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4-14-99

The University of Wyoming.

Laramie, Wyoming.

Apr. 11. 1899

Mr. C. R. Bull,

St. Louis, Mo.)

My dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. will say that I shall find pleasure in exchanging specimens of our willows for any good material from Louisiana.

I have pretty large contracts on my hands for collecting this season but I shall try to get in a few extra specimens of the willow number for you. I am going to look after that group more carefully than heretofore.

I am not working my own willows at present and it may be of interest to you to know that Prof. W. M. Rowlee has this work well in hand and will shortly publish something on the group.

I shall indeed be glad to receive copies of your papers.

Yours sincerely,  
Owen Nelson.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING.  
LARAMIE, WYOMING.

Laramie, Wyo., May 16, 1902.

Mr. Carleton R. Ball,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ball:- Mr. Elias Nelson is preparing a paper upon the shrubs of this state and he is ready to consider in it our willows. I am wondering if you have completed the work upon the specimens sent you and whether you could furnish us with the determinations at the present time. Mr. Nelson says it would be a great convenience to him if he had your determinations.

Very sincerely yours,

(A.C.S.)

*Elias Nelson*  
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THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING.  
LARAMIE, WYOMING.

June 18, 1902.

Mr. C. R. Ball,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ball:- Your valued favor of the 13th inst. enclosing your determinations in *Salix* has been duly received. The delay has not hindered my work at all and not that of Mr. E. Nelson to any great extent. At any rate he is glad to have your determinations now and to profit by them in the preparation of the list of shrubs which he has on hand. I have no doubt that the determinations are as nearly correct as any one could have made from the material at your command, and I thank you very much for the exceedingly great care that you have taken in the matter. It is very kind of you to offer me a set of prints from the negatives of Nuttall's types. I shall greatly appreciate it if you will furnish them as I feel that the deposition of such a set in our herbarium would be of great value. In return for your trouble in that matter I shall be very glad to render any service that I can at any future time.

Thanking you again, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Avon Nelson*

(A.C.S.)

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING.  
LARAMIE, WYOMING.

Dec. 22, 1902.

Mr. C. R. Ball,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ball:-

I am sending you another batch of willows for determination. Most of them were collected by my assistant, Mr. Goodding, in southern Nevada and Utah. These I am in hopes will prove interesting and may possibly contain a novelty or two. Hoping that you may not find it burdensome to examine these, and with the greetings of the season, I am

Sincerely yours,

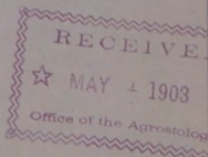
(A. C. S.)

*Aven Nelson*  
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5-1-03  
THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING.  
LARAMIE, WYOMING.

April 27, 1903.

Mr. C. R. Ball,  
Washington, D. C.  
My dear Mr. Ball:-



Some months since I received a letter from you in regard to the willows sent you for determination. In it you gave me a number of notes upon their relationship and also asked a number of questions concerning other possible specimens in my <sup>collection</sup> position. You also suggested that I should not write you until I heard from you again. Not having heard from you, I wrote you in regard to the matter some weeks since and I still have not heard from you.

I wonder if you are out of town, or whether my letters have miscarried.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Avon Nelson

Oct. 20, 1903.

Prof. Aven Nelson,  
Laramie, Wyo.

Dear Prof. Nelson:-

Replying to your favor of the 13th. inst., I enclose a list of determinations of the *Salices* sent me last winter. I infer from your letter that you had received received none of these before, although I am under the impression that the names of all except the Gordatae were sent you last spring. I have nothing more to show than the impression, however, since many of my letters are written in longhand and no copies taken. In any case I wish to apologize for the delay, which must be very exasperating to you, and to thank you for the patience you have shown under such trying circumstances.

