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Dear Stenzel:

I have yours disclosing your ambitions to reside in the Windy City and
~~has written~~ ~~well worth~~ Rollin Chamberlain although I have already recommended you to him.
I don't know Barton very well, he is said not to be a very approachable man, he may
have retired or he may be out doing essential mineral work for the U.S.G.S.

Clint Stauffer retired last month as professor of paleontology at the
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. If you have a somewhat insane desire
to be a pedagogue why not apply there?

I think I could get you a job up here in the Powder River country where men
are men and the women appear to like them that way. Altho this is the rainiest
spring and summer ever known beginning weather from 1st June to 1st November
can't usually be excelled. It will be as cold as 40° below zero F. for short periods
in the winter and has been known to go to -50°. Although we didn't have a drought
I found 8 antelopes east west altho my competitors appear to be doing it the
hard way with 40 and at least 11 more more geophysical factors in the basin;
I judge some of these to be incompetent if not downright crooked.

You would be working in your beloved(?) Eocene with much better exposures
than in Texas. Also you would have some fossil shells, such as Unio, Anodonta,
Helix and Planorbis if they don't call them some other names now. For
recreation you can pursue the elusive Crodont and Coryphodon and sometimes
the Trochilops and Trachodony - the latter being truly big game. Saturday
I found remnants of a lake limestone capping buttes; this is quite as thick
as the truly famed Woolly.

No doubt the exigencies of bureaucratic politics necessitated giving old man
Darton the Purser medal. Still old man Baker has a way of finding where
the great have rodded. I am reminded of 36 years ago in this same Powder
River country when Wagnaman and Baker found snapped Fort Union coal beds
over Darton's mapped area of surface pre-Cambrian; I suppose the P-E-W
prowled there but about 3 miles straight down. Also in New Mexico this spring
I found Barton ?^m about as much wrong as right in the simplest kind of

geology. up here last week I found him wrong no less than three times. One of them was his failure to see a magnificent NE overturn along the Pughorn Mtn. front with two times of movement, ~~over~~ pre- and ~~over~~ post-Wasatch. You know, there are times when I am inclined to be ashamed of my profession.

About the only difference between Ft. Union and Wasatch up here is in the rare mammal remains, mostly in the Wasatch. The top of a certain coal bed is taken as the boundary but there happens to be a dozen coal beds in the closely associated section.
Well, good luck to you!

Parker

Blackwelder told me - quite truly - that he wouldn't live in Chicago if they gave him the place. But of course any other place is quite considerably better than Texas.