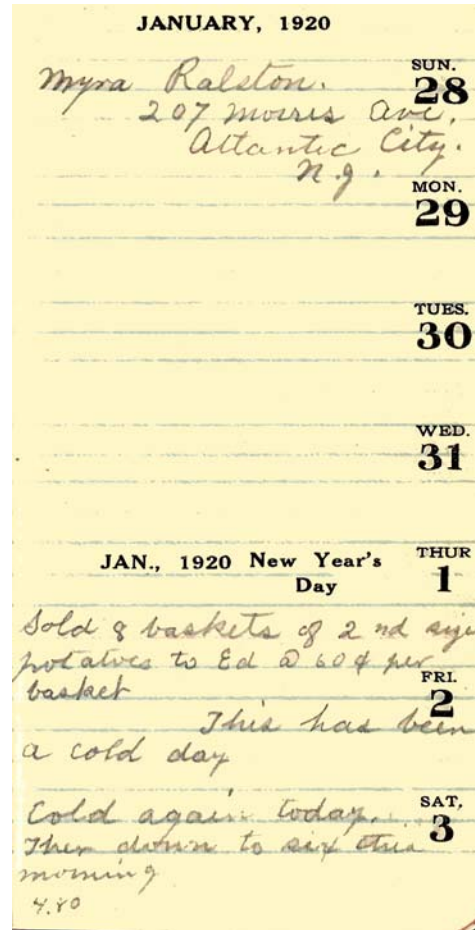


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Olive, Lizzie and Louie Price
[a.k.a. "the girls", sisters, aunts, -
they live "up home"] & Mary Ella Somers



Lewis E Somers
[a.k.a. L.E. and Lew]

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January

- 1 - Sold 9 baskets of 2nd size potatoes to Ed @ 60c per basket.
- 2 - This has been a cold day.
- 3 - Cold again today. Ther down to six this morning.
- 4 - Another cold day. Ther down to 10 this morning.
- 5 - Thermometer down to 16 this A.M.
- 6 - A letter form Daytona Fla. Written by Mrs Fitton.
- 7 - Cloudy
- 8 - Foggy all day.
- 9 - Still Foggy. Another letter from Mrs Fitton. It since and is shining today. Emery Maxwell's funeral was this P.M.
- 10 - This is the 12th day that Lew has not worked. So much bad weather.
- 11 - Kathryn is better, she has been sick with measles.
- 12 - This is a fine day. We did the washing ourselves. Rec'd post card from St. Petersburg Fla. From Eva Steelman.
- 13 - Lew and Eva arrived home tonight. Eva was sick most of the time while away.
- 14 - Ban and I had the birthday party for Wes & Lew. Wes was 69 and Lew 65 year young.
- 15 - Joe Badger died yesterday. We taught Ed how to laybrick.
- 16 - Sold 8½ doz eggs at 1.00 for doz amt 8.50
- 17 - This has been a nice day. We sold 2 young roasting roosters amt 5.73, we got 45c per lb.
- 18 - Cold today. Mr Badger's funeral was this P.M.
- 19 - Ther down to 8 this A.M. Snowed nearly all day. Sugar 20c lb.
- 20 - Ther 13 this A.M. wind Easterly.
- 21 - Lew went up to Marks to do some lettering on machine cover.
- 22 - Another stormy day, ice, rain, and sleet. I finished a dressing sacgne this P.M.
- 23 - It is still raining the ground is covered with ice.
- 24 - Rained all day, ice partly thawed. Wind N.E.
- 25 - Cold and icy today.
- 26 - Marie and I went over to Atl City tonight with Ed. It rained and made the road so icy we had to hire a jit to bring us home. We didn't have our chains with us. Got home a 2 A.M.
- 27 - This was a fine day.
- 28 - Lew and Wes Smith went in the bay this afternoon. They got a few clams.
- 29 - Another fine day.
- 30 - Marie, Kathryn and I went over to Atl City this P.M. Bought my pearl beads at Chapmans. This was a fine day, best of them all this month.
- 31 - Ther 18 today at 12 o'clock. This month went out with a cold snowy night. L.E. worked 2 days this mo, bad weather.

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February

1 - This month has five Sundays. It has occurred only thirteen times in four centuries, This is leap year.

2 - I mailed a letter to Mrs Fitton this A.M. Lew worked today.

