

went to whipping them steers. He said he whipped and whipped them steers. Trying to get to the creek way ahead of them. He said he got close to that creek. He seen that he wasn't going to make it. He said there wasn't but one thing to do. Jump right on in. And turn the steers loose. And he went and jumped in the creek. He said just as he jumped in the creek, the fire went over. Jumped the creek. And after it kinda cleared up, he went back to see what it looked like. He said the steers were just standing there. All the hair burnt off. And the eyes had popped out. And their tongues were hanging. Hair all burnt off. Still standing up. He said he took his knife out and cut their throat. The wagon and all the groceries had been burnt up. Walked on his own. Left everything there. (My! What chances those old timers had!)

Mrs. Longtail: "When he told something like that. The kids would say, 'Tell us more, Grandpa! Tell us more, Grandpa!' They never got tired of hearing Grandpa talk."

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