

St. Paul, Vt.

Jan. 9, 1870.

My Dear Doctor:

I do not know whether or not you would be interested in the enclosed matter, but I thought I would send it to you.

The fossil described in the newspaper article and represented in the drawing was discovered by T. L. C. Lucick, of our party, and was unearthed by him on Nov. 25th. It was found about a mile south of the post, in a kind of a soft slate stone subalternment, and right on the edge of Garden Brook.

He discovered it by the

exposure of a part of the lower vertebra. The fact exposed is much harder than that which was underground, as the latter crumbles some in handling it.

It has been photographed, but they did not get a good negative and I think they will try it again.

The drawing is a very fair representation of it - it having been drawn by St. Hackett, who deserves much credit for his scientific pursuits.

Everything here remains "statu quo" and there is little or no news. The Paymaster is here to make a payment.

I am subpoenaed

~~to be in Yakutat as a witness before the U. S. Court on the 15th inst, a billet I don't much like, but to which I am bound to succumb.~~

~~We had a pleasant Christmas and New Year's day, of course it was lively with new in it.~~

~~With kindest regards~~

~~Dave,~~

~~July 29
O. W. Smith~~

W. C. Jones,
U.S.A.
Washington,
D.C.

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Compliments of
 Genl. Bennett, U.S.A. to Lt. Smith - U.S.A.

Found opening in the above attitude
 The red line & white line from

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Dear Mark - You will be glad to see
this, as assuring you all's well

Yours

Conroy
Fort Randall, D.T.

Jan. 27, 1874

Dear Doctor:

I recd. your despatch
of the 14th inst. while in Yakutsk
and immediately communicated
with St. Kruick with a view to se-
curing the reptile for I am satis-
fied that it will be an inter-
esting specimen.

On my arrival here on the 22^d
I recd. your favor of the 17th,
and to-morrow yours of the 19th
came to hand.

Dr. Kimball had already
heard from Prof. Marsh upon
the subject, so the matter is
"cut and dried," and the spec-
imen will soon be forwarded
in the best possible shape.

St. Busick has forwarded a photograph of the beast to Prof. Marsh which I presume he has already received.

I have cautioned Busick about packing it and I am glad you suggested wrapping the broken parts in paper, for that will help to preserve them. The ground from whence the fossil was taken will be visited again to the end that a search may be made for any remaining facts, though none may be found, for he was careful to get all that he saw and it is very complete.

St. Busick is a great worker in search of scientific knowledge and he deserves all of the credit in this matter, and this is not the first time that he has found

curious and valuable matters. I hope that this may prove to be a valuable scientific matter and I trust that I may at some time find something of value for you.

Either you or Prof. M. will hear from Dr. C., and, although he said nothing to me, I know that he does not care particularly for compensation in the matter, except so far as he had it before, which was my little.

I paid \$1.00 for the despatch sent me by you; but I presume will be refunded. I enclose the despatch.

I was at Yukon as a witness for the pros., in the case of the U. S. vs. S. A. Dickey, for the introduction of liquor

into the Indian country. I
am though and glad of
it.

The muddy case that you
wound has gone over, the
accused made his escape
long ago.

We have had a cold stormy
day and as disagreeable as
one as it could be.

Our ice is all put up and
we require drill to-morrow.

The Campbells and Cassier
send regards, so say

Your friend

O. M. Smith

Dr. E. Lewis,
U.S. Army,
Washington, D. C.