

We were glad to hear good
accounts of the Gray testimonial.
which we trust was gratifying
to you not so much from the
gift as the expression of so
many American botanists.

Gov. Mansfield sends me a
bush pear for self & wife from
New Orleans to San Francisco
good till July 1886. - so plenty of
time to use it in - Mr Pringle
who expected to call on me on his
way home was hurried off by
Custom house detentions at El Paso.
The Lemmons also passed without
stopping being called back by the
death of old Mr Lemmon.

Yours truly

C. C. Parry

Yavapai, Iwa Dec 1st /89

Dear Dr Gray,

I get my 1st
Eriogonum blast from
Mrs Curran. in a n. s. p.
Chorizanthe. C. hexantha Curran
which is a very good Oxytheca
near to my O. caryophyllodes
but quite distinct. - I have
ventured to suggest that in
transferring it to its proper
genus. it would be better also
to change the specific name,
as the number of flowers is a
variable and poor character.
Perhaps she will still insist
that it is a good Chorizanthe
more Jonesii

Then Greene writes me that
She has concluded to do what
I rashly undertook a year ago
viz; merge Nemacaulis into
Eriogonum. being so induced
by the discovery of a n. sp.
Nemacaulis, which I have not
seen.. and may be something else.
Greene also writes that Mrs C.
does not consult with him before
publishing - so we may judge
that it is not altogether a
"happy family" - I hope I shall
not be the means of making
them more unhappy. When the
promised Eriogonum publication
comes out.

On this same point Greene

to whom I sent fragments of
Menstezia macroptera, which I
had identified with the type in
Kew. - admits that it is his
P. galidoides but wonders at
Mr Benthams "imperfect description"
in not alluding to the bladder
wings - &c &c. He still considers
his P. fruticosa a good sp.

What a nice n. sp. is that of
Greene - Petalonyx linearis Greene
but a very poor name, I suppose
you have given up P. Parryi
= P. nitidas.

I have been wading through my
seed parcels - putting them as far
as practicable with their appropriate
herbarium specimens - Can you
name the enclosed. what does not
seem to have a corresponding specimen?



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