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Mar 13<sup>th</sup> Pleasant - no snow to be seen horses all let loose but Prince & he picketed. Father Julia & Grace went to the post office got a letter from good sister with one dollar in it and a new apron for me also some papers from Lake Co. Ill one stated the death of an old acquaintance by a railroad accident - which is sad also that Father Simon's was still alive. Our feed was gone and we had to go on to father's timber claim and cut a load of stocks I sent a letter to M H Dunnell M L in regard to my pension Oh how anxious I am to get one. Julia wrote to Aunt H from the office a postal 14<sup>th</sup> 40 day would have been my dear mother's birthday I often find myself wishing her back to earth again It was so hard for me to give her up. It has been cold and windy Father bought 14 bags of broom corn seed of Quance for \$2.00 paid \$1.00 down and the other to be paid in 10 days the dollar was one Harriet - sent us yesterday Our flour was all baked yesterday we have meal enough to last a few days I cut out a coat for Collier out of a coat and coat I had extra pieces in it where I had to piece it beside a great many darts Children got their lessons except Louis & Grace have been neglected today. Father has wrote a letter to bro Louis. 15<sup>th</sup> It is cloudy we had quite a hail storm Father & I commenced plowing the garden then we took E & L and went to the timber claim & got some old stocks for the horses and found some cane seed. 16<sup>th</sup> It has been very pleasant and warm Father Julia & I went to plow my timber claim we left E & L to pick

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up cane seed on father's claim a mile from us we plowed 6 rounds Julia & I plowed 3 rounds and let father lay down in the wagon box Julia drove and I held the great breaking plow she drove nicely and we were very proud to think we could plow without father's help. we went to the claim and help the children load in their seed and came home Collier & Grace kept house Collier chopped all the wood watered Prince & the cow & picketed her they were good children and I love them better than gold & silver & precious things. All a bad out me and I am going now 17<sup>th</sup> Julia & I plowed on my timber claim all alone E & L cut rice corn stalks for fuel E & Grace staid at home father borrowed 13 lbs of flour of Quance & went to the office and got a registered letter from Good sister - it with \$1.00 in it. Since the day before at noon God has remembered us again. 18<sup>th</sup> Father & Julia & I plowed driving Heliofara Father plowed 6 furrows and Julia & I driving a young horse Collier cut stalks & E & L & I staid at home. It looks cloudy it snowed some this evening It seems as if winter would never be willing to leave us again. 19<sup>th</sup> Father went to Quance bought 2 sacks flour 1 gal kerosene 25 lbs meal 1 paper pins \$3.50 Collier & Elsie & I cut stalks & picked up seed then father & we loaded up went to my claim E & L cut stalks Father & I plowed 6 times around we had a call from Mr Wilson's son & another man pretending to want to buy a horse but we are afraid he wanted to jump our timber claim or for some mischief. All a bad but Julia & I Mar 20<sup>th</sup> Father cool tonight Collier rode with the mail carrier part way to Quance to get some flour we left three miles I was not very well we have only a few sticks of wood and tomorrow I must plow with Julia Oh my lot seems hard but I