O. S. March 29th,

Dear Sir,

Your letter was received a few days ago, and previously a M. K. Herald containing a brief note of your trip. I was pleased to know you had arrived safe and sound. I wrote you not long after the boxes were sent, and I doubt not they have been seen before this. The rails came not, but another season, I can send them as there are plenty like ones always for sale in the markets. You may be assured I shall aid you all I can here for I feel a great interest in the matter. I wrote Mr. John Brown, but see by the paper that he is in Washington on Railroad matters, and probably shall hear from him when he returns. I send you a copy of my paper which this month has more of a scientific cast than previous numbers. I intend to send Prof. Dana some specimens of hematite and other new minerals just discovered here. This is becoming...
a wonderful country, and I really believe
- I mean all the Pacific States — will yet astonish
the world by the variety and extent of its mineral
deposits.

You recollect when here you spoke about
investing money. A man in Oakland, a Dr. Warren
wants to hire $5,000, this Spring, give first mortgage
on his house, and one acre of ground valued at
$14,500. He would pay 8% and one per cent for
your taxes making 9% per annum. I would see
to the examination of the title by a lawyer and have
him pay expenses so that it should be without a
cloud. He would take it whenever he could get
it from now to March 15th. If you are of the same
mind let me know and I will tell him that if the
titles are good he can have it.

Should you go to Nestled or pass by Mystic
Bridge, please call at the House of J. O. Cottrell
and call upon Mr. Denison for she will be very
grateful to get any direct news from me.

Very truly yours,

Charles H. Denison.
San Francisco, Dec 17th 1877

Prof. O. C. Marsh, Dear Sir,

I see with pleasure your address, and felt flattered to think you had not forgotten me. I am glad your discoveries have given to the world such important results, and hope you will live long enough to carry out all your plans for the fitting up of your Museum. If I can do anything here for you, please command me.

I lately discovered the remains of a prehistoric Camp on the San Joaquin Plains, and saved an old Mortar Stone Pestles, arrow heads, Lava Igneous Specimens, shells, a little mampum, and one stone dish, broken apart. The stones were doubtless brought from the foothills as there is nothing on the Plain like them.

But for the past 3 years my time has been employed in getting some bread, butter, and I have not made much headway in such matters. I do not write this at my own office, so excuse the paper I am using. When you started in to go to the
place where Red Cloud had forbidden you. I thought you would get "knocked in the head," but you came out of it with flying colors. I saw your answer afterward, annihilating the Secretary. Sent him right.

I expect to go down in the San Joaquin Valley again soon, but shall be glad of any documents that you issue of an interesting nature, connected with your favorite science. My address is this city. When are you coming this way again?

I am getting up a small "club" of gentlemen to put in wheat on irrigated land this season, and shall be out of the city until May but my address is still San Francisco.

Accept my thanks for your favors. Believe me,

Yours, Charles H. Denison.