

Prof. O. C. Marsh — [1780]

Dear Sir, [1885 Jun 8]

I send you by
to-day's express a piece of
pure anthracite coal from
our valley (Wyoming Valley)
which has what appear to
be fossils of some kind
all through it. It caused
considerable comment
among miners who say
that they never saw any-
thing of the kind in the
coal as the fossils are

always found in the "slate"
coverings above and below
the coal. This impression
seems to be pretty general
among coal-men and, in
fact, everybody in the
coal regions. I therefore
decided to send this piece
which is one of three
which were preserved. If
it proves to be of any
interest I have no doubt
but that it would be
possible to get a nice
large specimen, if you

should so desire.

This coal was taken
from the "Woodward"
Colliery, belonging to
The D. L. & W. Coal Co. about
a mile below Luqueton
on the West shore of the Sus-
quehanna River. It
was found at a depth
of about 900 or 1000 feet
below the surface.

I would be only too
glad to gather all the
information about it that
is possible, if you should

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so desire.

The package will
reach you, I hope, some
time on Tuesday.

Very respectfully -

Hurry M. Hoyt

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~~Ans Jun 18th 85~~
(Marsh's note)