3 - Sold 9 doz eggs at 95 per doz amt 8.20. Wind is N.E. and blowing a small gale. (It is a real gale)

4 - It snowed, hailed and rained all day and night.

5 - Thurs eve, it is still snowing blowing and hailing. No let up since early Tues eve.

6 - Six days of Feb gone. Two of them the sun shone part of the time. The other four continues snow, rain, and sleet, day and night.

7 - Sat this was a nice sunny day snow melted fast.

8 - We went over to Longport to see the damage done by the storm. The water ran through all of the streets from Ocean to Thorofare.

9 - This has been a fine day. I went up to the Doctor. The ground is covered with snow it don't melt very fast.

10 - Snowing again today about 3 inches fell. Cleared off at noon.

11 - Lew worked this afternoon.

12 - Lew worked today. It is raining tonight.

13 - Rained hard today until after 2 P.M.

14 - This is Valentine day and we are having a very heavy thunder shower tonight. Another heavy thunder shower with hail this time.

15 - Snowing again this A.M. Kathryn and I went up home this P.M. It is cold.

16 - Ther down to 10 this A.M. The sun shone all day.

17 - Ther down to 14 this A.M. It was nice and sunny today.

18 - Lew worked today. It has been warm and sunny. It is raining tonight.

19 - It rained this A.M. Cleared off at noon. Lew worked today.

20 - Ther down to 15 this A.M. Ida Barrett called this afternoon.

21 - Attended D.A.R. meeting this P.M. at the Library. Came home in the rain and snow. 16.80

22 - We had rain and fog all day.

23 - Still raining and foggy tonight.

24 - Rain sand fog today. It is snowing tonight. Sold 10 doz eggs at 90c per doz, amt 9.00

25 - Three inches of snow on the ground this A.M. The sun shone all day, but it was cold.

26 - Ther at 10 this A.M. We had a gale of wind all; day.

27 - Ther down to 7 this A.M. Wind still howling.

28 - Edmond and I went over to Atlantic City. It was cloudy & cold. We went to the Cort and saw a good act. 12.00

29 - It snowed all morning and was cloudy and cold all day.

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March

1 - The sun shone today, but was cold. I wrote a letter to Mrs Clayton this A.M.

2 - This is a fine day.

3 - Another fine day March is doing fine so far.

4 - Sun shone today it was nice and warm.

5 - Rained all day and is snowing and blowing a gale tonight. Fittons came home from Florida this eve.

6 - Sever cold weather today. Mr and Mrs Fitton spent this eve with me.

7 - I went over to see Will Force. He is better and wants to be declared off the Lodge without pay.

8 - This was a cold day. We got 26 egg today.

9 - I went up to the Lodge tonight.

10 - Rec'd two tons of coal today price \$21.85 pea 10.00 net 11.85.

11 - I was up to the doctors today. Mrs Fitton called this P.M.

12 - Sold 13 doz eggs at 7.50 amt 9.75. This was a rainy day.

13 - It rained all day and is snowing tonight. 17.20

14 - Clear and cold today.

15 - E.J.Powers came this morning to make my poplin dress.

16 - It is raining this A.M. E.J. is here sewing. L.E. dropped a large tile on his foot today. It is paining him severely.

17 - A fine day for St. Patrick. Frogs are singing lively and geese going north.

18 - Mrs Fitton called today.

19 - We are having rain, hail and snow today.

20 - I went up to the doctors this A.M.

21 - Lew, Marie and I spent this eve at Fittons.

22 - Mrs Williams washed for me today. Beautiful Aurora Borealis tonight, it lasted 4 or 5 hours.

23 - Have been ironing today.

24 - I saw the Aurora Borealis again tonight.

25 - Sold 13 doz eggs at 65 per doz amt \$8.45.

26 - Cleaned kitchen cupboard today.

27 - I went over to Atl City this A.M. took chicken to Mrs Adams. Amt 1.75.

28 - this was a fine day.

29 - I spent most of this afternoon with Julia Herrick. I also called at Uncle Martins.

30 - I was at the doctors today.

31 - Mrs Williams cleaned the kitchen today.

