

Fort Bridger, Wyoming, Ter.,
August 1st. 1870.

Professor O. C. Marsh,

Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo. Ter.

Dear Sir,

I had the pleasure of receiving, a few weeks ago, under your own autograph, several interesting articles written by you, and would at once ^{have} acknowledged the compliment had I known where a letter would reach you.

Shortly after, noticed in an Omaha paper a programme of your contemplated tour of investigation through the western portion of Nebraska and Wyoming and, still later, met Gen. Augur, who informed me that a letter would be likely to reach you either at Fort Washon or, Russell. We are much gratified to learn that you propose visiting our neighborhood and we will take pleasure in affording you all the facilities in our

power to aid in your laudable enterprise.

You will find no more interesting and satisfactory field for investigation than this portion of Wyoming Territory, one that is so entirely free from the dread of hostile Indians and whose silence has so seldom been broken by the foot of Science.

Fox Ridge, 10 miles south of the U.P. Rail Road, is situated in the Green Valley of Black's Fork, a tributary of Green River, about 30 miles distant from the foot of the Uinta Spur of the Wasatch range.

The Uinta is not only the source of Black's Fork but of numerous other pretty streams, and is probably the last upheaval on the American Continent. Its history is still distinctly legible, time having scarcely obliterated a single character.

In coming here you will have to stop a Custer Station, and the Comdg. Officer, Major LaMotte will aid me in transmitting yourself and party.

A very skillful photographer, Mr. Savage, of Salt Lake City, has promis-

to come out this summer and accompany me on an expedition through the mountains and if I knew the time you would most probably be here, I could have him meet you and accompany your party. Hoping soon to hear from you and to have the pleasure of meeting you, I am, with much respect,

Yours obt. Servt.

W. A. Carter.

Ft Bridger Wyoming
July 23. 1872

My Dear Professor,

Your telegram to Smith which came yesterday, found him ab-
sent in the employment of Prop-
Cape. I had no idea that he would
prove so false to his engagement ~~with~~
you. and shall for the future regard
him in quite a different light than
when Grinnell introduced him to your
notice.

Some ten days ago I received a
letter from Capt. W. A. Jones, Cap. Eng.
at Omaha desiring me to secure the
services of Smith for an expedition
he contemplated making to the Big
Horn about the 1st of August. and
offering to give him \$60. per month and
rations. Not knowing your understand-
ings and contract with him I im-
mediately sent for Smith and made
known the contents of Capt. Jones's

First Bridges, Ibyo. Iu,
18th Nov. 1872,

My Dear Professor,

Your welcome letter of
the 15th, last came to hand today
and give me the fresh intelligence
of your being in the Rocky Mountain
Country. We heard through a little
rumor from Dr. Ladd by James C.
that it was your purpose to come
out but having heard nothing from
you we supposed you had given
up your proposed trip. We will be
pleased to see you at Bridge and will
strive to make your stay agreeable.

You have doubtless heard some-
thing of the diamond yesterday which
is now prevailing in our vicinity and
which seems to threaten so with a deluge
of hungry fortune-seekers. The locality
which is attracting them is a point some-
what near the head of Menilion Creek

which flows into Green River above Rock's
Hole. Farmer Head left here some
three weeks ago with Captain T. to visit the
uprooted tramway fields. and thought in
desiring to conceal his object, it was
fully understood he was followed
by a party who reached the scene short
ly after he did. All were disappointed
in their hopes. King starts from Rock's
Hole quickly toward Black Butte, on
the R.R. and returning to San Francisco.
and the rest of the party return home.
On their road however, they exhibited a
number of small rubies, but soon other
small stones having the appearance of
partially polished garnet, which they said they
picked up on the ground which were
stolen off in 20 or 25 lots by ^{with the party, the day before, the} ^{King} ^{King}
stealing the stones before them, but which
none of holding value.

Two Wilson King's topographer, take on
the day he left here for the South than the
object of King's return to San Francisco
was to explore the fields which contain

them were according to practice on the pub-
lic and that we would ~~see~~ see the whole
thing denoted in the San Francisco
paper. The day after Wilson and Simons
left a telegram came from King to the
directing them to take his white buckshot
to Black Butte immediately, and
with his animal then having been
thus they were gone the morning next.
Palmer of his party, then at Elko, to
come to Bretton and take the mules
to the mine racing. Our suspicion,
we at once arrived by this change
in King's tactics and we at once began
to apply all the tests we knew of to
the stones brought up by ^{the} ^{Wilson} ^{King}
himself, who has visited the same.
We made the stones impossible to scratch
them the slightest larger by the same
as falling upon an emery pile, but
they can glass readily, exhibited vitreous
electricity when rubbed, and when placed
under the microscope, showed an incisive
timbered, and when heated though

are not one of the number, believe
them to be in truth diamonds.

King passed Cutler Station day
before yesterday on his way back to
the fields in company with a
number of those who surveyed and
located the roads. A number
of persons from San Francisco,
Salt Lake City, and this place
started for the diamond today.
The excitement is still incen-
sing and it will be difficult to
stop the crowd even should it
be proved there are no diamonds
to be found. My family join you
in kind regards to your loved
ones in my truly

Yours, etc
W. H. C. Cutler
Prof Q. C. Marsh
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