

O. O. Ranch

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My Dear friend Mrs  
You will be surprised  
when you get this letter to  
learn that this is all the paper  
I have. I thought I had got  
a lot but coming to look this  
is all I can find. I want to  
write you now so here goes. I  
will send you a book but I have  
received the other day & will not read  
it as I am going to leave soon.  
You may find some use  
for it. If you do, use it. It  
will be better off in your care than  
here. I also return the copy you  
let me have. How very much  
oblige to you - I like it much  
better than the one we read the  
week a year. I shall send them  
by Fr. L. and leave for both & less

I am going to Montpelier today  
& will get paper & write you a long  
letter to night. Have been  
reading Parriers Burned a  
way. Just finished this  
morning. Have you ever  
read it? and how do you like  
it? Hope to hear from you soon.

F. L. haul grain the past  
week. Am very well bodily  
but mentally. Arrived just a  
little. I will help Frank this  
week. There is no one on the  
ranch that can stack grain  
so it falls on me to do it.

There is some consolation  
to know that you can do that -  
if you can't write an essay.  
Suppose you had a good time  
at your convention. When you  
see Miss Lydia Baker take note  
My paper is scant - really  
I'm ashamed to send it, but you  
can't make a success of it. I leave the  
course. Don't be too hard on me!