

October 1866.

The gray barns looking from their hazy hills,

O'er the dim waters widening in the vales,

Sent down the air a greeting to the mills

On the dull thunder of alternate flails. ____T.B. Read.

Commences on Monday.

1 Pleasant: Were pulling peas; hard work it was too.

2 A fine day; dug some potatoes, pulled Beans etc. Mother went to Carrs visiting, Father went over and took tea with them. they got home in season for me to go to singing school.

3 Wednesday: Cool; finished pulling beans; went and got our boot at Thomsons, and got 5 bu. apples at S.B. Rollins' quite dark when we got home.

4 Cold as Greenland: tried to dig potatoes but O! how cold it was; Went to the good Templars in eve. was initiated, __ not half so bad as I imagined. Got home at 10 ½.

5 Cold; I went to Aarons carried 18 doz. eggs. got 28 cts. a cold day; got in peas & beans in P.M.

6 Saturday: Lewis helped me on the wall, we laid bottoms all day; went to singing school in eve. had a good one, not so many there as at some other times.

7 Sunday: went to church, Mary & baby went and set with Maria while Sam & I went, had a good visit. got home before dark. looked some stormy.

8 Monday: cut corn, hauled some in, dug some potatoes etc. Newt. Whitten helped us. an awful lazy boy as ever eat. I was quite tired at night, went to singing school in eve.

9 We were building wall; John Tofine helped me; George was digging potatoes, it was fair day at Unity. Mother & I went to funeral, at the Sproul school house Old Mrs. Choate deceased, sermon by Bro. Small. went up to Roberts and stopped a while, call round and looked at Jane Bennett. got home just at sunset. Edson Stevens & wife were here visiting, they are a dapper little couple.

10 We are having splendid weather now; too good to last I fear; were building wall, John & I are a whole team. Newt. Whitten helped George dig potatoes; they were not very diligent; Newt. Is one awful lazy boy as ever run.

11 A nice day: went to the lodge in eve. a fine time. it was a beautiful eve. I enjoyed it much.

12 Cloudy: we built quite a lot of wall today.

13 Some stormy. John went away as it was too wet to work on the rocks. cleared out the barn, in P.M. the threshers moved in Benj. Goin (?) & Exavier Sproul quite cold & cloudy at night.

14 Sunday. Mr. Vose got his colt in A.M. the cattle acted very badly, in P.M. Will Vose & Mark Messer come over on horseback, George bestrode a colt raced with Will got thrown off and nearly killed. Louisa was over I went home with her in eve. so ends a boisterous sabbath. hope I may never see another such.

15 Monday: We threshed all day Lewis & Mr. Youngs hired man, Mr. Brown helped us. had pretty good success no accidents.

16 Finished threshing in morning; had 20 bu. wheat & barley 30 bu. barley 13 hog fodder & 16 oats. they went away in A.M. in P.M. I got in corn & pumpkins. went to singing school.

17 Got in corn etc. Marcene Poland worked here.

18 Finished getting in corn and then got in pumpkins.

19 I had 1200 pumpkins, Cena beat me on guessing most every time, we dug potatoes in P.M. Mr. Wright & boy worked here digging potatoes.

20 Pleasant. Mr. wright worked here, we were digging went to singing school in eve. a splendid one.

21 Sunday: went to Wm. E. Polands, left Mary & baby then I went to church, sermon by Bro. Small; came to (?)oms. took dinner stopped awhile & came home, had a nice visit.

22 Were digging potatoes; I went to Orleys got a load cedar for posts; Mr. Wright finished his piece, an acre & quarter he has dug it in three days, himself & boy; looks like a storm.

23 Tuesday: some rainy in morning; we husked corn all day as it was heating some, a singing school in evening.

24 Commenced to dig the Cobbassee patch dug nearly 40 bu. John come to work at night, he brot. me a letter from Lu.

25 Cool; finished digging, got about 400 bu. this year. went to lodge in eve. Chose O. Murray W.C. and they chose me Sec'y. so I am in office got home at midnight. George & Marcena went down with me.

26 Friday: quite pleasant in A.M. come up cloudy & looked much like a storm in P.M. we built quite a lot of wall today. I have been some sleepy but have stood it pretty well.

27 Wet today; John did not work it was so wet. hauled manure in A.M. chored etc. in P.M. G.W. Choate was here. Geo. went to Lewis's & got the mail. not very much news. went to singing school had a pretty good one.

28 Sunday: cold & cloudy; Father & Mother went to Liberty to see Aunt Eunice, aunt was at Wm. Cox's so they went there, Wm. is sick with congestion of the brain, they think he cannot live; Pa & Ma got home in evening. Alonzo Bennett was here to see us. Louisa was over. and now it is sabbath eve. again.

We pray for Thy blessing O God.

29 A most cheerless day: cloudy and cold, we hauled manure Uncle Jerry Bean & wife were here visiting in P.M. & eve. they went home at 8 through a snow storm which was falling.

30 An awful day: rained in sheets all day, wind a hurricane almost, I forgot to write yesterday that Lewis's folks sent out yesterday morning; have not heard the news. tonight is a fearful one, the wind roars like the ocean on a rocky shore.

31 Cleared off last night; I went over the road in morn. Lewi's folks have a little girl baby, went to Searsmont carried Mary & baby down, had a fine ride, found them all well, came directly home as there is so much to do. got home at 8. so ends October.