

well, that came under my eye,
and am satisfied about Grand;
which is perhaps the only "Aber"
of low elevation. But the great
forest resource of this country
is Douglasii, on high & low
ground, everywhere and magni-
ficent and used & useful
for almost every thing.

And so you will leave soon
also! A happy journey to you,
and to Mr. Gray, to whom please
remember me.

If you drop a few lines
write to San Francisco care
of Ruhl Brothers box 1399.

When you see Hooker &
Oakes remember me to
them. I have not found time
to write. Will do so to Hooker
when I see him about
Adair, Concord

Yours ever
J. Engelman

Portland Aug 5th 1880

Dear Gray

nearly two months have
passed so rapidly that I was
today quite surprised that this
letter will reach you only a
short time before you leave
yourself.

My excuse for not writing
must be that I have found
scarcely any time & even to
write to the children and
have mostly confined myself
to that miserable & still
blessed substitute of postals.

I do not know whether you
are informed of our steps.
A few days at Salt Lake,
where we found Jones a good
fellow who will learn and
improve, met Sargent &
Kimmer at Ogden and went
to San Francisco, where

Botany as you know is very unsatisfactory; thence by steamer to Portland and without stopping through the Sound to Victoria and then up Fraser River, where we made the first regular Mountain ascent, near Fort Hope at the angle which the river makes coming from the North and turning west. We were right among the snows and were gratified in finding several of the alpine Conifers, among others *Abies amabilis* which is really distinct from *grandis*. I have sent an article with Photographs taken here from Oregon, according to Dr Masters, found also *Pachymeris*; *Monticola* so high up, *Monticola*, and *albidula* (which is not white) evidently distinct from *flexilis*. The lovely *Argemone*, *Delphinium*.

Back through the Sound to Portland. Up to the Cascades and the Dalles, where Sargent

alone ascended as far as trail to Douglas original locality. *Abies amabilis* is splendid. Newberry's figure in the *Rap* is in the main correct.

And here we are ready to leave to-morrow for the South - Coast Range, Cascades and then Shasta.

Met Brown here.

Parry left us a week ago to go with Sinks down to Mt Adams. I persist, and believe the active life & great (for me great) exertion has a beneficial influence on my health - but find the greatest impediment in my knee which has not ^{entirely} got over the effects of the fall 8 months ago. I have studied the Conifers



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