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O. C. Marsh,

Professor of Paleontology,
Yale College.

My Dear Sir:- Several days ago, in company with the taxidermist & naturalist, Prof. H. H. Crane, of Grand Rapids, Mich., I paid a visit to the supposed pre-historic mounds on Sand Prairie, a locality in this county where large numbers of stone axes, arrow points, pipes etc., have been unearthed by the plow & other means. We were provided with implements for the purpose of exploring, and digging carefully into two small mounds, made the discoveries which are rather sensationally described

in the Galena Gazette on the fol-
lowing day, a marked copy of
which I have forwarded to your
address. Prof. Crane, who seems to be
well posted in Archeology, pronounced
the remains those of pre-historic origin
and has promised to furnish you
with a drawing of a well-preserved
skull found in one of the mounds
which is characterized by an exceed-
ingly low, retreating forehead indi-
cating a low grade of organization, and
by its unusual size & shape - the
cranium being extremely long & narrow
and almost an exact counterpart
of the skull of the ~~arranging~~ orang
outang.

We explored several other
mounds on the Postage, near this city
& found remains in a good state
of preservation, having been buried
in clay. From one, we took four
crania of peculiar shape, all crushed
in on the left side as if fractured
by a heavy instrument. I have been
informed on good authority that
relics have been found in mounds

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on the Portage, yet so far our (limited) explorations have not been fruitful of such results.

If you consider remains of the nature herein described as valuable to your Museum at Yale, I would take pleasure in furnishing you with specimens gratis. I purpose to continue the research, which thus far has furnished pleasurable relaxation from arduous journalistic labors.

Have been a resident of Galena for nearly three years, during which time I have done the greater part of the editorial work on the Gazette. We are boarding at the De Soto House, are pleasantly situated, and enjoy

the blessing of health. Soon after
the death of father Birdsall, Mrs
Perrigo returned to Galena with our
little girl, who is a great comfort,
I assure you.

Begging pardon for this intrusion
and hoping you will honor me with
a reply, I would ask you to accept
the warm regards of Emma & myself
and believe me

Truly ^{Yours} respectfully
Geo. W. Perrigo.

P. S. Will you please forward me a
copy of your late pamphlet on the
Mound Builders of the Mississippi
Valley, if you have any to spare. The
one I had the honor of receiving soon
after its publication, has been
misplaced.

G. W. P.