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San Antonio - San Diego Co.  
Calif. Nov. 18 '86.

Prof. O. C. Marsh,  
Yale University  
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir -

I forward to you by  
Wells, Fargo & Co. Express from  
San Antonio an ostrich skeleton.  
It is that of a bird (15 mos.)  
fifteen months <sup>hatched &</sup> raised on  
this ranch. Died Nov. 10; since  
when I have had it hanging  
up to dry. It is packed in  
straw and gunny sacks. I trust  
it will be of service to you,  
though perhaps older than  
you desired. It is at least  
the first skeleton of an

American grown oyster  
 of this size. A female.  
 The hens mature at four  
 and the cockles at five  
 years of age - I. I. at  
 that age they begin to  
 breed in earnest - though  
 hens frequently lay eggs  
 at three years. This is  
 likely superfluous infor-  
 mation, and if so, you  
 will please excuse it.  
 The express chgs. are marked  
 "collect"

I am, dear sir,  
 Yours Very Truly  
 E. Johnson  
 Mayor, San Diego, Cal.

Howe P.O.  
 San Diego Co. Calif.

"ack."

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San Anselmo - Calif.  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 86.

Prof C. D. Marsh  
New Haven  
Conn.

Dear Sir -

I forward to  
you today the body of  
an ostrich chick - hatched  
Oct. 11 died this morning -  
65 ds. old. I have not  
heard if you recd. the  
yearling I sent - you.

Yours Truly  
O. J. Johnson

Howe - San Diego - Calif. "Ack."