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April

- 1 - We set two hens today. 16 - Sold 10 doz eggs at 60c per doz \$6.00.
- 2 - I worked all day trying to get the kitchen straightened up. 17 - Sold 8 doz eggs at 52c per doz amt 4.16.
- 3 - Viola married today and came down to Grandmother Smiths. 25.50 18 - Bolton and Hannette called this afternoon.
- 4 - Rain and fog all day. Edward and Viola came up in the eve. 19 - Mrs Williams did the washing for me today.
- 5 - Mrs Williams washed for me this A.M. it rained but got the clothes dry. It blowed a gale this afternoon. 20 - I paid 42c for 2 lbs of sugar today, and 25c for a 12c mackerel and 15c for a pair of 5c shoe strings.
- 6 - There 28 this A.M. thick ice. Still blowing a gale today. 21 - Attended Will Force's funeral this afternoon.
- 7 - Cold again last night, still blowing a gale today. 22 - Mr & Mrs Krebs called today. Anna Robinson & Phebe Haines called this eve.
- 8 - Went up to the doctors today. I stopped home for dinner. Ina was there also. 23 - Had 22 little chickens hatched today.
- 9 - Cold again this A.M. ther stood at 29. 24 - It has been blowing a gale all day.
- 10 - Ther 29 again this A.M. Makes ice every night. 22.50 25 - Ed took me out for a ride this afternoon. We went to see the fire on Zion road.
- 11 - Went up home for a little while this afternoon. 26 - Lizzie Lee called this evening.
- 12 - Mrs Williams cleaned cellar 27 - I finished cleaning sitting room today.
- 13 - I cleaned cellar way myself today. Cleaned sitting room closet. 28 - Did a little of everything today.
- 14 - Mrs Fitton came over this afternoon. 29 - Went to the Doctors this A.M. and visited Maggie Headley this afternoon. It was her birthday.
- 15 - I baked 78 cookies this morning. They won't last long. 30 - Sold 10 doz eggs at 60c per doz. Amt 6.00

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May

- 1 - Elnora Somers called today.
- 2 - Called at Julia's today Aunt Rebecca was there.
- 3 - Mrs Williams did not come to wash for me. Edmond and I did it with the washer.
- 4 - Ironed today.
- 5 - Have been ironing again today. I paid the Insurance man up all June 14th.
- 6 - Cleaned our bedroom today. We have had ice or frost nearly every morning this week.
- 7 - Sold ten doz eggs today at 65c per doz. Amt \$6.50
- 8 - Rained today did not attend the annual D.A.R. meeting at St Charles Hotel.
- 9 - This was a fine day.
- 10 - Lizzie Lee called again today.
- 11 - Lizzie Price was here awhile tonight.
- 12 - Saw Mary Pickford as Poly anna this afternoon.
- 13 - Rained all day wind N.E.
- 14 - Raining again today.
- 15 - Set dahlias out this afternoon.
- 16 - Went up home this afternoon.
- 17 - This was my birthday. Kathryn gave me a chocolate cake.
- 18 - Marie called at Maggie Headley's and found her sick. Will not be able to go to Bristol.
- 19 - Marie and I set our gladiolas today.
- 20 - Marie is very sick. Temperature 102. Doctor says it is the grip.
- 21 - Rained today this is the 12th Friday in succession.
- 22 - Went up to Bristol today for 10 days. 24.30
- 23 - Saw a Catholic baptism today at Bristol.
- 24 - Cora and I went over to Burlington this afternoon.
- 25 - I went to a movie tonight. Dahlia Bulbs sold 6.75.
- 26 - We went over to Burlington.
- 27 - Cora and I went down to Phila.
- 28 - Was over to Burlington today. No rain this Friday.
- 29 - We went over to Burlington to see parade.
- 30 - Memorial Day - took a walk on Bath St. today.
- 31 - We went to Burlington Island this afternoon decoration day.

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June

1 - We took a trip up to Trenton on boat came home by trolley on the Jersey side.

2 - I arrived home today at 2:30.

3 - We had a terrible thunder shower this afternoon. L.E. was in the bay and came home wet and with a lame back.

4 - Lew still has a lame back. It is raining again today wind N.E.

5 - I went up to the Doctors this A.M. to get medicine for L.E. It is still raining wind N.E. m 12.90

6 - Went down to hear from Ban tonight. She is slipping away.

7 - We went for cabbage plants but could not get them. Ban is getting weaker.

8 - Mrs Williams washed for me today. Ban's heart is giving out fast. I haven't seen her since I came home.

9 - Ban is a little stronger today. R.J.Somers called this eve.

10 - Ban is a little stronger.

11 - Ban is a little better.

