

practically all the political offices of importance in this locality. Our vacation will soon be at an end; we open up again on Tuesday. The vacation has passed very rapidly and I did not get all the work done that I intended but have sufficient ahead that I need not worry at present. I would have got more done but contracted a cold in my head which kept me from work for a couple days this past week. However, I am pretty well over it again and think I can get down to business by Tuesday. Tomorrow hardly counts as a holiday since it is work-day. The Board at its meeting last week granted each of the professors a bonus of \$100 in lieu of the \$300 increase asked by Profs. Willison and Zinck. These latter are so dissatisfied with it that they will not accept it. But as I didn't ask for an increase I have no scruples along that line, and very little help. I think that at their next meeting the Board will increase salaries all around. I hope so at any rate. I have my coal nearly all paid for now and I hope to save up a little between this and spring. I still owe \$25 on the piano having got an extension of time of payment from the company. I bought Bonnie some navy blue serge for a dress last week, also material for a dress for Marion. The price on the material for Bonnie's dress was down a \$1 a yd from what it used to be and I think there will soon be a general lowering of prices to some-where near the pre-war level. The factories are nearly all closed down, but some of them have already opened up trying their hands reduced ways and others will follow suit shortly. The children have all been quite well through the holidays, except that Marion and Arthur had pretty bad colds a part of the time, and they have also been very lively. They make too much noise for Bonnie and I guess she will be glad when they are back in school again, but I don't expect them to sit up for shapes like ladies and gentlemen and consequently don't mind them. Eileen is the greatest little girl you ever saw to wait out on her father. She brings me my clothes every morning.