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## Letter from Sallie J. Kennedy to John Muir, 1877 Oct 12.

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to night dispelled it all.

I hope you will have a happy time the remainder of the season and be safely housed for winter work. An unkind wish you will reflect.

I expect to start East on Tuesday next the 16<sup>th</sup> so will soon be again enjoying some of nature's grandest scenes.

I will sadly miss the pleasant companionship on little Camp-ing party afforded.

Hoping some day to hear the unfinished story of the voyage of the "Snag Jumper," and her heroic crew.

I remain sincerely  
your friend,  
Lallie J. Kennedy.

Chico, October, 12<sup>th</sup> 1877.

My dear Mr Muir,

This evening began its course in pleasure, continued, and from our merry peals of laughter at its close you would imagine it finished in pleasure.

Though different causes produced the same result, a wonderful harmony existed between the causes.

First - I concluded to make a selection from Annies embryo herbarium, which I was to take home, and as page after page was looked over the happy days were brought to mind when the little

Flowers and plants were gathered, when the grand the beautiful and sweet things in nature had refreshed mind and heart, all passed with bewildering speed, the pictures only growing more numerous the longer I thought, until at last the spell was broken by a call from General, "a letter from Mr Muir"; and what a joy it was for one had felt much anxiety in regard to your venture!

You were very good to give us so in detail the thrilling adventures and narrow escapes of the gallant Commander who so heroically carried the *Flag Ship*, not only around, but over

Snags!! Long may you live to chronicle other exploits and may we be so happy as to learn of them;

But merriment aside, it was delightful to know you enjoyed your trip; and were going to prosecute your journey further in the same way, a substantial inducement that you had not yet married.

We missed you very much, and each day General was plying with queries, "Where do you think Mr Muir is now?" "Do you think he is on the Buttes to day?" "Where do you imagine he will camp to night?" &c. &c.

General was always ready to give an opinion, but still doubt remained uncomfortably in our minds, until your charming letter