and pulled the rake through by hand as Irwin had advised.

We managed to get the rake as far as Mr. Elliott's and left it there.

Irwin put in all of today. His second days work.

### **Saturday Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> 1906**

As I was under the weather on account of bowel trouble we did not go down to the bottom to work.

Wife and Cora went to town today, gave her a check for \$15.65. How much of this she will bring back remains to be seen as she hasn't reported at this writing. Late in the afternoon we went to Mr. Elliott's to repair the shafts to the hay rake but did not finish.

The boys, Silas and Irwin went up on the hill this forenoon to look for a calf one of my heifers evidently had. They came home about noon with a little black calf too weak to stand up and just about starved to death. We tried to feed it out of a bottle but was too weak for it.

### **Sunday Aug. 26” 1906**

Rec. \$2.00 Visitors Tilda and Mary Drake

Feel much better today probably on account of the dose of pain killer Mr. Elliott gave me to take yesterday evening.

The little calf died this morning and Silas took it away and buried it.

I wrote a letter to Peter J. today in answer to one received last Friday. I also wrote a card to Supt. Peairs informing him that my children would return to Haskell on Saturday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and requested him to send a conveyance for their trunks on the evening of that date to India station.

Went up on the hill to see the ball game between Chippewa and Acorn teams. Score 24 to 3 in favor of Chippewa. Got \$2.00 from the boys today, \$1.00 for mowing ball ground and \$1.00 for use of same.

### **Monday Aug. 27” 1906**

Silas, Irwin and I went down to the bottom this morning. I put both boys to mowing while I finished repairing the hay rake. They got through with their work about noon.

After dinner I put Irwin to raking while Silas and I hauled and stacked hay. Hauled three loads to stack and a small load for barn loft at home which we stored therein on reaching home.

The children report finding two of my brood sows having each found a nest full of wackies, one having eight, the other nine. The old sow having nine.

Mr. Lantis sent Callie over this morning for 5¢ worth of tobacco.

Shotzmans were all gone today, no one at home. Irwin's third day of work.

### **Tuesday Aug. 28” 1906**

Went down to the bottom expecting to finish my haying but failed to do so. We built two round stacks including the one started yesterday but did not finish either of them on account of being so windy. We brought a load of hay home for the barn also one of the mowing machines.

Irwin put in another day's work making his fourth day's work since I settled up with him last week. I burnt off some of the grass we had mowed in the hopes of getting a short but clean second crop of grass. Some that I hauled home today was of second cutting and is excellent. Poles are being set up today for a Phone line to Slankards.

### **Wednesday Aug. 29” 1906**

Went down to the bottom to top out both stacks today. We finished them and loaded wagon with hay for my barn loft. On our way home our wagon with the load of hay upset opposite Slankard's barn. Reloaded hay and reached home after 2 o'clock and very hungry.

On reaching home found Mr. J.Q. Greene (Agent for Mutual Ins Co) ready to insure my dwelling house as my policy in the "Home" of New York had just expired and as his rates were cheaper. I insured with him. House \$700.00 and contents \$200.00. Total \$900.00.

Cost \$27 for five years, in fire, lightning, cyclone and tornado. One half cash and balance \$13.50 by note payable under "Mutual Plan". Silas and I went for last load of hay while Irwin hauled fuel. Irwin put in his 5<sup>th</sup> day today.

### **Thursday Aug. 30” 1906**

We stacked my crab grass hay this forenoon and late this afternoon we went with both teams and two wagons to haul lumber I had Mr. Miller to saw for me last winter on the Rob. McCoonse place. We hauled it to where Shotzman now lives as I intend to build a barn there out of the lumber. Delivered only four loads of it. Intend to finish tomorrow if possible as Silas and the

girls are going back to Haskell on Saturday. Irwin works faithfully as he too desires to go to Haskell. This makes his sixth day of work.

Mr. Elliott borrowed my hog rack today preparatory to delivering hogs at Pomona tomorrow.

Received a letter from B.B. Romig informing me that his father would visit the Hills Saturday if some one meets him in Ottawa and bring him out.

### **Friday Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$2.07

Finished hauling lumber today.

