

Rapid City July 3 1885

Mr Cha Hall

Beaver, Idaho

Dear Sir

yours of 20th just recd  
Allie left for Pierre for the folks  
gone 26th Expect they will start  
back tomorrow or next day. Haven't  
got his house plastered yet It has been  
very wet here till the last week and  
it has been impossible to do any  
hauling which has delayed us greatly  
on the house, but I think hay  
will be plenty so we intend putting up  
all we can I did not get any money  
East which did not disappoint me  
much neither have I got any  
cows But shall take a few to milk  
when the folks get here we have 16  
calts now & a few more to come &  
have a fine Stallion I shall prove up  
on my preemption on July 30th  
Horses are about the same price

as usual here Oregon Horses 1200 lbs  
upwards \$125 to \$150 per head Ponies \$40 to \$75  
per head (in small lots) Probably large lots  
would be considerably less There is  
strang talk of a RR to Rapid this  
fall I think you would <sup>make</sup> a large  
proffit on horses as anything I know  
of here if you were not crowded too  
sharp on time Perhaps if you wished  
to take us into the racket we could  
sell our horses so as to meet you with  
\$1500 or \$2000 by the time you get here  
I say perhaps because we have not  
offered them for sale and Allie is not  
here to consult & we have been talking  
of mortgaging them in order to buy cows  
we haul in about 40 acres corn  
write again

Allison

Two letters in a single envelope; stamped envelope postmarked "Beaver, Idaho, Jul 15" to "Mrs Charles Hall, East Dennis"; on outside of envelope, in pencil, "+ letter from Allison Rapid City":

[Letter from Allison Howes to Charlie Hall, in purple pencil:]

Rapid City July 3<sup>d</sup> 1885  
Mr Cha<sup>s</sup> Hall  
Beaver, Idaho

Dear Sir

Yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst rec<sup>d</sup> Allie left for Pierre for the folks June 26<sup>th</sup> Expect they will start back tomorrow or next day. Have not got his house plastered yet It has been very wet here till the last week and it has been impossible to do any hauling which as delaid us greatly on the house, but I think hay will be plenty & we intend putting up all we can I did not get any money East which did not disappoint me much neither have I got my cows But shall take a few to milk when the folks get here we have 16 colts now & a few more to come & have a fine stallion I shall prove up on my preemption on July 30<sup>th</sup> Horses are about the same price [over page] as usual here Origion Horses 1200 lbs & upwards \$125 to \$150 pr head Ponies \$40 to \$75 pr head (in small lots) Probably large lots would be considerably less There is strong talk of a RR this fall I think you would make as large proffit on horses as any thing I know of here if you were not crowded too sharp on time Perhaps if you wished to take us into the racket we could sell our horses so as to meet you with \$1800 or \$2000 by the time you got here I say perhapse because we have not offered them for sale, and Allie is not here to consult & we have been talking of mortgaging them in order to buy cows We have in about 40 acres corn

Write again

Allison

[Next letter is from Charlie Hall to wife Lydia, on letterhead:]

*CHARLES HALL,  
Manufacturer of Lumber.*

*Beaver, Idaho, July 14 1885*

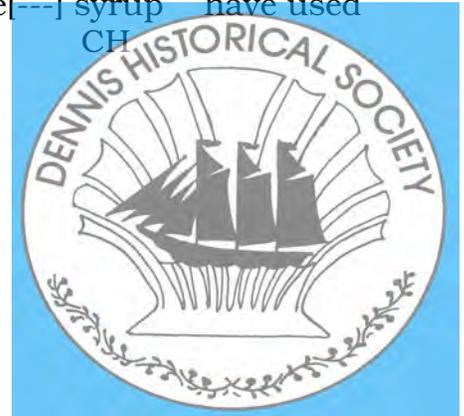
Dear Wife

I recd your letter yesterday dated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1885 I spend the day about the same as you & it was not very exciting day the mill has

been shut down about 4 or 5 days fixing things up started this morning but now the water is very low so it will not take off. the saw dust it seems as if there was some thing, but I dont take much heed of these things as I hope that I shall not be here another season still I dont see how I am to get out as I dont see any way of selling the property and getting rid of it I am not so particular about a big price if I could only sell. I recd letter from Uncle Allison yesterday I will enclose it that you may see what he has to say about Ch[---] Booting wish I might be there to help him out. It would beat saw milling I think at least would or as pleasant [over page] I often wonder where I will be at the next turn of the wheel. this to me look about played out after this season what is to be more next 10 years. I hope I shall be able to show a better Bank a/c at the end of that time than the last 10 has made me Jimmie wrote me he would write me in a few days his decision on the note business but that is the last I guess I shall hear, & I dont feel bad on a/c of the loss of the money for that I had reconciled my self to long ago, & if I dont get a note I think the loss will figure up about the same in any event it may save me \$1000's. and if so it will be Cheap. I only feel as if I was imposed upon formy good nater & [---]reality. But it is not the first time in the last 10 years. it has been so more than it will be again in the next 10. wish you would write me the state of your finances I sent you 100 few days ago. I suppose there is rent due again the 4 of this month or was the rent [-----]ted up to July 4 in advance. I wrote about the rent you recd. & then [end of page, remainder in margins] he sent it and if you do no tget it write me I will [----] him up

C Hall

When you send medcine you might put in 1 Bottle De[---] syrup have used all I had



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