

December in excess of annoyance + aversion caused by the opposition to him for the very qualities that really make him a desirable public man - even benefactor. There is one quality, altho' of little importance to the welfare of the public but to the individual seeking office, or who should have an office, and that is discretion. M. A. Abbot lacks that. - The bougie is a formidable weapon, but when not properly bidden cuts in all directions and mows down friends as well as the enemies.

In evening Maude Carl + Auguste are up + we all play Dominio Euchre.

Tuesday 27  
mild, misty  
snow at night  
Carl leaves for home also Carl. - Dorothea, Dora + Otto were down. The boys serenaded at mother's benefit on guitars flageolet, piccolo + mouth organ to the surprise of all, and receive quite an applause. Oscar looks at it from a material point of view + takes up a collection.

Wednesday 28  
snowy  
Stormy  
I settle down to work again.

Thursday 29  
cold  
Stormy  
Lida + Maria leave with the 11 o'clock train, we accompanying her to the station. Busy computing.

Friday 30  
cold  
Stormy  
Busy computing. In evening attend it. Election matters are running & very high, M. A. Abbot being the central figure, being most fiercely opposed by a certain section - especially the firemen, - bell hangers - and on the other hand well supported by the more respectable class.

Saturday 31  
snowy  
stormy  
night rain  
Busy computing. After tea we all gathered at mother's, Carl having arrived too. - The time was passed chatting and playing games until the last life drop of 1887 oozed away into eternity and

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