Wife went to town today. I gave Agnes a check for \$5.00 today for the purchase of her immediate needs. Wife got some ice in town and the following named immediate relatives were invited for ice cream for this evening. Mr. Elliott and sons, Charles and Fred, Mr. B.F. Spooner, Mr. Chas. Spooner and family, Mr. Frank Spooner and family. Most of them remained till a late hour, except Charles and family who remained over night.

Bessie, Silas, Agnes, and Julia go to Haskell tomorrow as also Irwin Spooner and this social was in honor to those who will leave us to continue their mental labors.

Received a card from Rev. Romig today informing me of his coming to visit the Hills on the morrow if possible. Wife spent all my change \$2.07.

### **Saturday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1906**

Rain prevented the departure of my children back to Haskell today. The rain began to fall while we were breakfasting and continued until one o'clock, from that time on until about five, it came in showers.

I mowed the yard with the machine late this evening.

Received a letter from Laura who is at present in K.C., stating she would visit me on her return to the Territory. I immediately answered her letter and sent the boys to mail the letter in Mr. Coen's mail box so the Carrier could get it on his return trip.

Charley and his family returned to their home after dinner.

Alice Caleb went to visit her step daughter (Mrs. Grinnell) at Mayetta today, so I heard.

### **Sunday Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1906**

Remained at home all day today. Shaved myself after dinner and got ready to start up the hill to salt my cattle but just before I started I noticed a heavy cloud coming up from the north west, so deferred starting to see if it was to rain. It rained hard soon after and continued until the sun set.

As it rained pretty much all day yesterday and some during the night and slight showers early this morning, I made no effort to go after Rev. Romig in Ottawa today owing to his feeble health it was hardly probable he would care to venture out in such unsettled weather. Possible too he may have already come out to the Hills the day before with some one, but haven't heard.

Silas and Irwin returned from the Hill soaking wet. They got caught in the afternoon rain.

### **Monday Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1906**

Our District school begins today. Bessie, Silas, Agnes and Julia went back to Haskell today. Irwin Spooner also went. Bessie is to begin in Commercial course this term.

I wrote a note to Mr. Peairs for Mr. W.H. Kilbuck to ascertain whether or not Jerry and Francis Kilbuck might be admitted to the Institute. Paid \$1.00 to the Editor Republican for renewal.

Understand that Rev. Romig as also B.B. Romig were at Slankard's today.

Spent nearly fifty dollars today. Paid Ottawa H'd'w Co. \$30.00 toward mowing machine and spent \$19.00 more toward children and groceries including \$5.00 I paid Irwin Spooner for work.

No mail today. "Labor day."

### **Tuesday Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Was raining again this morning when I woke up. After breakfast I put in my time looking for one of my young sows and incidentally to see the other that have had pigs out in the pasture. I found one dead pig during my tramp and when at last I found the old sow she only had seven pigs with her. She was reported to have had nine. Later I found the other sow which was reported to have had eight pigs, she had only six of them with her. I continued my search for the one I started to look for and found her with seven little wackies.

After dinner I snapped a box full of corn to feed on. This done I went up on the hill to see a heifer which was about to become fresh. I found her with a black heifer calf by her side, a day or two old. From there I went to see Jamie and gave him a squirrel I had killed.

### **Wednesday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Rev. Romig was here today and remained for dinner with us. I did nothing all forenoon. After the Reverend visitor departed I and Allie went up on the hill to bring home the heifer and her calf I found yesterday. This heifer was a brindle one we call Wabby. While we were looking for the calf Allie found two more black calves, one of these was Daisy's calf and the other belonged to a red heifer which it appears has no name, at least the children had no name for her. We brought this heifer and Wabby home with their calves. Daisy was such a poor milker we left her with her calf in the pasture.

Rev. Romig held prayer meeting tonight at Mr. Plake's. I was the only one went from my family. Quite a crowd was there. Letters received today, one from E.N. Miller and one from M.F. V. Satterlee.

### **Thursday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Ben. Romig came after Dolly early this morning. As Ben. had not had his breakfast as yet, he ate his breakfast with us.

