Friday night - midnight matches

Dear Collie

I am positive we arrived March 25th in Larned as I asked Mamma if I would have a birthday just the same as if we had a home!

Hodgeman Co was just organized and John R. Baird elected Supt. when he called the first examination for teachers in May ~~or June~~ 88 - Mamma and I with ~~two or two~~ eight or ten took the examination and Mamma was engaged as Marena and I by Mr Baird for his school - I was 14 - not 13! Mamma had only had me take the examination to test my thoroughness but I passed highest and Mr Baird told Mamma his wife would mother me and I could live with them - I received 15.00 cash per mo. over my board

Mamma obtained an assistant because