

We had been advised by relatives to come to Iowa.

The first winter I stayed home. The second winter in Iowa (the year of the Chicago fire) I assisted with the chores at Per Gunderson's and went to school. I made the second grade and with that year's schooling, my education in the American schools was completed, the rest of my learning being obtained by my own study and through the school of experience. The following summer I worked for Per Gunderson and received nine dollars for seven months.

During this summer I went to a circus, which was a big event in my boyhood. In order to see it I rode a mule eight miles to Osage.

The following winter I worked constantly in the woods with Per Gunderson, receiving board and room for that labor. The following summer my wages were ten dollars a month, this year being a continuation of the agricultural course begun here the previous year.

The next winter Mother needed my assistance at home as she couldn't continue doing all the farm work herself. I loaned my summer's wages, namely \$70.00 to Ola Hagen but one purchase I made that summer was a trunk that I valued very highly.