I was busy repairing and making new gates today. Repaired one and made one new one, set a new gate post, stretched the wire and hung the gate.

Mr. Reed came over this evening and got one peck of potatoes which cost him the large sum of ten cents. He bought half a pound of butter yesterday for eight cents.

One of the young pigeons died today. It had been sick for several days.

I tried hard to kill a rabbit for my pets this evening but failed to find any to shoot at.

### **Friday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$10.00

Received a card today stating that Peter Fellman (a cousin from Leavenworth) would meet me at the Park gate in Ottawa. As today was the last day of the Co. fair and my family were going in to see the Hagenbeck show which was to be in the Park, I concluded to get ready and go to town with my family. We started late from home but got there in time to see the parade.

I got me a hat, then went and had my hair trimmed, after which I began to look for Mr. Fellman. Somehow we failed to connect and he tiring of waiting for me hired a livery rig and came out to my place and was at Mr. Reed's when we got home about eight o'clock.

I paid Mr. Miller \$4.64 balance for sawing lumber by leaving money at Drake & Murphy's for him. Exp. today \$10.00.

### **Saturday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 1906**

I took Mr. Fellman over the Hills in the spring wagon today and reached home again at two o'clock in the afternoon. We started from home and went up on the hill to salt my cattle. From there we went to Spooner's and talked for a while, we then went to Mr. Kilbuck's as I had a message for him from Mr. Peairs of Haskell Institute. As Jamie was at his grandfather's when we got there I took him along over to Kilbuck's for a ride and left him again with his mother on our return.

We then went down to the bottom to see my corn and also Cedar bluffs. On our return we stopped at Shotzman's and from there we came on home.

After dinner I hitched up my team to the wagon and snapped a load of corn for my feed over Sunday. My visitor remained at house while I went for corn. Took out about 50 lbs honey today.

### **Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Mr. Fellman concluded to return home today and would not be persuaded to remain over Sunday so I hitched up and took him to town. We got there just at noon, and we went into Turner's restaurant and ate a 50¢ dinner, also got ½ a dozen of cigars. I took one and gave him the rest, costing me 25¢ more.

From here we went to a barber shop where he took a shave, then we went over the river to Depot and learned that no trains today for Lawrence where he desired to go. Came back and went to Mo. Pacific Depot from here we went back to Main street. He set them up to sodapop with ice cream.

I got two souvenir cards here for 15¢. We also weighed at Depot. I weigh 154 lbs, and he weighed 210 lbs. We separated on main street and I came on home. On reaching home I took Jamie some honey which I had taken out the day before.

### **Monday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1906**

I started to cut corn fodder near the house on south side of road today, but owing to hot day and bother in making out some papers for Mr. Kilbuck I cut only six shocks during the day.

Mr. Kilbuck called on me to fill out the blank application papers for the admission of his grandchildren Jerry and Francis to Haskell Institute. I also reset my post to mail box and painted one bee hive. Tonight I am loading two shells with pop corn to shoot a stray dog that comes here every night.

Sent a souvenir card to Marie this morning.

### **Tuesday Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Cut only three shocks of corn this forenoon. Mr. Caleb came by and stated that Rufus had returned home and he and Belle had made up again and that they were then at Mr. Caleb's house.

As it looked so much like rain I concluded to sow my timothy seed on my millet ground this afternoon. Finished my job just before sun down.

Wife went to town today.

Yoap sent word for me to fix my pasture fence as my cattle were getting in on his side and destroying some of his crop.

Lost another pig today.

### **Wednesday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. 25¢

As it had failed to rain last evening night I concluded to harrow the ground that I seeded down to timothy yesterday. A slight shower fell about noon today. After dinner I continued my harrowing. This finished, I went for a box full of corn to feed on. Cora got Dude Bittenbender's fifth reader for 25¢ but I had to shell out the quarter for it.

### **Thursday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. 75¢

Cut six shocks more of fodder today also snapped seed corn during my corn cutting which I shall hang up in the crib to dry for next season's planting. I tried this plan last Fall and I think every grain of it came up this Spring that was planted. Will try again this Fall on a larger scale. This plan of securing seed corn being recommended by the "Kansas Farmer." Got about a bushel today.

