

November 1867

It is a fair autumnal day

The ground is strewn with yellow leaves;

The maple stems gleam bare and gray,

The grain is bound in golden sheaves;

Afar I hear the speckled quails

Pipe shrilly 'mid the stubble dry,

And muffled beats from busy flails

Within the barn near by. ---Portland Transcript

Begins on Friday

1 A Pleasant day: the threshers come last night; they are Abial Hall & Henry Cookson; we threshed wheat today; Alonzo, Charlie Palmer & Charley Howard were our crew. I was very tired and sleepy at night.

2 Quite pleasant: we are finished threshing wheat, had 48 bu. commenced to thresh barley; the men went home in P.M. Mr. Leonard of Morrill got the steers, paid me down for them \$95. They girted 5 feet 9 inches. after the threshers went away we cleaned up the barn floor then it was night. In eve. the chimney caught afire and as the wind blew terribly we were some alarmed, I was up ion the night to watch it. It was an awful windy night and quite cold.

3 Sunday: quite mild this morning: was at home all day.went nutting a little while, did not get many. Rueben Averell was up a few minutes, thought we were going to have a good cellar. Lewis was over at night. So closed a pretty autumnal Sabbath.

4 Rainy: we were threshing; a dark day.

5 Cooler, quite pleasant: the threshers finished at last and went away; They say all things come to an end and so did our threshing; Orley come to work. we went to building the cellar wall. it was quite pleasant working.

6 Wednesday: Cold, a snow squall in morning. we worked on the wall in P.M. Jackson & Orley helped. It was very cold, we really suffered while at work.

7 Very cold; Orley went down on the plains in A.M. I settled with him, his whole bill is \$22.50 for himself and oxen; which I paid. Jackson was over in morning, also Martin Whitten was here to get the plan of their school house. It froze very hard last night. grew some warmer towards night; we went to Lodge in eve. had a good time. a beautiful evening, a splendid moon.

8 Friday: Quite cool; Lewis was over to get us to help thresh; Alonzo went and helped him, I went to mill at Freedom; a cold bleak day as any fall can boast; got home just in time to do the chores.

9 Helped Lewis thresh; a hard days work; we did not get through until ten o'clock at night. he had 82 ½ bu. barley. Mr. Furbush & Wesley Twitchell were the threshers. Lewis & I had just about the same amount of grain, 100 bushels apiece. we should be thankful for so much this year as grain is generally very light.

10 Sunday: a warm day, it has thawed and is very muddy. am at home today have been reading the Maine Farmer. Alonzo has gone somewhere, I guess he has gone nutting. Alfred & Sarah went to Carrs, they called when they went home. Jackson was over towards night. dark and very foggy. a sabbath spent very agreeably at home.

11 Monday: A pretty day for the season; a fine afternoon. Mother and Lucy went to Unity; Abby went home with them. she has been down some time. a smart little girl. we were hauling manure today. in evening George Lewis was over to get Alonzo to help him thresh Lou. went over with him. I was reading Ballons magazine for Dec. in evening.

12 A foggy morning. was chilly and quite misty in P.M. we killed a sheep; Mother & Lucy got home about dark. a very dark dismal night. I was glad they got home so well.

13 Wednesday: A severe snow storm is raging this morning; we did the morning chores, got up the cattle and sheep; Lewis & Charlie got their young cattle. In P.M. Alonzo & I went to get the black lamb which had strayed away; we found it with Jmires sheep on the mountain; we caught the lamb and brought him home; had a ha5rd time, the wind blew most awfully; I did not know but it would blow us over the hill. And so the wind blew and screamed and howled all night long, I thought of the saying that Father used to make that they had a new hand at the bellows.

14 Thursday: a fair morning, but come up cloudy and was a a dark dismal day, with the clouds hanging heavy & dark overhead; we helped Albert Choate thresh all day. J. D. Cookson & S Myrick were the threshers. drain very light. did not go to Lodge as it looked stormy & I do not feel very well. In evening I read a story in Ballons magazine, it was quite a good story; so night closed in as usual.

15 A cold day; I visited the school in the Bryant dist. Mr. Weed is doing very well I think; No. scholars present 13; whole No. 19. The school was very pleasant, as much so as is usually the case. Albert had the horse & wagon to go to mill at Liberty. Mother went to Carrs in P.M. she come home and forgot the paper, I was bitterly disappointed. worked in woods in P.M. a cold night.

16 Saturday: a dark cloudy morning; I went to bed last night with a headache but slept it off nicely, lying in bed this morning till breakfast time; then I went to mill at Freedom; it commenced snowing just as I got ready to start and snowed like great guns till after I got home; abt. 2 P.M. coming home, the wind was in my face and I had a pretty hard time of it. as much as 4 inches of snow fell today. A feeling of satisfaction comes over me on saturday night which no other night brings. all my cares may be laid aside and Tomorrow is the sacred day of rest.