With reference to the material, No. 902, Fl. Utah, which I thought might prove a new species in the nigra group, is only a form of S. laevigata Bebb, with the aments longer and laxer than is usual in this species. Is it possible that there is an error in its label? It states "Flora of Utah" and the number is plainly 902 while the later numbers, 949 and 991, are from Flora of Nevada! The earliest number from Utah, other than this, is 1018. The label on 902 says "Santa Clara Creek" which is probably in Utah, as is the town of Santa Clara.

The two others previously mentioned are good species and I am preparing to have them figured and published under the names given in the list. Is Mr. Goodding accessible? I should be glad

to get any notes he has or may be able to furnish from memory as to the size and habit of the plant, its abundance and local surroundings, and any other notes of interest.

I am also beginning work on the whole group of western Cordatae. It is absolutely necessary to overhaul them and find what's what therein. I expect no new species, but rather a reduction in the number resulting from the labors of Andersson, Rydberg, etc. At present I am all at sea concerning them and I suspect that most of our workers are in the same condition, judging from the state of all herbaria I have examined. Of course I have named a great deal of material in the last three or four years but I never claimed to know what I was doing in that group. I now purpose to change that through thorough investigation.

I am now prepared to make prompt report on any material sent me and shall be very glad to see what you have collected this year.

Very sincerely yours,

Carlton B. Bell

Oct. 27, 1903.

Prof. C. R. Ball,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ball:-

Your kindness of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., and the list of determinations at hand. Your explanation of the delay (which I had not looked upon as "exasperating") is wholly satisfactory. No apology is due me. I have a fellow feeling for those who fail to get many of the things, which they plan to do, done on schedule time. ~~Whether or not~~ <sup>Whether or not</sup> hours enough in the day nor days enough in the year.

That No. 902, Fl. Utah is O.K. Goodding went first into Nevada, then worked up into Utah and then back into Nevada and later again into Utah.

Goodding is in Lincoln at the Nebraska School of Forestry. I have sent him your queries. If he is able to recall anything he will write you I am sure. I have looked up his field notes. They are very meager. Just as soon as I can find a little time I shall forward the willows of 1903. I note your reservations in regard to the Chordatae. Thanking you sincerely for your labors, I am  
Yours cordially, Owen Nelson.

Prof. Aven Nelson,

March 9, 1905.

Rocky Mt. Herbarium,

Laramie, Wyo.-

My dear Prof. Nelson:--

If you have thought about the matter at all you have doubtless wondered if I were dead or only sleeping. Neither has been quite true. But the long illness of my wife followed by a long absence from Washington on field duty has made it quite impossible for me to do much with *Salix* until lately. I am happy to say that I have sent a little paper to the Gazette recently in which I have published *S. Nelsoni* finally, as well as *S. Gooddingi*; *S. Tweedyi* (Bebb.) Ball which Mr. Bebb considered a variety of *S. Barrattiana* ~~Hook.~~ Hook.; and *S. wolffii* *Idahoensis* n. var., the hairy-capsuled form of *S. wolffii* Bebb. Three of these I have illustrated.

I am now at work on the *Gordatae* and hope to have something definite out of the numerous names at present in use for the Rocky Mt. forms. Have you been able to determine accurately what Mr. Bebb had when he erected his *S. monticola*? Little of the material is here and nothing that answers the description. I have asked Dr. Millspaugh for the Bebb specimens of this and others but have not yet received them. No one seems to have collected authentic material since those early days.

Very sincerely yours,

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING,  
LARAMIE, WYOMING.

March 21, 1905.

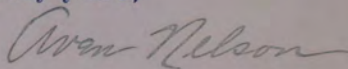
My dear Mr. Ball:

Your valued favor of the 9th inst. was duly received. I had not been worrying in regard to the publication which I knew you had in contemplation and simply thought that in due time such information as you had to give out, would appear. I was sorry to learn of the protracted illness of Mrs. Ball and I express the hope that she has quite recovered. I personally know how difficult it is to get the papers that we have in our minds to write ready for the printer. Recently I have been saying that I am three years behind with my work and with no possibility of ever catching up.

