

San Diego April 11th 1883

Dear Watson

I send by this mail specimens of the B. Populus found growing together in the sheets of San Bernardino.

Of course there is no difficulty in regard to P. Fremontii & P. trichocarpa, which hold their character and are found native in that locality, but the other is just as distinct a species in every way but has not been seen native, yet "Old Settlers" say, "it comes from the Mt Canons" but it ought to be there yet. I can hardly regard it as a hybrid, though it has some intermediate characters. So it must be either an introduced sp., or n. sp. If you can identify it with any European, or European sp. I shall be glad to be saved the trouble of making a n. sp. I have put Wright & Parish on the track and tell them if they want a P. Bernardino n. sp. they must bring authentic native specimens - I have sent the series (rather larger specimens) also to Sargent. They were gathered the same day at different localities in the town. I have also earlier states of the dent and notes of habit &c &c

I have been up to San Francisco for a few days & made arrangements to go up there for Summer head quarters. will leave here next week looking the way up. I am booked for a trip to Mt Diabolo May 1st. Please address me for in Care Acad. Science San Francisco. Somebody is doing good work there burning up botanical rubbish! I want to try & clear up Arctostaphylos further by securing plants of all the species. I have made arrangements to get A. nummularia and must try & find A. pumilla &c. The figure of A. nitida in Bot Mag. represents very well the San Diego plant of which we will have complete specimen this year. It must have an extensive range. We are on the track of a new? Euphorbia genus with quaternary division. (hook comes close up to the boundary line, the specimens get are not mature enough for Engelman to work up. Next month I go to Santa Lucia Mts for Sargent. So I am likely to keep busy. Greene has a new Delphinium from Berkeley hills 8 ft high!

In haste yd + inf
C.C. Parry



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