

January: 1871.

If we bury the year, the kind old year,

Let out touch be soft as we move its bier,  
For oft in the New

Mid hours of pain

We may long for the clasp of its hands again.

\_\_\_\_\_: Portland Transcript

1 Sunday: A fine day, - we went to Searsmont to Mr. Clarks; had a good ride down, staid a few hours and came home again, getting home at 8 ½ in evening; pretty cold coming home. Mr. Clarks folks are not very smart some of them being quite unwell.

2 A storm of snow today clearing up at night; had a god school today; quite a moonlight night. cut up the pig in eve: it weighed 236 lbs. now it is 10 o'clock and I must go to bed.

3 Very cold; Mr. Holbrook had the horse to Belfast, he got home with it quite late in evening.

4 Cold; potatoes froze on the road to Belfast today; very cold indeed; severe weather.

5 Some stormy; snowing a little; have a good school this week.

6 Some rainy; I called to A. Polands in eve. Mrs. Rowell is very sick, she suffers much pain.

7 Saturday: a very good time at school today; read in floor today; a good exercise. John went to Centre in morning, - we went to singing school in evening; Louisa come over today Jackson come, they staid all night. a cold night.

8 Sunday: a cold day; was at home all day; Jackson went home at night; very cold.

9 An extremely cold day; as much as one could to live, a cold raw wind, cold as Greenland.

10 Cold; Louisa & Sammy are over here this week so we have a good time; very cold weather. Mary went down to Alfreds today, - I went down to dinner.

11 Very cold; had a good school; cold, cold, dreary.

12 Warmer; Mary went to see Mrs. Rowell; Marcena Poland come at night; he has been travelling very extensively in the middle and western states, and has many interesting adventures to tell; he is an interesting young man; had an agreeable evening.

13 A soft day; wind from the "southward;" we had a spelling school in evening; a good many were out, had a pretty good time; quite foggy and damp.

14 A very warm day, other said the warmest day for winter that she ever saw; school closed very finely today. have had a good school, have enjoyed it very much. alls well that ends well; a warm day.

15 A cold, misty day; wind to the east; a hatrd day for seamen on the coast. a sabbath spent very agreeably at home, reading, etc., John went away somewhere.

16 Monday: a rainy day; not much work today. Dexter Bennett and Geo. Choate come at night and as it rained hard in evening they staid all night. had a very good visit from them in evening.

17 Cleared off with a squall of snow in morning, our company went away after breakfast, had a good time. we went in the woods in P.M. I went through to Curtis' to carry two letters for Charley. the brook was very high.

18 Pleasant: I visited the Vose school in A.M., it has been a good school; hauled wood in P.M., and in evening went to Centre to meeting, has a good meeting.

19 Were hauling wood; very good doing, not much snow.

20 Hauled wood, went to spelling school at Vose dist. in evening, a very good school, a good many were out.

21 Cloudy; I went to Centre in morning; Mrs. Rowell is very low; Mary went there to help them; in P.M. William Ripley & Joseph Ripley from Iowa, come to see us; I went after Mary and in evening we went down again; Mrs Rowell was sinking fast, we watched all night.

22 Sunday: Mrs Rowell died abt. 2 o'clock this morning; we came home, and I went to Ellis' to get the coffin made. William and Joseph went to Uncle Roberts in P.M. a cold night.

23 Monday; an awful cold day; we sawed wood in A.M., In P.M. I went to get the Kingdom hearse and up to Ellis' to get the coffin,- getting home in the evening; a terrible cold day, the coldest of the season.

24 A cold cheerless day, snowing a little,- Went to Mrs. Rowells funeral, services at Mr. A. Polands house;- speaking by Mrs. Morse, a pretty good discourse. after the services we went to the Kingdom and buried the old lady, or all that was mortal therein; George Lewis drove the hearse, I went as manager and Mr. Myrick & Exavier as bearers; all things were done decently and in order; and we got home about three o'clock, very cold but no one being any frozen; after partaking of a substantial dinner we come home, mother went, and Mary & Ralph staid at home; one of the coldest days of the season.

25 Cold but clear and sunny; the wind rising, made it very blustering; Jackson come over to fix the pump, he staid most all day; had a real sociable time with him. a cold night, it seems that Greenland has moved this way.

26 An awful cold morning; the coldest spell of weather in a good while, hope we may live through it. we went in woods in P.M., hauled two loads wood; Samuel & Maria went along to singing school, they told us that Asa Gowens buildings were burned this morning the family escaping in their night clothes. a narrow chance.

27 Friday: a snowfall last night; and continued through the A.M., today, clearing up prettily in P.M.; we hauled wood today; Samuel Curtis was here yesterday to see about deeds of land which were given years ago; we can look across to where Asa Gowens buildings used to be, but they are gone sure enough, a sad calamity for them surely.

28 A pleasant day; quite cool, we hauled wood, am getting quite interested in the wood business; John & I went to the Centre last night a pretty cold ride it was.

29 Sunday: a snow storm today; - clearing up in the afternoon, - John went away in morning. Jackson come over in P.M. to get me to write a paper soliciting subscriptions in aid of Asa Gowen; Samuel & Maria have just gone by; down to Polands I guess. John come home in evening with a lot of nice gum.

30 Very pleasant day; I went to Lewis' after a chain in morning, Ralph went to see Sammy while I was down; We hauled wood in P.M., a very mild pretty day; seems nice after the cold snap.

31 A foggy wet damp day; raining some; we were in woods in A.M., hauled one load wood. Lewis & Samuel Rollins have gone to Belfast today, they will get wet I guess.