12 - This was a hot day ther 96. 19.20

13 - I went up home this afternoon. We had a thunder shower.

14 - I picked our first mess of peas today.

15 - I spent today with Josie.

16 - We had a heavy thunder shower this afternoon.

17 - Heavy wind and severe thunder shower. Some hail and fearful darkness at 5:30 P.M.

18 - This is the 15th rainy Friday out of 16.

19 - Cloudy a part of the day wind N.E.

20 - We took Wes and Sallie out for a ride. X Set the little maple tree over in Ed's yard today. X

21 - Fitton brought over 2 quarts of strawberries this P.M.

22 - Sallie English called this afternoon. I was at the Lodge tonight Paid 1.00 for dues.

23 - I have been ironing today. Mrs Williams did the wash for me.

24 - I went over to Atl City this A.m. with Lew by way of Longport. I took 5 doz eggs over to Mrs Adams 65c per doz. Amt \$3.25

25 - Picked our first raspberries today.

26 - L.E. went to the Doctors this A.M. I did the marketing.

27 - I went up home awhile this P.M.

28 - I got the agreement for the lot from the girls today. I was at the doctors this morning.

29 - I picked raspberries and peas today.

30 - Scrubbed the front porch and washed windows this day. Mrs Fitton spent the eve with us.

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July

1 - I swept the chamber today. It is hard for me.

2 - I picked our first mess of string beans. They were some good.

3 - Lew went to Atl City this eve and bought himself a Panama hat.

4 - I was at Uncle Martins today. Saw Katie and her children.

5 - We had our 4th of July today. We took Lee, Julia and the kids over to Ocean City.

6 - We sold 5 doz eggs at 65 amt 3.25

7 - It is raining tonight. Lew expects to plant red skin potatoes tomorrow.

8 - Sold 9 boxes of blackberries at 15c per box amt 1.35

9 - Picked 25 boxes of blackberries today amt sold 65c

10 - Sold 19 boxes of berries today, amt \$2.85. Emmie came today for a visit. Lew took this week off to plant potatoes.

11 - Lew, Emmie and I rode over to Longport and came home via Atl City.

12 - Sold 14 boxes of blackberries amt 2.10

13 - Sold 16 boxes of blackberries amt 2.40

14 - Sold 13 boxes of berries today amt 1.95

15 - Sallie Scull, Laura, Norman and his buddie called today. Blackberries sold amt 90c

16 - Blackberries sold amt 45 vegetables 50c

17 - Emmie & Marie went over to see Dr Mary Townsend.

18 - It rained today. I went down to see Ban this eve. She was in bed 8 weeks.

19 - Sold 17 boxes of blackberries. Amt 2.21

20 - Blackberries sold amt 2.10

21 - Blackberries sold amt 1.38

22 - Blackberries sold amt 60, Vegetables 65

23 - Vegetables sold 65. Emmie went over to Sallie Sculls last night.

24 - Blackberries sold amt 1.15

25 - Went up home this afternoon. Ollie had a swelled face from tooth.

26 - I went over and paid the Association dues this afternoon. Spent the rest of the day on Steel Pier and called Maggie in the eve.

27 - It has been cold all day ther 54 this A.M.

28 - Someone said we had frost yesterday A.M.

29 - I picked one quart of blackberries today, they are about gone.

30 - Did part of Saturdays work today.

31 - We went over to Atl City this P.M. to do some shopping. We went to the Colonial this eve.

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August

1 - Emmie and I went down to see Ban tonight. She is failing fast.

2 - I was at the Dr today.

3 - Emmie went to Mays Landing this A.M.

4 - Mrs Fitton called this A.M.

5 - Mrs Williams did the washing. It rained before the clothes got dry.

6 - I went op home a little while this afternoon.

7 - We took eggs over to Mrs Adams the afternoon. Emmie came back tonight.

8 - It was showery most of the day.

9 - This has been a hot day.

10 - I sent \$1.50 up to Mamie Cavileer to pay in the Lodge for me. Edmond took it up.

11 - It was warm every day this week. But cool and misty nights.

12 - I went up to the Doctors this A.M. It is raining tonight.

13 - I did part of the Sat. work today,

14 - We are having corn and lima beans for sale.

15 - I was at Julia's today Aunt Rebecca and John were there. Raining tonight.

16 - Emmie & I were on the Steel Pier. Heard the Symphony Orchestra by Leman.

