

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 Dominos 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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January

was ~~very~~ ushered into life amid our mutual congratulations, being thankful that we are all, with our aged parents who have passed the limit of three score and ten, so hale & hearty together.

The new year was begun with our customary supper. The children & ladies soon thereafter retired & Father & I & Carl & I chatted till 2:30 a.m.

Sunday 1  
cloudy  
mild

New Year's Day. - We had the customary New Year's dinner, but otherwise the day passed quietly. I computed part of the day. In the evening Maria & I played games with the boys and sang with them, after they were in bed we were at the piano together with Margaret & Mendell's son.

Monday 2  
Cold

Municipal election, also voting on a by-law for granting \$2500 as bonus to the Presler Carriage Co, which is to rebuild our old mill premises. - I took a somewhat active part today, and got some of the old indifferent men to vote - J. Martin Skinner & C. Hornum. I assisted at the counting of the ballots - Dr. Mullett 183, Garrison 135, M.A. Atty 123, P.E. Huntz 121, Jack 114, J. Sisson 83, J. Fenwick 43, St. Paul 35.

For the by-law 131, against 31. - So that our wishes are gratified - The old council - Atty, Mullett & Huntz in & the by-law carried. In the evening the Carriage Co. gave an impromptu luncheon to the citizens; not being well made known not very many were present probably 50, the council Father Jacob & I amongst them. I was the first called upon to speak & it was in reply to "Canada". Towards midnight we went home, Dr. Mullett, his brother, J. Clare, Father Jacob & I going together, we stopped at Father's office till 1 a.m. & then adjourned to my library till 3 a.m. by which time we had municipal affairs present & past pretty thoroughly sifted.