I have just looked up my material in Salix monticola and I was greatly surprised to find that it consisted of three specimens only and I do not know that a single one of the three is really authentic.

Hoping that you may be able to solve the problems upon which you are engaged, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Carleton R. Ball,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Washington, D. C.  
Dic. M. C. K.

*Ans. Dec. 13, 1905, List Sent.*

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Answered.....

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING,  
LARAMIE, WYOMING.

Dec. 4, 1905.

My dear Mr. Ball:--

Your very kind letter of recent date is at hand. I had already noted your Willow Paper in the Gazette with much pleasure. Please accept my thanks for the copies of it that you have sent. I am not at all surprised that with all your other work, these special studies do not progress more rapidly. In so difficult a group, we are glad to have any authoritative papers even though they are somewhat delayed.

I am sending you a few willows more which have accumulated for your examination. Some of these are from Mr. Elias Nelson who is now located at Bend, Oregon. Of course, I shall be glad to learn what you make of them as soon as possible, but at the same time, I want you to feel that you need not put aside other work for the sake of naming these. Mr. Goodding is now connected with the University of Oregon as instructor, at Eugene, Oregon.

Thanking you for the work that you are doing for us, I am,

Yours cordially,

*Avon Nelson*

Mr. Carleton R. Ball,

Washington, D. C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING,  
LARAMIE, WYOMING.

Jan. 8, 1906.

My dear Mr. Ball:--

I am greatly obliged to you for the careful work that you are doing upon our willows. There was no special haste about the work but I am glad to know the results of your studies.

In regard to the S. leucosericea specimen, I will say that I had quite forgotten the entire subject. You will easily perceive that I am not myself at the present time giving any critical study to the group. The note in my First Report had been entirely forgotten. I have just now looked up the specimen. It is sterile but so far as I can tell it does not differ in any way from Elmer and Merrill's Nos. 478 and 626 determined by you. I know nothing of what was in Mr. Bebb's mind further than is shown by the note which I quoted in the Report. I suspect that the reason why it did not reach publication was that the fatal illness of Mr. Bebb overtook him before the work was ready for the printer. That work upon my specimen was about the last that he did. I will send you the specimen if you care to see it but, as I have already stated, there seems to be nothing unusual about it and I doubt very much whether the conclusions he had reached in regard to the species was based upon my specimen.

The missing number in Mr. E. Nelsons specimens seems to be 792. Thanking you again for the work that you are doing for me, I am,

Mr. C. R. Ball,  
Washington, D. C.

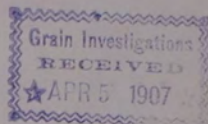
Very cordially yours,

*Aven Nelson*

The University of Wyoming.

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY,  
LARAMIE, WYOMING.

April 1, 1907.



Mr. Carlton R. Ball, Agronomist,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ball:--

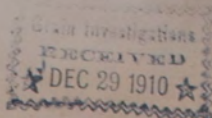
I am indebted to you for your kind favors of the 16th and 21st ult. I greatly appreciate that you wrote me concerning the question of lawn and orchard irrigation. I rather think I am inclined to agree with your position exactly. I really did not intend to convey just the idea that I did in my discussion of the subject in the Horticultural Report. The expression "the lawn may be benefited by the daily sprinkle" was not intended so much an assertion of fact as an inquiry. Here in Laramie, however, where the sub-soil is exceedingly porous (sandy and gravelly) it is almost necessary to water quite frequently as moisture will remain only in the surface or <sup>soil</sup> ~~soil~~ layer.

I shall be much interested in your paper of the Cordateae in Salix. I know it must have been a long and tedious task to bring order out of the vast amount of material with which you had to deal.

Sincerely yours,

*Aven Nelson*

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
LARAMIE, - WYOMING



December 26th, 1910.