16 Cont. - We had a heavy thunder shower to come home in.

17 - It has been hot today. A thunder shower tonight.

18 - Hot and another thunder shower today.

19 - N.E. storm today.

20 - Rainy today wind N.E.

21 - Still raining wind N.E. Mrs Harding gave me another can of cookies.

22 - Winfield was here for dinner. I went down to see Ban this eve. She has failed so much since I saw here.

23 - Wind still N.E. and raining hard tonight.

24 - Wind N.E. and stormy weather.

25 - A little sunshine today.

26 - This has been a fine day cool and clear. I went over to pay Assoc dues. Then spent the afternoon on Steel Pier.

27 - Louie spent the day here, we canned peaches and gathered vegetables. She picked a qt of raspberries.

28 - Wind N.E. and raining today.

29 - Lew, Sallie Sparely and I took a ride over to Atl City via Longport.

30 - I canned peaches all day. Hot today.

31 - Canned peaches. It is nice and hot today.

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September

1 - Preserved peaches. It is nice and hot today.

2 - Emmie, Marie & Kathryn spent today at Weymouth with the Boy Scouts. They had a fine time.

3 - Preserved peaches again today.

4 - Fannie Newell and Lourine called. Fannie's home is in Indiana.

5 - We visited the Boy Scouts today at Weymouth. Lew, Emmie & I went up in the machine.

6 - Labor Day. Lew had to work today.

7 - I canned more peaches today.

8 - Went up to the Dr this A.M. Mr and Mrs Fitton called this afternoon.

9 - We took eggs and vegetables over to Mrs Adams. Rec'd check for \$9.80

10 - I did a little of everything today. Addie Steelman called to see me.

11 - We killed our first young chicken this year for dinner tomorrow.

12 - We were at Ira Smiths this afternoon and stayed for dinner.

13 - I finished canning peaches today, I have 30 qt jars.

14 - Have been canning tomatoes

15 - Sallie Sparely called this afternoon.

16 - Wilda Smith called this afternoon.

17 - Have been ironing today.

18 - I haven't been very well today. No more work on the truck for Lew, too hard

19 - We took a ride up to Absecon this afternoon. Emmie and Ollie went with us.

20 - Went up to the Doctors.

21 - L.E. had to go up to Linwood to address letters to the voters. He was on the board of registration.

22 - Canned tomatoes.

23 - Did the scrubbing today.

24 - Washed windows today.

25 - We went over to Atl City and saw the parade. It was fine the floats were good and the flowers beautiful.

26 - We went up home in the machine this afternoon. Emmie was with us. I wrote a letter to Cora.

27 - I made ketchup today.

28 - I cast my first vote at the Primary election today.

29 - Lew & I went up to the doctors this A.M.

30 - We took the eggs over to Mrs Adams this P.M. 90c per doz.

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October

1 - Emmie and I went up to the Chautauqua meeting tonight,

2 - L.E., Emmie & I went up to the Chautauqua tonight.

3 - We took Emmie up to Mays Landing this afternoon.

4 - I attended the Chautauqua Lecture tonight.

5 - It is cold tonight. I think we will have frost.

6 - No frost yet. Mr McKeag called this eve.

7 - Lew and I both were up to the Doctors today. Doctor starts on his vacation tomorrow.

8 - Emmie came here, frost Mays Landing tonight.

9 - L.E. bought a suit of clothes today, got them at Mays Landing.

10 - We attended service at the head of River Church today. Emmie went back to Reading this afternoon.

11 - I did a little of everything this day. L.E. went clamming got 115.

12 - Lew attended the registration meeting this afternoon.

13 - We went up to Mays Landing this afternoon and I bought an overcoat. Paid \$18.00 for it.

14 - I marked the name on my dahlias today.

15 - I swept the sitting room. It is hard work for me.

16 - We sold 7 baskets of apples this week at 65c per basket.

17 - We took a little ride this afternoon went up home.

18 - Cloudy today it is not fit to wash. I spent \$2.00 up to Mrs Wolfbrandt tonight by Edmond to pay my dues in the Lodge.

19 - We did the washing today.

20 - Have been ironing today.

21 - It has been very warm all of this week. No frost yet.

22 - Thermometer 86 a 3 P.M. in the shade.

23 - We went up to the Doctors today.

24 - We called at Julia's this afternoon.

25 - We went to the Seabrook Farms today. Took Lee, Julia, and Louie with us. We had a nice ride.

