

- April
- Monday 1  
fine  
Father received numerous <sup>unprecedented</sup> telegrams today from various parts of Canada + a cablegram from Fiederssen in Leipzig. — A number of their Prussian friends called in the afternoon, and in the evening Mr + Mrs Atkey, Mr + Mrs. Stoltzschmidt, Mr + Mrs Dr. Muller, Mr + Mrs G. Clark, Mr + Mrs. J. Webster + Mr G. W. Patterson spent the evening at Father's; we were damn two, and altho' I felt tired + had hoped to retire early it was again 1-30 a.m. ere bed was seen.
- Tuesday 2  
fine, misty  
after. cloudy  
Today I made a survey for Geo. Ross near Kesseth. J. Soeder assistant. The work lay all in a swamp, where the snow still lay comparatively deep. That our lower extremities were wet to the skin is self evident. — Eila + Herbie returned home at 5 P.M. also Marie Carl + Waldemar.  
After tea worked in office till 10 M. altho' I was very tired when I arrived home at 6-30 P.M. —
- Wednesday 3  
rainy  
snow in afternoon  
Busy in office at latitude. —
- Thursday 4  
mild - overcast  
Busy in office. —
- Friday 5  
snowy  
Busy in office at latitude.
- Saturday 6  
fine  
Busy at computations. — The boys had a field day geologizing among the limestone formations along the river. They obtained several good fossils.
- Sunday 7  
fine  
Did some office work, played Croquet with the boys and in evening various games.
- Monday 8  
fine  
Busy in office. In afternoon in golf. In evening attended School Board meeting for a short time. It appears that Geo. Clark is very much put out because he did not get the contract for heating the proposed new school, and is now trying all means — mostly dishonorable to defeat the contract.

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entered into with Incead, Dowd & Co. His attack is obviously only on the height of 12 ft of the rooms mentioned in the contract whereas he wants it 13 ft - He can give no sound reason why he wants it 13 ft., altho' the reason of 12 ft. was arrived at by the other 5 trustees after due discussion with the two architects (Butley & Incead). The 5 trustees were first in favor of very high ceilings - i.e. higher than 12 ft. but after discussion & explanation saw that it was for ventilation just as good with 12 ft., it was cheaper to build too and there was an annual saving of about five tons of coal. - Clare acts the part of a pure obstructionist and unfortunately not one of the trustees save father has the courage to act manfully towards him. It is a pity that there are so few independent men holding public offices. One is afraid of being censure at his store, one is under financial obligations to another, another is fishing for favors pecuniary or otherwise, another lacks backbone and is swayed like a blade of grass in a breeze by sentiment, - & so on.

Tuesday 9  
fine

We are having fine weather but all wanting rain badly. We commenced gardening today. -  
Mamie & I spent the evening at Mrs. A. A. Erb's where Mr. & Mrs. DeGroot, showed us their collection of curios gathered in their years absence & journey round the world. - They are highly interesting.

Wednesday 10  
fine

Busy in office & about the house & garden. -

Thursday 11  
mild, cloudy  
eve. little rain

Busy at Kalamazoo latitude. - After tea spent the evening at Father's where a number of persons had gathered, acquaintances of his. Stahlschmidt, to meet her ere her departure for home. -

Friday 12  
fine

Busy at latitude. Orestes was shocked today by the news of the death of Mrs John Fuchs (Mina Clare) at Orayville.

Saturday 13  
Cool

Max is confined to the house by a bad cold. Busy at latitude & toward working in the garden.