This afternoon I went up on the hill to repair pasture fence as my cattle have been molesting Samuel's crop. Before returning home I went to see Jamie for a few moments. Rufus and Belle are both cutting corn for Samuel so I heard.

Ed. Monroe came today to sell us more baking powders but didn't. I paid him 75¢ old account.

### **Friday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 1906**

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Cut seven shocks of corn today and worked hard at that while I was at it.

During the noon hour? I picked up hickory nuts in the N. cornfield? that blew off the trees.

Wrote two letters this evening, one to Chris. B.? and one to Sweet Marie.

Raining hard tonight and I am ?

Wife and Allie got out some potatoes and beans for the market tomorrow.

### **Saturday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 1906**

I practically did but little work today owing to being bothered by some one coming here. This forenoon I cut only four shocks of fodder. After dinner started to cut more corn when Mr. Albright came along and wanted me to show him where to gather hickory nuts. I took him near F. Niseley's and returned. Just as I had started to work Mr. Reed came along and wanted me to let him have potatoes. I had to dig them for him. He got half bushel and promised to pay for them next week. Almost .20¢.

Wife and Cora went to town today.

This evening I cut three more shocks of corn.

### **Sunday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Got up late this morning. In fact all the breakfast dishes had been washed and put away, except that my plate was still at my place at table and other things to eat covered up, so I went after it, after washing and combings.

After having had my meal I proceeded to do my chores; this date I began to gather hickory nuts. Got a bucketfull, shaved myself, ate dinner, and then went up on the hill to salt cattle. Saw Daisy's black calf for the first time today. Got back home late this evening and had to do my chores, lucky Allie had got some corn for me to feed on.

Also Cora and Rosa had watered the horse. Had no supper this evening. Answered Satterlee's letter tonight.

### **Monday Sept. 17" 1906**

L. Slankard came over early this morning to secure my signature to a note I had previously indorsed for him at Peoples Bank. He had his breakfast with us.

I done my chores after breakfast having had to husk and carry corn from the field as I had fed the last that had been hauled in wagon during Sunday. Later I hitched up to wagon and went to the field and snapped a box of corn for feeding purposes.

After dinner I went down to the bottom to get my mowing machine, I stopped at Shotzman's to watch him make a blast in the well, but it failed for some cause. He had put in two charges for simultaneous explosion and neither of them went off.

Mr. Burgoon is helping him today.

### **Tuesday Sept. 18" 1906**

Cut some wood for fuel, and then I hitched on the mower and mowed weeds east of garden. I tried to mow the weeds along the [ ] but broke down before I went one round, so I quit; went to Lantis' after my plow by that time it was noon.

After dinner I went down to the bottom after my rake. While there I thought I would go down in the well, as Jake had failed to do anything more after the charge failed to explode the evening before.

While down there in the well I was overcome by foul air and Mr. Burgoon had to send for Mr. Moody to go down the well and fasten the rope around me. They also sent for Dr. Johnson but I came to all right and met Doctor on my way home. Fearful headache now.

### **Wednesday Sept. 19" 1906**

Cut two shocks of corn this morning, then I got Allie to help me grind the sickel so that I could begin my mowing the second crop clover at Albright's this afternoon.

This evening I wrote two letters, one to Mr. Peairs and one to Silas telling him of my accident in the well at Shotzman's yesterday.

The letter to Mr. Peairs was for Mr. Kilbuck in answer to one received today. Mr. Kilbuck declined to send Jerry and Francis to Toleda,, Ia. as suggested in Mr. Peair's letter.

### **Thursday, Sept. 20" 1906**

Mowed grass all forenoon.

When I went back to work after dinner I took the rake along with me, as the grass, or rather clover and foxtail was not dry enough to rake. I unhitched from the rake and continued mowing untill late in the evening when I again went to raking. I raked and bunched a part of the first mowing. Allie went to hunt up a hand to help me stack the next day at my request. She got Bally who came this evening ready for work. I got two young rabbits during my mowing and bro't them home for my pets. One of these rabbits was a jack rabbit. My pets went for them when I threw the rabbits to them.