26 - Mrs Jackson called, she is staying at Ventnor.

27 - Mrs Fitton called today.

28 - It has been raining all day wind N.E.

29 - Called on Myra and Maggie Headly today.

30 - It was cold today. No frost yet. Dahlias blooming fine.

31 - We called on Mr & Mrs Pedrick this eve.

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November

- 1 - We washed today.
- 2 - I ironed this A.M. and voted for Harding and Coolidge this afternoon.
- 3 - Harding and Coolidge elected. Maggie Headley spent the day with us.
- 4 - Mrs Fitton called
- 5 - I did the scrubbing today.
- 6 - Lew and I went up to the Doctors this A.M. His hand does not improve very fast.
- 7 - We went up home this afternoon.
- 8 - Mended today.
- 9 - Have been trying to sew a little.
- 10 - I took my gladiola bulbs up today. No frost yet.
- 11 - Went down to see Ban this afternoon. She is very poorly.
- 12 - We took 6 doz eggs over to Mrs Adams this P.M. got six dollars for them.
- 13 - We had ice this P.M. Ther 21 at 7 A.M. very cold. Dahlias froze stiff.
- 14 - Stayed home all day. Ther at 20 made ice an inch thick in bucket.
- 15 - Still raining and the wind is blowing a gale.
- 16 - Still raining and the wind is blowing a gale.
- 17 - Raining today, cleared up tonight. Marie and I are going over to the Colonial. Odd Fellows gave us tickets.
- 18 - This has been a nice day. L.E. sold 15 tons of lime for Ed & Mark.
- 19 - I swept the chamber today. It is hard on me.
- 20 - I went up to the Doctors.
- 21 - We went up home this afternoon.
- 22 - Did a little mending today. Sent check for 4.00 to D.A.R. today.
- 23 - Have been darning today.
- 24 - Am getting things ready for dinner tomorrow. Cloudy today.
- 25 - Thanksgiving - We had a good dinner roast chicken and fixins. Cloudy today.
- 26 - We went over to A City this P.M. Paid Asso dues with check for 9.00
- 27 - Raining today, wind N.E.
- 28 - Rained all day wind N.E.
- 29 - Cloudy all day wind N.E.
- 30 - Cloudy and stormy all day. I saw Ban today. She was cheerful and not suffering. Rained again today.

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December

- 1 - Rained again today.
- 2 - This has been a clear day. The sun has only shone 5 hours in 9 days.
- 3 - Cloudy looks raining. Paul passed the Boy Scout examination. He is the youngest child in America to do that. He is 11 years & 7 mo old. Raining tonight.
- 4 - Raining tonight.
- 5 - We went up home this afternoon. Bro was there.
- 6 - Sewed a little bit this afternoon.
- 7 - Sewed again this P.M.
- 8 - Lew, Edmond, Paul and I attended the Horticultural exhibit at the Chalfont Hotel. It was fine.
- 9 - It has been stormy all day.
- 10 - Cold and cloudy all day.
- 11 - Cold again and cloudy.
- 12 - This was a fine day. We went up home. I went down to see Ban this eve. She is happy all the time.
- 13 - Sold 6 doz eggs to Mrs Adams \$1.05 per doz amt \$6.30
- 14 - Raining today Wes was up here this A.M. Ban is about the same.
- 15 - Went up home tonight to get deed signed for the lot.
- 16 - It snowed tonight the first of the year.
- 17 - Ironed today.
- 18 - Went up to the Doctors.
- 19 - We spent this eve at Fittons. They are not going to Florida on account of illness in family.
- 20 - Cold and stormy today.
- 21 - This was a nice day.
- 22 - Lew went up to Pville this afternoon. We went to a movie.
- 23 - Marie and I went over to Atlantic City today to do Christmas shopping.
- 24 - Helped Marie out today with Christmas cooking.
- 25 - Christmas - We ate our Xmas dinner at Ed's today. They had a wild turkey sent to them from Va., by Mr Bill.
- 26 - We went up home this afternoon. I got my deed today.
- 27 - Mr & Mrs Pedrick called this eve.
- 28 - Ella J & Ida Powers spent this eve with us. Sold 5 doz eggs at \$1.00 a doz.
- 29 - We did the washing today.
- 30 - I went up to the doctors this A.m.
- 31 - This has been a fine day. I called at Pedrick's this afternoon.