Mr. Carlton P. Ball,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ball:--

Your favor of the 10th inst. was duly received. The trouble I had in naming the specimen was due to your Keys but for the slight effort I made to use them. I had gotten it into my head that the specimen belonged in another group and hence the difficulty.

In a short time I hope to have ready some specimens collected during the past season which I wish to turn over to you instead of attempting to do them myself.

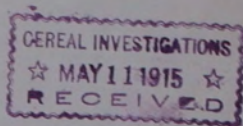
With the heartiest greetings of the season,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Aven Nelson*

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY  
LARAMIE, WYOMING



Laramie, Wyoming.

May 8, 1915.

Mr. C.R. Ball, Agronomist,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ball:

Your interesting letter of the 17th ult. has been lying on my desk awaiting the time when I might go into the willow question that you raise. Time has not yet come so I feel that I ought to at least acknowledge your favor.

I have no doubt that your conclusions are well founded. I freely confess that my *Salix* studies have not been broad enough nor intensive enough to give me much confidence in that work.

Thanking you for your continued courtesy and helpfulness and with best wishes from myself and Mrs. Nelson, I am,

Cordially yours,

*Aven Nelson*

AN/EB

Professor Aven Nelson,  
Dept. of Botany,  
Univ. of Wyoming,  
Laramie, Wyo.

February 7, 1931

My dear Dr. Nelson:

In sorting out some willow miscellany last night I found the inclosed item marked with your name and am glad to send it along. It was then, and still is, so far as I know, the only record of *orestera* in your State.

There may be some of the other species which have been found only rarely in Wyoming of which I may have records but I don not have them in mind at the moment. Should you be by way of revising a State flora or manual now or later I will beglad to look these up.

I shall be here for several months, conducting a survey of the relationships between the Federal, State, and local governments in all activities concerning agriculture and natural resources in California. I wonder if any one has considered the work of the taxonomists in botany, ornithology, ~~mammalogy~~, and the other zoologic groups as contributions to natural resources? May be I should do so.

Should you be coming out here for the great summer meeting of the A.A.A. S., or of the N.E.A., both of which are "down South", I hope you will come this way and let me have a chance for a visit. I probably will attend the former meeting but not the latter.

With warm personal regards, and best wishes,

Most cordially,

Carleton R. Ball,

Research Associate.



THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
LARAMIE, WYOMING

February 11, 1931

Mr. Carlton R. Ball  
Bureau of Public Administration  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

My dear Mr. Ball:

It is indeed very pleasant to hear from you again. I have thought of you often during the winter and I especially missed your usual Christmas greetings. I think I did not send you one of my cards for the reason that somehow I had failed to learn of your new location. I trust that you have a job quite to your liking.

About a year ago I had a delightful visit with your brother at Tucson but I think at that time you had not gone to the University of California. I thank you for your invitation to look you up when I may again be in California. It will certainly be very pleasant to have a visit with you once more.

I am starting work on a new flora of the Rocky Mountains. Should you be so situated that your time will permit, I doubtless, shall want to make as large a use of your knowledge of the Rocky Mountain willows as possible. Since I have no expectation of getting the new book out for some two or three years yet there will be time enough to discuss my plans later.

I thank you for the record of Salix orestera Schn. It is the first time that I have heard of this species though it may appear in our collection under some other name. Again thanking you for writing me, I am, with kindest regards for yourself and the members of your family,

Cordially yours,

*Aven Nelson*  
Aven Nelson  
Professor of Botany

April 11, 1932

Professor Arvid Nelson,  
Dept. of Botany,  
University of Wyoming,  
Laramie, Wyo.

Dear Professor Nelson:

In six or seven weeks I expect to complete the research on which I am now engaged. While here I have been working on a monograph of the willows of California, and on such part of the monograph of the willows of Alaska as could best be done here. It has been slow work because I have given much overtime to my research for this Bureau.

