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Good story about
straying horses
in Logan Canyon
& planning for
the wedding in Oct

When I got almost to the bottom I found
a very steep place where the men had
taken the earth away there I was puzzled
but not long. I caught hold of a bush
& swung down as far as I could &
dropped the rest of the way alighting
my feet in the middle of the road
just a head of the horses about 8 or 10 ft.
Taking them by surprise (completely)
I took them back & tied them
up for the rest of the night Next
morning I started early & came
to St Charles the same day Nothing
worth mentioning occurred in the
trip - Nora I wrote home today
telling the folks I would (& you)
be home in Oct. I have at all
our foot for our wedding in the
same month. Would like to know
what day you wish it to be - If
you can make it after the 13 -
It would give me more time for I
will need as much as I can get in
between now & then more if it could be
had. Parker full & I will not wait (with me) 10/20

Dingle Dell Ranch
Aug. the 18th 1885
Miss Nora E. Crockett -
My Dear Friend
Fardy as
ever but desire stronger (I am writing)
I arrived in Beau Lake (St Charles)
on Friday last but did not get
to the Ranch until Tuesday. I
was in Montpelier Sat. but did
not have time to write you though
I wanted to very badly. I am
going there this afternoon -
Expect a letter from you
I don't know why, but I do.
My trip through the canyon
or a part of it. After leaving
you I went as soon as possible
which was in a very few minutes

I drove up the canyon 5000
miles + stopped fed + took a bath
Slept till 2 P.M. Then I hitched
up + drove to Rick's Spring where
I camped all night alone
(Rather a lovely stay) Here my
horses tried to play me twice
one I never had them try
before When I had unharnessed
them I let them go thinking they
would feed round the wagon as they
had always done I went to the spring
got a drink came back + was
eating supper when I noticed
they were keeping their road +
were quite a distance + up it -
Thinking it best to bring them
back not that I thought they
would run off but to have
company I took a piece in
my hand like all small boys
+ started for them by this time
they were over the hill

so I walked a lively pace
+ when I came to the top I found
they were down on the other side
+ traveling right along When they
looked round + saw I was following
them they kicked up their heels
+ started to run I saw in
a moment what they meant
+ wondered how I was going
to get them There was no chance
to head them off only by scaling
the hill + head them off in a
narrow cut quite a distance ahead
as soon as decided upon - I commenced
climbing as soon as I got to the
top I could see them rounding a
point of rocks coming in to the
cut I looked at the side of the hill
I was to descend + found it very
steep I did not stop to consider
but started down catching to bushes
to keep my feet as I went down