

Sept. 20. 27.

Dear John E.,

Tell here we are in College Station again and wonders have happened. We have 2 good microscopes. The money for them was there for a whole year, but they had to be bought in the last minute in September. I suppose in some 20 this school will be good.

The Rio Bravo Co has had a Mr. Reed here in Bryan since February. He has done a lot of field work in this county. So I have to give up the idea of publishing anything about the county until I know how good his work is. They have drilled some wells to about 2000' the cores of which are now in our department. Some of these days I will get to working on it. Wish I knew anything about foraminifera and how to get them out of the rock material. How about giving me some advice?

Mr. Reed is a very nice man though very difficult to get acquainted with. He has found some boulders of Cretaceous and Palaeozoic at Lanson shales. They are polished and scratched so he thinks they have been brought down by ice blocks. What do you think of that? He is going to publish it.

Ball intends to publish some of his plant stuff. College will print it. Dean Wiley has also asked me about my material, but I am reluctant to publish anything important in an A&M publication as nobody would find it or know it. May be I can persuade them to contribute to the printing cost and publish it where it will be noticed.

School starts this week and I have to teach palaeontology without fossils. Well a little is here in my collection even a few trilobites. Nevertheless I will make the students sweat. I have taught a few hours historical geology last year and used it for fossils. The boys got really interested which is a full success for me. Two of them have collected fossils during the summer. One in Smithville. That Smithville boy will have to collect much more for my private collection.

I did not get time to collect any material myself. I had also not enough time to see you in Colorado partly because my tires were too far gone to attempt this long drive. But some of these days I will appear suddenly in your corner. I wrote to Dr. Hance this summer about my work stating that my results differ very much from those of Sidney Paige. This without meaning a criticism. Hance went to S.P. and spoke about it. Hance also advised me to get in touch with S.P. as one can make so easily mistakes in the precambrian and I might thus avoid mistakes. And besides there have been too many publications already which did not take the necessary reference to earlier work. If that is not making an elephant out of a flea, I don't know. But Hance's action seems to be clear to me now. Sidney P. is now Chief-Geologist of the Amerada, Plummer has left. Such is life.

Cheers

Yours

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