Because I will not be able to finish ~~and~~ the willows before I am through with my Bureau job, Dr. Setchell is arranging a small fund which will carry at least my expenses while I stay on a month or so and complete the California material. I am also finding out if <sup>U</sup>Stanford and the Calif. Academy of Sciences can help a bit in the same way.

I would like very much to do the same thing for the willows of all North America. The California and Alaska species will comprise nearly one half of the total for the country.

There are many species of the Rocky Mountains and Great Basin which will not be treated in monographs of the California and Alaskan species. In view of your forthcoming revision of the Manual of the Rocky Mtn. flora, you would be interested in a complete revision of the material in the Rocky Mountain Herbarium, and if so, whether you could contribute toward such a study as I come east on my way to Washington.

~~Somebody has told me~~ I know that this is a hard year with all institutions and I know, of course, that I cannot expect to be paid a real salary for that work, but I would be glad to do it if I could get my subsistence expenses and something on travel account.

With personal regards, I am

Most cordially,

Carleton R. Ball  
Research Associate



THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
LARAMIE, WYOMING

April 15, 1932

Dr. Carleton R. Ball  
Bureau of Public Administration  
Berkeley, California

My dear Dr. Ball:

I have read your valued favor of the 11th instant with much interest. I am very glad, indeed, to know that you are giving such consistent and continuous attention to the North American Willows. I am sure that the California list will be an interesting one.

I wish I could say that we had some available funds with which to secure your services for a little while in Wyoming. I have not started work on the willows for the new Manual but a revision by you of the chapter on the willows would be of great asset. It can not, however, be undertaken at the present time.

The President and a Committee with him, is working hard these days to reduce our budget estimates for next year to the extent of \$92,000. That much cut off from a none too generous budget at the present time, will be sufficient to make the cut felt in all of the departments.

This years funds in botany are already over-drawn and, therefore, it is not possible to secure your services this, nor next year.

However, if you are passing through Laramie, I hope you may find it possible to stop long enough to say Hello to us. If we happen to have any material that you might wish to examine, of course, you are more than welcome.

With all good wishes and with high regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Aven Nelson*

Aven Nelson  
Professor of Botany

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April 20, 1932

Professor Aven Nelson,  
Department of Botany,  
University of Wyoming,  
Laramie, Wyo.

Dear Professor Nelson:

Your good letter of April 15 is in hand and I am very sorry that you are facing such drastic cuts in your budget. Botany suffers more in proportion than other departments in depressions such as this. I certainly hope that it will not too seriously cripple the work you have in hand.

Since writing you there has been some change in my status here. It I have a new appointment which will keep me here for at least one year after July 1, 1932, and per haps for two year more.

I shall go on with another group in the subjects covered in this extensive research on Federal-State relationships. In addition, I will have charge of the standardizing and editing of this set of volumes and probably of another set which is coming out at the same time. This will keep me out of mischief for some time, I think.

I shall also be able to go ahead with the willows of the Coast at old times, as before, and when those and the Alaska species are done, will be ready for the Rocky Mountain species again.

Thanking you for the kindly consideration shown, I am

Most cordially,

Carleton R. Ball

Research Associate in Federal- State Relations  
in Agriculture and Natural Resources

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY  
LARAMIE, WYOMING



THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
LARAMIE, WYOMING

January 3, 1940

Dr. Carleton R. Ball  
Extension Service  
U. S. Department of Agriculture  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Carleton:

You may or may not know that Mrs. Nelson and I spent the summer in Alaska. We were "Collaborators" in the U. S. National Park Service collecting and studying the plants of Mt. McKinley National Park. Since returning on October 1st we have been working our collections. A large part of the fun is naming of one's own collection, but yesterday when I took a look at our 40 numbers of Willows, I lost my courage over this genus. I am writing to inquire whether you will be willing to undertake it for us. If your time will not permit, whom would you suggest that we try? We are hoping to be able to send to the park service a preliminary report during the present academic year. On that account we should appreciate a prompt return upon them if we are permitted to send these 40 to you.

