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Office of Chief Paymaster,

DISTRICT OF OMAHA,

Omaha, Nebraska, Dec. 28th 1868.

My dear Sir

I have to thank you for the very interesting tract you have sent me - I was desirous of knowing the result of your researches at Anti-Cop Station - I noticed a magazine report of your paper in Northampton in the N. Y. Times -

I write particularly to mention an incident told me last month by the Telegraphic Operator at the end of the track of the N. P. R. Road - When I saw him he was at the terminus near Ft. Bridger - He said that when encamped on the banks of Como Lake, when the terminus was there, the "Seredons" would come into

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their tents at night to warm
themselves by the fire, as did
also the Cajons of the vicinity.
Having heard that Prof. Agassiz
said when he saw that the Saxidoms
were of the Solanaden tribe
I found it an interesting item
that they would come out of
their lake to get to the
fire (or stove) in the tent.

But all this
is rudely knocked away
from my imagination, when
I read in the books that it
is a "vulgar error" that Solan-
mandens can stand the fire.
And even Webster's Dictionary
has dared to dispel the illusion.

This transformation
of the Saxidoms is very curious.
You do not say in your paper

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what the quality of the solution
of water they live in has to do
with the change. The change
has to fresh water as I understand
it. It is said "Salt Lake"
is so intensely salt no organic life
is found in it. The people
say that many of the Saxi-
mandens live in the Saxidoms
but as yet I have seen that
no one with definite information
of localities.

With best wishes of the season
I am
Yours faithfully
Prof. A. C. Marsh
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P.S. Please present my very best regards
to Prof. H. A. Newton.

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Office of Chief Paymaster,

DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE,

Omaha, Neb., March 6⁵ 1871.

My dear Sir

I enclose herewith
a slip from a Oregon paper,
believing this account of fossils
in that region East of Cascade
Mts. would interest you.

With best wishes, I am

Yours faithfully

Ben Alvord

Prof O. C. Marsh

Prof Paleontology

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