### **Friday Sept. 21" 1906**

Put new coupling pole to my hay wagon this morning, then put the hay rack on and started with both teams to Albright's to stack the clover while Allie raked the hay with one of the teams. Bally helping me in haying. We hauled five loads today and did not finish one stack. Allie kept

on raking and bunching hay until late in the afternoon when she finished. She came on home with her team and after caring for the horses she and Cora got enough corn for evening and morning feeding. I was very glad they did as I was so tired.

### **Saturday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1906**

Bally and I finished stacking the clover at Albrights today but we had to work until after sundown to do it. We hauled three loads of the hay and made a round stack near the barn for Mr. Albright while six loads did for our rickstack.

As Mr. Albright had gone to town today and at his request I took his mail over to his house from his mailbox, also loaned him my bee smoker which I also took over.

### **Sunday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1906**

Clint and Nellie Plake came down from Haskell yesterday and left again this afternoon. Clint took his horse "Rocksy" hitched to a brand new rubber tired buggy and a new set of harness bought in Ottawa. They went back to Haskell in the new rig.

I went up on the hill this afternoon to salt cattle after having had my dinner. The boys failed to pay up today for another month's use of ball ground but promised to pay next Sunday if they continue using the ground for another month.

I went from ball ground to see Jamie but he wasn't at home, John W. Plake was raking hay this afternoon. His black bull was in with my cows yesterday and today.

### **Monday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1906**

The first thing I did after breakfast was to get my sickle off my machine at Albrights, bring it home and grind it so as to continue my mowing. Allie helped me to grind the sickle.

I cut about two acres in the forenoon. As I was out of oil I borrowed almost two cans full of Mr. Albright, this done me for the day or rather up to time of breaking my sickle. Had it not broke at the time it did I should have finished my mowing as I had but one small land yet to finish.

### **Tuesday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$5.00

Wife, Allie, and Rosa went to town today. Rosa had to see a doctor as she had been breaking out with sores so much so that she was not able to attend school. The doctor pronounced it a case of poisoning and gave her some medicine for her relief. Cost 80¢.

I raked hay most of the day, cut a little this evening. Bally did not show up today to help me in stacking the hay. Gave wife a check for \$5.00 to get groceries etc.

Gave school order for \$15.15 to Bittenbender for hauling 101 bushels of coal to the school house.

Frank Nisely came over to borrow salt this evening.

J.W. Plake came and inquired for his bull. Told him Strawfuss had him.

### **Wednesday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Rec. 20¢

As it was so windy today and the fact that Bally had not as yet showed up to help me in my haying and as my old back was lame today, I done nothing in the forenoon other than to go to Kilbuck's and confer with him about sending his grandsons to Iowa to school. He declined to the proposition. Came on home by way of Spooner's and left word for Bally to come over and help

me finish my haying. Stopped a few minutes to see Jamie who was asleep. Clara wouldn't let me wake him up. Reached home in time for dinner. Later I went for a load of corn in field, wife and Allie helping. Marked off patch in garden for strawberries. Then went and raked some hay, also mowed Albright's potatoe patch. Reed paid me 20¢ for potatoes.

#### **Thursday Sept. 27" 1906**

Mr. W.H. Kilbuck came over this morning informing me that Joe would take Jerry and Francis to Haskell on Monday next so I wrote Mr. Peairs to that effect.

Bally and I hauled and stacked hay today on Albright's place. We started a round stack but did not finish it.

Wife and Allie have been transplanting strawberry plants today after doing their washing.

Bingaman came over to borrow my hay rake to use on hill by my house where he has been mowing for Mr. Caleb. As I had the rake at Albrights place he did not get it.

Fed two young rabbits to my pets today. First they have had for a number of days.

#### **Friday Sept. 28" 1906**

Exp. \$2.50

Made out an order for Teacher's first month's wages this morning before we went to work at our haying which we finished at noon.

After dinner I settled up with Bally for his help, he charged me \$2.50 for his 3 ½ days work so paid him that amount. We then unloaded the hay rack and put our wagon box on the wagon and I went up on the hill after rock for the purpose of making a skunk den. On the way over Ephie stepped on Billy dog's foot and before I could stop the team the front wheel to wagon ran over the dog.

