

September 1867.

And now the mounting sun dispels the fog;
The rigid hoar frost melts before his beam;
And hung on every spray, on every blade
Of grass, the myriad dew-drops twinkle round.

---Thomson.

1 Sunday: a cloudy day, with signs of rain; Jackson & Louisa Lucy, Mary & I with the babies, went to Alfred's where we spent the day very agreeably. got home abt. dark.

2 Quite pleasant: went to town meeting quite early. It was already begun when we arrived; there was much discussion, the speakers in favor of a railroad being N. Pierce, A.W. Sproul, David Norton, those opposed Henry Erskine, Dr. McCrillis, R.L. Keen, one adjournment of one hour was voted at 12 o'clock; On coming together again the moderator Hon. E Knowlton was called upon to speak. he accordingly addressed the house in a very able manner in favor of the road, showing its beneficial results in a clear manner; he was followed by Keen & Twitchell against, and J. D. Cookson in favor of the road; a vote was taken, using the check list, resulting in whole number of votes 214 there were those voting yes 117. Those voting no 97. as a two thirds vote was necessary it was not a vote to loan the credit for 40,000 the original proposition raising 87,000 having been voted down. this took all day.

3 Tuesday: sun rose clear, but come up cloudy soon. hope it will not rain as I want to get grain got in four loads wheat, come down foggy at night.

4 Cloudy as usual; Mrs. Averell was up today. Ambrose went down to Alfreds; I was not doing much today, went to get a few blackberries in P.M. quite a pretty sunset; Albion Poland was along, bought two roosters and two hens, they come to 1.25.

5 Quite pleasant in A.M. but the fog settled down in P.M. just as I was going to get in grain; it is such awful bad weather it seems that we shall never get our grain. Sister Lucy & I went to Lodge tonight, quite a good lot were out, a warm pleasant evening. some misty Exavier went with us; as their horse was gone.

6 Misty in morning, cleared up in A.M. I went to visit the school in Bryant dist. Martha C. Carter teacher. she has had a very prosperous school, and is a very good teacher, I think. this is a smart little school, the scholars are as bright as pins. We got grain in P.M. I commenced to mow barley at night. J. Tobie come staid over night.

7 A dark foggy morning; Tobie arose and left before we were up any of us; he says he does not love Lucy as well as he used to, thinks she is more "uppish" than she used to be, how long will it be dark & gloomy weather I do wish it would wear off. Saturday: come off quite clear, we killed a lamb in A.M. in P.M. went to graining a little. I mowed barley ayond the barn, it is lodged most awfully, and is horrid mowing; looked really like good weather at night. Alonzo Bennett come at night, he has fell on to the grindstone at the ax factory and hurt his arm.

8 Sunday: Very pleasant; Lucy & I went to church, there was a S. S. Concert in morning; quite good, if they had only learned their pieces more perfect. They should have rehearsed their pieces and got them more perfect. Sermon by Mr. Baird, pastor of the church at Freedom a dry sermon, very good to sleep over, I was not much edified, neither instructed or improved. In P.M. Louisa was over; also Dexter & Jane come up and staid a little while; Rueben & Nathaniel were in a few minutes in P.M. George Bennett come while I was to meeting & got his flag, he is welcome to it surely. a very pretty day well enjoyed. Jackson was here in evening; I gave him a lecture on politics, urged him to go to the polls etc.

9 Monday: State election in Maine: got in grain in A.M. as it looked much like rain; in P.M. went to town meeting carried the Republican vote as usual; a very quiet meeting no sparring of any account. I urged a few weak friends to vote right. or as I did which is nearest right I think.

10 Tuesday: a misty morning; Alfred was up in morn. Dan Atkinson come with D. Bartletts wheels; I was not doing much today, a sort of reflective day. towards night the wind come in to the west and blowed quite hard; Ambrose went down to Alfreds at night. hope there may be some better weather.

11 A pleasant morning: Lucy come over, got the horse & wagon for Mr. & Mrs. Carr to go visiting to James Twitchells; I mowed grain all day; was very tired at night; Ambrose went up home today; he come down at night, drove down their oxen, I am to have them awhile to work. Lucy & Louisa come over at night.

12 Pleasant but an extremely hard wind blew all day; we mowed & got in barley all day. Miles Thompson dined with us; he is a very pleasant man, very good looking too; George Choate called at night; Lucy & I went to Lodge, had a very good meeting. a splendid eve. nice moon.

