

Albany, Oregon, Jan. 25, 1932.

Prof. H. B. Stenzel

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My dear Prof. Stenzel

I just received your letter accepting an exchange of fossils with me, for which I thank you. I had given up hearing from you and was very much surprised.

However I will not be able to send the fossils for, possibly, two weeks. I will not delay longer than that. My reason for delay is that I have sent a box of fossils to Prof. Weaver of the Washington State University for the purpose of identification, as I wish him to verify my identifications, which are based on Government reports, bulletins of the Univ. of California, Carnegie Institution of Washington, and the Calif. Academy of Science.

My fossils will be mostly Oligocene with some Eocene, Miocene, and Pliocene. I have only 3 or 4 specimens of *Zanthropus vulgaris* in my collection, but I may possibly spare you one. They are very hard to get as they are only found in a few rail-road cuts far from the highways and the rail-roads don't like to have the banks worked owing to the slides in winter during the heavy rains.

I will return your lists when I send the fossils. I find I have only one specie you mention, namely; *Venericardia planecosta*, Lamarck.

I will not be able to send you as many species as you desire; 20 at the most will be all I have, owing to my many exchanges this year. At the present moment I am awaiting boxes of fossils from Augustana College, Illinois; Washington University, St. Louis; and the ~~University~~ Vanderbilt University, Tenn.. I have sent three boxes to Prof. Fryxell of Augustana College, during the last two years, and everyone, he says, including the last, have been up to his "highest expectations."

During the summer months I intend to visit most of the leading Tertiary invertebrate sites of Oregon, and I will then, no doubt, be able to send you more new species next winter. I will be glad to exchange my duplicates with you as your material is all new to me and very desirable.

You may expect to hear from me again in about two weeks. Until then I am

Very respectfully yours,

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