On my way to the stone quarry I stopped at Lantis' and returned the salt and machine oil previously borrowed. Lantis told me he took up one of John Plake's hogs and made him pay 50¢ before he could get it back again.

#### **Saturday Sept. 29" 1906**

Exp. 25c

I put in my time hauling stone today. I hauled two loads and also hauled away two loads from the cemetery. Those I hauled home I had to quarry out near Samuel's place.

I went to get a drink of water and incidentally to see Jamie today but no one was at home. The door not being locked I opened it got the bucket and went after water over at Samuel's house.

Cora and Rosie snapped almost a box full of corn today.

Wife finished transplanting her strawberry plants today.

I sent for 25¢ worth of tobacco by Thomas today.

Windy and cool today as it has been for the last three days.

#### **Sunday Sept. 30" 1906**

Rec. \$1.00 Ball ground

Went to Frank Nisely's to see Roy Tell (a stalion) this morning. On reaching home I took a shave and then went to the barn to clean it.

After dinner I went up on the hill to the ball ground. I passed by and went up to see Jamie then came back again to the ball ground where I participated in the game for a short time. After

the game was over the boys raised a \$1.00 for me for use of ball ground. All but a few went home, those remaining proceeded to play cards for tobacco tags.

Heard today that Bally was absent from the Hills, presumably went to Haskell yesterday.

### **Monday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1906**

Exp. 25¢ for school book

Went down to the bottom today to haul lumber to the river and carry across the river for a corn crib on Allie's place. I took 2 x 4 and 2 x 6. I and Jim Homister built a temporary bridge for my use in carrying the lumber over the river. During our work Homister fell out of the boat and got a good ducking. I got the load I had over by 4 o'clock then husked three rows of corn to bring home. I got home just at sun down.

Mr. Cripe came over this evening looking for his horses. I went back with him and we found them in my corn field.

Leo Straufuss borrowed my rake this evening. Kilbuck took his grand sons to Haskell today. Wife and Allie went to town today.

Paid 25¢ for grammar.

### **Tuesday Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1906**

By working hard and late I managed to haul two loads of lumber and carry it over the river to Allie's place for corn crib. My right shoulder is almost raw from effect of carrying the lumber. I think I have enough to build the crib.

Quite a number from the Hills went to Bradin's sale today. I heard Lantis took his colt over thee and it sold for \$80.00 on a year's time.

Heard today that Bally had went to the Territory last Saturday and not to Haskell as reported.

A.W. Spooner was over this evening wanting a job of work. I told him to come Saturday as I was to work the roads tomorrow and next day and on Friday I would mow hay and Saturday he might help me put it up.

Pocketbook received from Swayze. Letters from Bessie and Marie Menzel.

### **Wednesday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1906**

Was to have worked the roads today but Jap Williams the road boss failed to show up this morning so I hitched up to the wagon and husked corn as I was out of feed. Before starting to husk corn I had to separate some hogs as I had three sows I wish to dispose of for the market. I also wrote two letters, one to Geo. W. Laurence and one to Charley Trousch(?).

Husked two small loads today. Heard that Bill Glover came today from Mayetta to visit C. Appier.

Democratic primaries last night at Wyckoff school house but I was too tired to attend.

Allie received samples of ore from the Quapaw mines in which she thinks of investing.

### **Thursday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Husked corn again today and bro't parts of two boxesfull of corn. I quit early in order to go to Jap Williams' to see him as to cause of his failure to work the roads. He said he was putting up his second crop of grass for hay and would not work roads this week.

On account of jiggers which have annoyed me to such an extent by scratching myself I concluded to take a bath tonight in a strong solution of salt water. As I pen these lines after the bath I feel much better and seem to be refreshed otherwise. I'm not scratching just now. Joke on the jiggers, eh?

### **Friday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Went after sickle at Albright's this morning, brought it home to grind. Wife helped me by turning grindstone. When I got through I took a team along and again cut clover at Mr. Albrights. As I get all I cut, free of charge and it making fine feed for cattle, I concluded to take advantage of Mr. Albright's generous offer.

