

April 1869.

Consenting Spring, sheds her own rosy garlands,

on their heads. _____ Thomson.

1 Thursday: I went to the sawmill and started away the house frame, got Mrs. Whites oxen and Elden Knowlton to help me; worked in P.M., come home at night dreadful tired. warm sploshy day.

2 Warm and wet again, water everywhere, went to the mill and started timber again, same help as yesterday got the frame all away today & some boards too. got home at night tired enough. got my feet wet as sops.

3 Rainy today: I am almost sick, tired and got cold I went to see Louisa in P.M., there was a school meeting tonight, I did not go, as I was most sick; they chose J.D. Cookson Agent. Mr Hahn clerk. voted to repair the school house some.

4 Sunday: quite cool; Charley & I went to Curtis's of an errand, read the Belfast Journal some; Mr. Palmer come along brought me some mail, a letter from Lucy.

5 Pleasant: father & I went to the sawmill, hauled timber home as far as Cooksons corer; got along some. I went one turn with Curtis oxen but one of them cut him and I sent them home at noon.

6 Tuesday: we hauled timber today, Mr. Cookson & Alfred helped us, we got along a good pile.

7 Pleasant: Alfred went one turn this morn. Mr. Cookson helped, went three turn I believe; we got the timber all along today, and some shingles.

8 A cloudy squally day; I went to the mill stuck up the spruce boards and hauled some away from the mill. they broke out the road by Amos's in P.M.

9 Cool, we hauled home timber this morning, got home four loads, I got Lewis's oxen at night to haul with.

10 Cold morning, a load come nicely, started at 4 ½ o'clock to haul timber, hauled three loads in A.M. Nath'l Averell helped me with his team, and Ira with their horse. we got home a great lot of timber.

11 Sunday: a warm mild Sabbath, I was at home all day; Charley went down the road. I was reading, singing, etc. besides doing chores.

12 Very pleasant: finished hauling timber this morn, had Nath's oxen this A.M.; Orley Whitten & Charles were up this morning, to look at one of our cows, did not buy. hauled one load shingles home this A.M., so the job of getting timber home is accomplished, I am glad.

13 Tuesday: hauled shingles in A.M., went to Lewis's in P.M. if I remember correctly.

14 Pleasant: hauled shingles in morn. the last of them. I went to Dexters in P.M., we went down to Nathans, see the doors etc. they have made for me. they look well. got home at dark.

15 Pleasant: Nathan & Dexter come this morning, they hauled up the ripping machine; they went over the road and were gone most all day, getting home in time to fix a hewing place.

16 Cloudy: I went to the mill in morning, bad traveling; Nathan got a load hay from Lewis's in A.M., they were hewing, in P.M. I hauled sleeper timber out from under the snow, it is very deep, slosh and mud, a man was here, Gould by name of Hope, wanted to hire out, a good way from home I thought.

17 Warm, quite springlike; the boys hewed till four o'clock when they went home; Charley went home, the night set in dark and rainy but within it was pleasant and homelike.

18 Sunday: was at home all day; Samuel & Maria were over today; Judson Hall was over also; I went to Carrs at night, very wet bad walking, yet looked like spring.

19 Rainy in morning; Isaac staid here last night, went home this morning; Charley & I went to the sawmill and hauled away boards all day in the mud, very cloudy, did not rain much. an awful hard days work. Nathan & Dexter come and hewed some. the ground is just breaking up, as bad traveling as it can be.

20 Tuesday: cloudy, I went to Moody Nortons in morning to get him to hew, he is unwell so could not get him. Nathan got his horse shod in A.M., Dexter went to Carrs in A.M. and was afflicted with a boil so he did not work in P.M. Nath'l Averell was up in P.M. he has swaped farms with Alonzo Poland and is selling off his things very fast. ESq. Clough was along, the first wagon of the season.

21 Avery rainy day, our men were not doing much, Chs. Curtis was here, he is cutting wood for me; Dexter went home at night, as he is not able to work. Charley went to Mr. Hahns to get dried apple. I went in woods towards night, a springlike sunset.

22 A dreadful windy day: we tore down the wood house, Chs. Curtis tearing it down, and the rest of us taking care of ourselves, Nathan & Charles Palmer & myself being the crew, it was tore down very easy as it was almost down, I have been afraid it would fall, and hurt some of us, in P.M. Nathan & I went hunting timber.

23 Hauled timber in A.M., Joshua Thompson come in A.M. to hew timber, I went to Centre in P.M. got 23 cts for eggs carried 18 doz. horrible bad traveling, mud on every hand. bought 7 m. shingles of N. Averell at 1.50 per m. see Terry the committee-man we held a session on Mr. Crocketts portico.

24 A cloudy misty day, Mr. Thompson went home in A.M. the boys were ripping with their machine, quite an invention. hauled timber in P.M., went to Nath'ls in eve. it seems to be quiet when the workmen all go home and leave us alone.

25 Sunday: cleared off in A.M., I done chores to perfection all the A.M., Alfred has come now and is going over the road I guess, and I must go after dinner. we went over to Jacksons & to Lewis's. a good walk.

26 Pleasant: Mother come home today, has been gone a long time; Charley Howard was over, he is almost sick. Joshua Thompson finished the hewing today, Chs. Curtis worked. I bought N. Averells sheep 14 for \$50. 7 M. shingles 10.50. The boys were framing smartly, company were in attendance today. S.B. Rollins, Judson & Ed Hall, and so forth and so forth.

27 Quite pleasant: nothing of special importance occurred today. we cleared up around the wood house, getting out nails etc.

28 Windy, Geo. Sproul was up, worked framing in P.M., we cut wood etc.; turned the sheep out these pleasant days. They come up quite full at night.

29 Thursday: there is an exhibition tonight at Freedom by the Good Templars, a good time is anticipated. Geo. Sproul went home after dinner, he is to spend the rest of the week at Freedom, they did not consider him a superior hand at framing, went to Jacksons in P.M., they are about the same, Louisa is mending some.

30 And April ends today; I went to Schusters in P.M., to Dan'l Atkinsons; called to Lewis's, got the truck wagon at Carrs, getting home about dark. a month of some enjoyment. Yet gloomy withal and rather discouragement.