17 Sunday: a cold day, some snow squalls; I was reading & writing; Jackson & Louisa & Lucy went by in A.M. we thought they were going to call but they did not. Albert Choate & George went by, in a sleigh. Quite good sledding I rather guess. I thought to go to Dexters but did not it was so cold.

18 An awful cold snowy morning; the wind blows, the snow flies and it is a very ugly time, as I ever saw. We went in wood in A.M., it blowed so we did not go in P.M.; Lewis come over to het his sheep but it blowed so and it was so cold he could not get them home, so left them. A....Messer was here today to buy ash timber, did not sell.

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19 Tuesday: very cold again today; we went in woods in A.M.; in P.M. we went to Hunts, Wm. A. Bennett & myself. Hunt gives only seven dollars for bark, I bought a pair boots paid 4.50. It was awful cold coming home, we come near freezing our feet & hands; it is very good sleighing. Lewis got his sheep towards night. a bitter cold night.

20 Looks like a storm again this morning; we must get up some wood today. got up some wood in A.M. in P.M. I went over to Mr. Carrs, and to Dexters & S. Berrys. a storm of snow in P.M. we killed some chickens at night. Mrs. Tobie brought Lucy home in P.M.

21 Thursday: We had a family gathering today. given in honor of Sister Lucy who expects to go home soon; Alfreds family; Lewis' family, the Carr family old & young, Mr. Leander Tobie & wife, Mr. Ford & wife, together with our own family made a nice gathering; we had a very good time; I forgot to say Dexter & Jane were here in P.M. a (partt??) stopped in evening, I went to Lodge in eve. was installed W.C. of Fidelity Lodge. got home between 11 & 12. quite tired.

- 22 Very cloudy; is to be a storm I think. (again four lines of page have been cut out, the backside of day 18)
- 23 Saturday: I got quite a lot of papers last night. Rural New Yorkers & Riverside Echo; I went over to Carrs and they were gone, so I staid till they got back; George Lewis come over with me to get a little piece cheese, and I went back a piece with him; While coming home we noticed a luminous appearance in the sky, caused by a meteor I guess. I read the paper after I got back, not much news. this was Friday night; Saturday I did not do much sewed & read papers, two travelling peddlers were along in A.M. it was a gloomy dark day, foggy & lonesome.
- 24 Sunday: A dark lonesome day; was at home doing chores and reading all day; In P.M. towards night Louisa & Lu come over & in evening Jackson & George come; spent the eve. very agreeably, reading, talking, eating apples etc.
- 25 Still continues cloudy dark & lonesome as ever. Lucy & I, Jackson & Louisa & Sammy went over to Liberty, we went to Aunt Eunices first; in P.M. Lucy Louisa & I went down to see Cousin Lizzie Whitaker a few moments. took supper with Aunt, then went down to Gardiner Shermans and staid all night. Aunt Eunice has just moved into her new house.
- 26 Foggy and dark; rained some; in morning we went up to Ezra Coxs made them a visit, and started in P.M. Lucy & I went down to see Aunt Hannah Berry, Jackson & Louisa came directly home, we got to Aunts about dark, she was sewing alone and we saw her first through the window.
- 27 Wednesday: came away from Aunt Hannahs in morning: had a nice visit with her; she & John live alone. We came to Whites Cor. stopped to the funeral of Old Mr. Schuster, sermon by A. Knowlton, Text; "Be still and know that I am God." came home, found all well but Alonzo has not got back, so the folks got along the best they could. George Lewis come over and did the chores; a good boy. in evening Amos & Cordelia were here had a pleasant visit; Jackson & Louisa were over also. a enjoyable evening.
- 28 Thursday: Thanksgiving day in Maine. Lucy Mary & I, Jackson & Louisa, Lewis & Hannah, with all the babies went over to Madison Whittens, where we sat at table together and eat our thanksgiving dinner; the last time it may be that we shall all eat together. a splendid dinner. had a good visit. I went to Lodge in evening, a dance at Crosbys was going on so the Lodge was thinly attended.
- 29 A fine morning; hope it will be pleasant a few days come on cloudy and rained at night. Lucy & I went to So. Montville, to Uncle Carters & called to N. A. Ripleys; had a real

good visit; and a good ride; very hard travelling. Uncle & Aunt Carter are well. they seemed glad to see us. got home after dark.

30 Last day November: come up awful cold abt. noon. were splitting rocks Jack & George. An awful cold night; the wind blew fearfully. Jackson Louisa & George were here in eve. Louisa staid with Lucy all night.