It was very cloudy this morning and during the day as tho' it might rain, but tonight it has about cleared off and probably will frost. The forecast for yesterday and today was for "showers."

Mr. C.B. Voorhis complimented me by sending me the Ottawa Herald. He having paid two months subscription. Today I got the second copy of the Daily Herald.

### **Saturday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Went and finished mowing the piece I had cut around of the clover at Albrights. When this was finished I went to raking some I had cut the day before.

After dinner I put Cora to bunching up the hay while I shocked it.

Wife and Allie went to town today.

### **Sunday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Went after cattle on the hill this morning as the pasture was getting so very short up there. Allie, Cora and Rosie helped me. Peter Herron came over and remained until after dinner.

After dinner I took a shave and got ready to go up on the hill to see a ball game. During the game a controversy arose between Dude Bittenbender and A.W. Spooner, at which the "lie" was passed between each other and later to a scrimmage, which was prevented by my interference but finally resulted in P.S. Herron and A.W. Spooner mixing. No one was seriously hurt.

From the ball ground I went to Joe Kilbuck's where I lost 57 tobacco tags at cards. Got home late at night. A.W. Spooner came home with me.

### **Monday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Spooner and I prepared for stacking the hay cut last week. As it was so windy today we could not handle the hay to advantage and did not finish the stack. We quit early and went to Albrights. where I trimmed three pigs for him. Then he came along home with us and helped me trim two for myself which have been so long neglected.

½ day

### **Tuesday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 1906**

A.W. Spooner and I started to finish stacking the clover this morning but it was too windy to do anything in handling such a light stuff as the second crop clover is. We put on about half of a load on the wagon and came home with it unloading it in barn loft.

Late this afternoon we again hauled one load and finished the stack. All told we put in probably half a day's work.

When we quit this morning Spooner went home while I put in my time in cutting stovewood and mending harness.

Trimmed Pussy this morning. Those attended to yesterday seem to be doing well today.

Let 5¢ tobacco to A.W.S. today

### **Wednesday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Hauled about half of a load of clover and mowed it in the barn as it was the last and remaining part of the hay cut on the Albright field. When this work was done I sent Skick after the machine while I took the other team and went for the rake, intending to go down to the bottom to cut more grass on account of the heavy frost last night.

Skick done the mowing and finished in time to return home again with the machine. I delivered the rake down there then came home. Burgoon sent my part of honey secured from bee tree I had found this summer which he cut for half of honey.

Received letter from Agnes wanting me to send her money. Borrowed tobacco from Grandpa Kilbuck today.

3 ½

### **Thursday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. \$1.00

Wife wants to go to town today so I did not go down to the bottom to rake the hay that was cut yesterday. I cut some of the Kaffir corn in the potatoe patch.

Sent Skick to mow clover for the seed at Albright's this morning after we ground the sickle. He didn't do much in the afternoon as he was bothered in losing a pitman bolt.

Sent for \$1.00 worth of nails today to use on corn crib on Allie's place.

Answered Supt. G.L. Williams' letter today and returned Mrs. Satterlee's letter to him with request that he make further inquiry of Indian Agent at Quapaw Agency, I.T. relative to Satterlee's claim to Gokey estate.

4 ½ Roy Tell

### **Friday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Exp. 20¢

Put Skick to cutting the Kaffir corn and weeds in potatoe patch this forenoon. When he got through with this we repaired the machine and ground the sickle.

After dinner I sent him to Mr. Albright's field to cut more clover while I went down to the bottom to rake the hay that had been cut on Wednesday. When I got through I brought the rake home with me. On reaching home I went with Dolly to see Roy Tell at Nisley's.

After supper I got ready to go to Literary which is our first meeting of the season. Mr. Kilbuck played on the Indian flute at Literary.

Paid Skick 10¢ for Literary dues and let him have 5¢ tobacco today. All told he has received 80¢. 60¢ borrowed Aug. 21." I also paid my dues to Society 10¢. Fan Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> also to Roy Tell.

