

How do Mark Brady and Paymaster
Easpar get along? You have never
said a word about them since I
left home. Not long since I saw
a puffatory notice of the young gen-
tleman, but do not remember
whether it was in a Dayton paper
or not. I heard the result of
the election some days before the
paper came. It was exceedingly sat-
isfactory and I hope many more
just such will be recorded in
the history of Dayton. The Copper
Leads have been getting fits all over
the country this Spring and I
hope they may never get anything
else. Capt Pease went away quite
sick a week or ten days since. I do
not think he intended to go farther
than Philadelphia. The mail to-mor-
row ought to bring me a letter from
you and I shall be disappointed if
it does not, altho' your last is dated
the 5th. It is about time I was writing
another letter to Sella, can't you suggest
a topic. Give my love to her and Frank &
Robbie. Good bye Darling, Thy Luther.

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My Dear Wife:

The letter I wrote you on
Saturday night and which should
have been well on its way to Dayton
is, I suppose still in the hands of the
telegraph operator at the station. -
The long and heavy rains we have
had lately raised the "runs" so much
that several of the bridges on the
railroad have either been washed
away or so much injured as to be
impassible. No trains ran yesterday
and none to-day until about sun-set.
We recd no newspapers or mail yester-
day or to-day, so that we feel
that we are behind the age. If
you do not learn that the bridges
have been carried away you will
naturally wonder why my letters
are so slow. This letter shall therefore
start abreast of the other to ex-
plain why it has been so long on
the way.

My letter to Robert of which I wrote in the fellow-traveller of this has also been delayed, so that gentlemen has had two more days to carry on than I intended. It's no use crying over spilt milk, however; I tried my best to keep him straight and if I have failed it is because the elements were against me. I trust tho' that he had some thing else to think about and will be less on the rampage than he appeared to be at home and will perhaps do nothing until my letter reaches him. No officer here knows or suspects, I think, that I have ever turned my eyes in that direction; but if R. comes down here it will be very hard to keep him from blabbing. I shall take an early opportunity to tell him never to allude to it in any way, but he will require very close watching besides.

Robbie's birth-day was no doubt celebrated with eclat. It would have been very pleasant for me to have been present on the 5th and 8th; I shall make a strong effort to be present "next time."

We have not moved yet and probably will not for a couple of weeks yet. I think I am much pleaser in my little room here than I should be in a shelter tent on the ground, and so am in no hurry to make the exchange. Gen. Warren will be ready sooner than I am, I fancy. This army is not ready to move yet but the work of preparation is going on, and by the time the roads are tolerably decent, we shall be on the way to Richmond which interesting ~~for~~ turn sister of Sedona and Gomonorok we propose to take this time, and no mistake!

Would you be glad to get a letter from me bearing that date? I guess so!