

Leslie Matlock Tells the Story of His Thrilling Ride Before the Storm—His Horse Was Poor—Cut Across the Country and Clipped Wire Fences as the Lightning Flashed.

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I lived at the Palace hotel, and I was there on Sunday evening. It was terribly hot and sultry all day. It seemed to be getting up a storm and I was

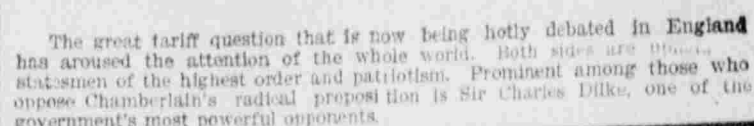
Then we both of us doubled up and ran like mad. But the water was too fast for us, and before I could reach Uncle Tom's or Uncle Jim's house it was all over the place, boiling, roaring and crackling things up so you couldn't hear.

hills. That helped us a lot, and before long we were far enough ahead that we could do some good. One thing frightened us. It was storming and we were afraid of the wire fences, for fear the lightning would strike, but our nippers were all right and we struck right through.

So we kept on, shouting and warning people, till we got to Rainey's. Here my horse gave up the ghost. It was clean worn out and I got another. Then Kelly and I hit up the pace again on the way to Lone, 12 miles away. This was really the hardest part of the journey. We were getting farther off from our folks, and it seem-

It's not a bad thing all around, I've lost most of my folks and I've lost most of my friends. Kelly deserves most of the credit for what I did. We worked together for a long time. I wish I could have saved my own people. I don't know what we'll do, those of us that are left. I guess we will build up again and choose higher ground. I don't know if we'll ever be the same. Maybe such a thing wouldn't happen again. Maybe it would. I don't know why I did just what I did, except I thought it seemed to me that I would be better off if somebody else thought of a lot of people down the valley. Did I think of one especially? Maybe I did. But in saving folks who were in the valley, I was saving myself. If I hadn't done it, I would have

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