### **Saturday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 1906**

Rec. \$47.68 Exp. \$7.50

Having engaged three hogs to Mr. Little yesterday at \$5.80 per hundred and benefit of a higher market if any I got ready this morning to take them to Pomona. One sow and two shoats. The three weighed 81.5 pounds and I got \$5.85 as the market had advanced a trifle. The three bro't me \$47.68.

I paid Skick \$2.00 out of this and Dr. Johnson \$4.50. I also got a lunch for both Skick and myself costing .30¢ Took a shave 15¢ Got beef .55¢ Total spent \$7.50.

Slankard took in a cow weight 950 lbs and got only \$16. for her. Slankard remained for lodge meeting at Pomona. Dance at Moody's tonight.

Skick called on Dr. Johnson for treatment of stomach trouble. The doctor told him he had catarrh of the stomach.

### **Sunday Oct. 14" 1906**

Got home too late last evening to haul the corn that the girls had husked during the afternoon so I had to hitch up and haul it this morning. I broke a steeple to my harness so had to repair that.

After dinner I went up on the hill to the ball ground but no game was played. I played high five for one game when someone proposed a tag game. I lost what tags I had with me. Let Skick have five and he too lost out.

Neither Dude nor Peter Herron were up on the hill today.

### **Monday Oct. 15" 1906**

As it was raining this morning I concluded to get up some corn for my feed. The rain which fell was more of a drizzle and a little heavier than a fog did not prevent in husking corn. I got the bottom box full by noon and started to husk another box full in the afternoon but it got to raining harder so I quit and came to the house, put up the horses and began to clean my stable.

John Little came by this P.M. to buy some of my old cows. In looking over the bunch I bargained to him for five head for \$93.50. The big cow, Little cow, Bobby and two heifers. He allowed me only \$8.00 for the big cow owing to her being so poor.

### **Tuesday Oct. 16" 1906**

Exp. \$23.35

Rosie and I went to town today, as she was having the toothache I took her to a Dentist and two of her teeth were extracted and two filled, costing me \$3.00.

I also got her a cap \$1.00 and a pair of shoes \$2.50.

I paid off my note at Hardware store, balance on machine \$8.00 and applied \$2.00 on my private account in that store reducing my indebtedness down to \$8.42 or thereabout. Sold 13 lbs butter @ 20¢ per pound total \$2.60. Got 100 lbs flour and bacon for it and paid a difference of 25¢ on a pound of tobacco. Also bought 50¢ worth of rope for my halters to tie horses. Sent Agnes my check for \$5.00 for her shoes. Got some medicine of Dr. Lawrence for myself charging me \$1.00.

### **Wednesday Oct. 17" 1906**

Exp. 53¢

John Little came this morning for the cattle I sold him Monday and handed me a check for \$93.50.

I got A.W. Spooner to help him along with them as far as the Burrows corner.

John Plake also took his as also James Elliott who sold three steers.

I repaired my lot fence this morning and finishing this I hitched on to the lister and commenced my potatoe harvest. We got out about 20 bushels today.

Bought a bunch of envelopes of the mail carrier, cost 53¢. Sent my check for cattle to Bank of Ottawa today.

Let Spooner have 20¢ worth of tobacco and 2 envelopes 5¢.

**Thursday Oct. 18" 1906**

Dug more potatoes today. A.W. Spooner helped us today but we did no better than we did yesterday as we dug only the rows today the same as yesterday. All told we probably got out about forty bushels.

Jake Shotzman came over this evening to borrow a horse as he too intends to begin his potatoe harvest in the morning. I let him take Ceilom to use. Hobbled Jenkins tonight in my effort to break him of his habit of pawing one foot over his halter rope.

**Friday Oct. 19" 1906**

Almost finished my potatoe harvest today. Only three more rows to dig. Skick helped me again today. This evening I let him have 10¢ worth of tobacco and cash 25¢.

Jim Mack came over this evening and remained untill 10 oclock. He came to see about renewing his note.

The old cow I sold to Little came home again this morning. I heard she had given out on her way to Pomona and was left at Greenwood.

Skick went to Appier's dance tonight.

Corn husked on Allie—1906

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