

3 May 85

Called to jury duty  
in Blackfoot -  
I am lost in  
rules - River  
trip with a girl

Well I was going to tell you how  
hard I had been working I commenced  
2 wk. tomorrow morning to have been  
working from 5 to 9 & 10 hrs. putting  
in 14 to 16 hrs per day. I have  
fallen away nearly one lb. today  
It is 1 1/2 miles from the house to the  
field & I have started before sunrise  
& with out breakfast several  
mornings I have done all of my  
work plowed harrowed & picked  
sage & harrowed it all over 4 times which  
is equivalent to harrowing 10 acres  
besides sowing all of it & breaking  
5 acres now you can see why  
I did not write oftener I was  
so tired at night I could not write  
I was not out to work & it was  
much harder on me Well it is  
done & thanks for it I will have  
the watering - which will take  
quite a bit of work - but I think  
I will realize good by which is working  
in since the water is done



L. L. Ranch  
May 31/85  
My Dear Friend  
Your welcome  
letter was read today  
I got it by finding Bear  
R. for it - The place I crossed  
There was a team of horses  
drowned yesterday the water  
came very near taking me  
down stream - Shall I tell  
you of the accident yesterday?  
Mr Henry Calmick the Sp.  
Co. & half sister were crossing  
& one the horse lay down  
& the other pulled it & the wagon  
nearly across.

when the stream took  
them into deep water  
& the true horse could  
pull them no longer &  
the wagon began to turn over  
Miss D. climbed on one  
of the hind wheels & as it was  
turning she kept on the hoof  
until her brother came to her  
rescue by the time he got her  
to shore & returned to his team  
but could not select the best  
horse for the other one was dead  
the wagon was turning over  
all of the time they got  
the harness & plow & wagon  
but the plow & double beam  
lost & crossed at the same  
ford to day for your letter

so you may know I was  
expecting it It was welcome  
but I had have plenty of  
news to tell you but fear my  
time will not permit I have  
not written you this week  
for I have been so very busy  
When you hear of old business  
I have been you will not blame  
me for not writing I wrote you  
a letter last Sun. but made up  
my mind not to send it I  
have it now I will let you read  
it some time I came here  
just 2 weeks & night & am  
now ready to leave again  
I have put in 26 acres of grain  
(There is one of the boys has just come  
home with some sheep & what he got  
put him in the pasture & it is a  
1/4 of a mi. so much for being accounted



Montpelier <sup>by the way</sup>  
Wednesday May 1st  
I cannot mislike  
How is state  
of your  
work  
one day  
longer  
than  
ever  
a day  
longer  
than  
ever

Dear Friend Aida

I left the ranch this morning  
for Blackfoot & am here would give  
any thing not to go but can't help  
it - I will go on horse back You  
need not be sorry about me for I  
will not be a Quaker I have said  
little about it but have had my  
mind made up since the day I  
was summoned I only wanted to  
give people a chance to talk & find out  
truly how many friends I really dis-  
served guess they have done by a  
little I had a letter from Lavitt  
from Chariton I don't think he  
will be here before this I am  
a hurry to day want to get to do  
so will close sending love &  
kind regards to you May write you  
9 nights again Your Will



2  
I told you of fading  
the 2 today but  
that was not all  
after getting to  
Purton Miss Stewart  
and I went for a boat ride  
I have never told you of  
her so will describe her now  
she is a lady of 16 summers  
almost as tall as you are  
with blue eyes & fair complexion  
not much to say but bold &  
resolved & is quite clever  
with a boat, in fact better than  
myself Still we were going to  
stay in still water we did for  
a while taking it by turns using  
the paddle We made over 1/2 of a mile  
to ride but we soon got tired of it

and longed to be on the  
river & being the stronger  
I took the paddle & strove through  
the willows & gained. The river  
near by we found it deep & swift  
we could not gain one foot by  
pulling square against the current  
so had to pull diagonal from  
one side to the other. After crossing  
several times we reached a point  
about 200 yds from where we came  
in to the R. Here was a little by  
stream leading off to the left  
running by a house a half a  
mi. distant where lived a lady  
by the name of Miss Pratt so  
we thought to call & see Miss  
H. P. so we turned our boat  
round & shot down stream - going  
nicely till half of the distant I  
was gained when to our astonishment  
we found that we were stuck  
a sand bar & examine our

situation - we found it impossible to  
go farther & made up our minds  
to return & wait another day to  
call when we had come to this  
decision & was ready to start  
we found to our great surprise that  
we could not move one inch  
What was to be done with all  
four expudence we could not  
move off & from the bar I saw  
but one way & that was to pull  
my shoes & waded it was not  
long till I was at it - I soon  
had it in deep water again  
we crossed the R & landed & I  
came home as it was getting late  
And now it is very late & I  
will have to work hard to morrow  
so will retire from ever your true  
& trustworthly friend  
Don't look for more letters  
till I get to Blackfoot - I start  
Wednesday Good Night