

May 8th, 1911.

Mr. James F. Dawson,
% Hotel Pennington,
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Dawson,-

Mr. Olmsted left Saturday for Riverside, as the Park Commission there wished him to give them a visit. He is returning today to San Diego.

Dieterich of Los Angeles, 12th. & Wall Street, has some stock which he says he wants to show you.

I suppose you will stop and look over some of the Nurseries there before coming down to San Diego.

Laurie Cox, the new Landscape Architect for Los Angeles will be my guest next Saturday and Sunday and I understand he is in the market to buy some *Cocos plumosa* stock from some nursery here and I suspect that it is Miss Session's that he is coming after. I have not placed the order with her for the palms, as you directed, because Mr. Allen and Mr. Olmsted wished that I would not order any more large stock until your arrival, so that you can make a preliminary planting plan of the whole

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Exposition and an estimate before buying more. This is Mr. Olmsted's feeling in the matter. I hope, however, that you are not counting on these Cocos plumosa which Cox may buy.

We have heard nothing more from Mr. Davenport in regard to his Phoenix, and I hope that the damage that the Railroad did was slight.

I understand from Mr. Olmsted that you are to be at Spokane on the 10th. If mail takes say four days from here this letter should reach Spokane on the 12th, and I figure that you will still be there at that time, however, I am sending duplicate of this letter to the Washington Annex at Seattle, so as to make sure to catch you.

Mr. Gill's trip to the East is not yet arranged for.

Did you receive just before leaving Boston the bill of the Ingle Mfg. Co. of San Diego for the heater which we put in the greenhouse? There was no Req. gotten out for this. The bill seemed excessive, therefore I sent it to you at the office in the hope that you could tell us whether this was the price agreed on or not.

In regard to getting cuttings from Golden Gate Park at San Francisco I have done nothing as yet. Under date of January 31st. I note that you wrote Mr. McLaren asking if we could get cuttings and seed and a letter from him dated March 23rd. says

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that he has received yours of February 20th. but the list of seeds and cuttings you referred to was not included in your letter of the 20th. Just a few days ago I ran across this list, which I send you herewith, holding at this office a carbon copy.

Yesterday we went to the Cliff's place, Point Loma and secured a great many white Cherokee cuttings, which Donald is starting today. This will give us a splendid supply of them. Also we took cuttings of quite a number of other things.

I received today from the Newman Post Card Company a set of a good many of the cards which you selected and which I sent to Mr. White sometime ago. I will hold these here pending your arrival.

Please let me know if you can what your itinerary is so that I can reach you by telegram or by letter.

Everything is going well here. We have just finished moving over some more Phoenix which we bought from the Coronado Nursery, together with some small stock. Normal Heights Nursery was cleaned up a week ago and we are unloading today the Seaforthias from Santa Barbara, together with some other things which we ordered from them.

Donald's force is reduced to 16 men now and after disposing of the stock from this car we hope to reduce it to two-thirds this number.

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The weather here is warm but always a cool breeze.

Very truly yours,