With best of wishes to you and your family for the new year,  
I am,

Cordially yours,

Aven Nelson, Curator  
The Rocky Mountain Herbarium

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*Of course among the 40 numbers  
There are many duplicates.*

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Extension Service, U. S. Dept. Agric.,

January 5, 1930

Dr. Aven Nelson,  
Rocky Mtn. Herbarium,  
Univ. Wyoming, Laramie.

Dear Dr. Nelson:

Your letter of January 3 is here and I hasten to say that you may send your rosy willows from Alaska as soon as you please. I will be delighted to determine them for you. I shall be here until toward the end of this month and can give them immediate attention on arrival as they will not take me long.

Just now I am determining several hundred from the Atlantic and Hudson Bay coasts of Labrador and some accumulated "innominate" from the Nat. Herbarium.

Glad that you could cover the Mt. McKinley area. Dr. Satchell and Mrs. Mexia got some interesting things out of there in their brief visits and I shall await yours with much anticipation.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Most cordially,

Carleton R. Ball  
Executive Secretary

P.S. Address simply  
Extension Service, U.S. Dept. Agric.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING



THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
LARAMIE, WYOMING

Jan. 13, 1940

My dear Dr. Ball:

Thank you for taking on our  
Willows. They should have gone forward  
sooner but an asthma attack has kept  
me out of the Herb.

The Temporary Labels have only a few  
notes on them. A full set of the labels,  
typed and in order, will be sent later,  
when the material is made into sets.

Thank you.

Cordially yours

The Nelsons

by Arven Nelson

(Sent Exp. Paid),

January 29, 1940.

Dr. Aven Nelson,  
Rocky Mountain Herbarium,  
University of Wyoming,  
Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Dr. Nelson:

Long, long ago I received your address entitled "Discipleship" given as retiring President of the Botanical Society of America in 1936. I remember glancing it through but not reading it at that time. In clearing up some papers yesterday, I found your address with your explanatory introduction and read the entire discussion with much interest. I find myself in very close agreement with almost all of your viewpoints.

Your final paragraph struck me especially because only a few hours before I had heard an excellent sermon on the subject "Right or Wrong" dealing especially with present-day concepts in different sections of our population. I am calling your paper to the attention of that minister.

With best wishes for the Near Year, I am

Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball,  
Executive Secretary



February 26, 1942

Dr. Aven Nelson,  
Department of Botany,  
University of Wyoming,  
Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Dr. Nelson:

Does the library of the Department of Botany or the library of the University itself maintain sets of authors reprints either by authors or by subject?

I have been sending you my successive publications on *Salix* for many years. If you maintain these in your own private library, I will be glad to send another set, so far as still available, to the library of the Department of Botany or to the University library, if desired.

On the other hand, if your reprints are deposited in one or the other of these libraries, I will be glad either to continue sending reprints to you or send them direct to the designated library, as preferred.

Appreciating your help in this, I am

Cordially yours,

Carleton R. Ball,  
Executive Secretary

Last issue sent  
3/16/42



THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
LARAMIE, WYOMING

June 25, 1942

Dr. Carlton R. Ball  
Extension Service  
U. S. Department of Agriculture  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Ball:

Replying to an inquiry of weeks since, I wish to state that I have been receiving regularly your "reprints", and have accumulated a very nice box full of valuable information on the willows. These have come to me personally, but I have had no intention of keeping them as personal property. They have gone into the pamphlet file of the Department of Botany where they will, of course, remain; as I am now on the retired list, I would suggest that you make the address merely, The Rocky Mountain Herbarium, Laramie, Wyoming. It is a valuable collection that we already have and the Herbarium should, if possible, keep the collection complete.

We thank you heartily for what you have done for us.

Cordially yours,

*Aven Nelson*

Aven Nelson  
Curator Emeritus  
Rocky Mountain Herbarium

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