13 Looks like a good spell of weather. We were getting grain, Lucy went to Aarons, traded some for us; carrying a box of eggs; Mother & Ralph went as far as Carrs.

14 Quite a hard rain last night; the wind blew at a great rate all day, we finished getting grain, I was glad. Mr. Stevenson came in P.M. to get the ox wagon, he helped us some. So we are done graining once more.

15 Sunday: a very pleasant day; Lucy came over in morning giving an account of John Tobies actions there, they scolded him smartly I guess. we went and got some corn & beans for dinner; Alfred & Sara & Etta come, spent the P.M. Louisa come over towards night. also Jackson & George Lewis. W. A. Bennett staid here tonight. there was a hard frost last night the first of the season.

16 Good weather; killed a lamb & pilled peas etc. in A.M. went to town meeting in P.M; the town voted against the railroad; yeas 92 Nays 100. so this is the end in this town.

17 Cloudy & a lot of fog; Ambrose & I went to Belfast, to get a load of provisions, paid 12.50 for flour; 1.95 for corn, got 23 cts for butter, carried 41 pounds. traded with H. J. Anderson, jr. bot. Ambrose a coat & hat. got home about 9 o clock. little Ralph is quite sick has a dreadful cold. he rested badly all night.

18 Cloudy: I went and got Mrs. Carr in morning to come and see Ralph, he appears quite sick. Lucy come over in A.M. Ralph was better in P.M. we commenced to haul rocks out of Cobbossee cellar in P.M. a very dark night, with a thunder shower in evening. sharp lightning, heavy thunder.

19 Very pleasant; Alfred was up in morning; we began to haul rocks, when Foye came to buy lambs; sold 10 at 3.00 apiece, \$30. Lewis sold 7 at same price. Jackson come over in P.M. we figured cost of house, made it 900\$. went to Lodge in eve.

20 Friday: Jackson come over and stacked out the cellar in A.M. Hannah was over today; I pulled peas in P.M. Ambrose declined to help me I was down to Nats in morning; Owen White bought or got Jmires lambs, I bot. a black one of Owen, paid 3.00.

21 We hauled rocks out of the old Cobbossee cellar; worked ver6y diligently and accomplished quite an amount of labor; the sheep are very jealous of the black lamb, and refuse to associate with him.

22 Sunday: was at home in A.M. Wm. A. Bennett was here; in P.M. went to funeral at Whites corner Old Mr. Twitchell, deceased; sermon by Eld. Clifford a few of us sang quite well; rained just a little in P.M. came home did the chores and then it was night.

23 Pleasant: were hauling rocks; Lucy come home at night, she has been over to Jims. I worked real hard and was very tired at night.

24 Pleasant: quite a hard wind; Jackson & George Lewis worked here splitting rocks. we hauled rocks out of the old cellar; our women went visiting to Amos's.

25 The wind blew dreadfully all night; I was kept awake by it some. (Nathan Bennett was up this A.M. he too dinner here; this was Thursday) Ma & Lucy went to Aunt Sophronias, I went to T. O. Whittens in morning. finished hauling rocks out of cellar. rained some.

26 A very cold, rained some; Nathan Bennett was here. I was not doing much as it was rainy; Marcena & Charley Poland was here in P.M. I got up the horse to go to Lodge but as it looked so rainy did not go. Lucy was here all day today.

27 Friday: Orley Whitten come here to work; we hauled rocks where we are to dig the cellar; I went to the Centre in morning; Jackson worked splitting rocks. Ambrose went home in morning. it was a fine day.

28 We commenced digging the cellar; Orley, Dan'l Atkinson & myself worked today; we plowed and scraped all day; Amos was up to see us at night. Lucy & Louisa went to Unity to Isaacs; had our horse to go; they got Vesta; I was tired at night

29 Sunday: A windy day, wind from the S. was at home till most night, when we went to see William Poland who is sick; he is getting better; Jackson, Louisa, & Lucy started for Dover, they had a nice double seated wagon and went as comfortable as could be; this is Eva Mays birthday, she would have been five years old today; "Safe with our Shepherd."

30 Monday morning opens with a rain storm, a real North easter, cold and dreary; WM. A. Bennett come yesterday staid last night, Wm. Wright come to work this morn. but as it is rainy we cannot work; Charley Palmer come to work last Friday afternoon. In P.M. it was a savage snow storm, snow fell to the depth of 2 or 3 inches a real cold winter storm. its like we never saw in September. And so it ends.