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(Letterhead stationery)

Al Stevenson Rates:
Proprietor \$ 2.50 Per Day

FOREST HOTEL

Parties Taken to the Petrified
Forest, Six Miles South, at
\$2.50 Each. One Person \$5.00....

Adamana, Ariz.,-----190---

Ad-a-man-a

Country, miles & miles of desert & bad sand, not a tree or shrub
to be seen hundreds of mesas & buttes acres & acres of petrified
forest, wood at every turn & not a stick to burn. Buildings, a
coalbunker water tank, station, school house made of ties & lined
with cheese cloth, section mans house Mr Muir home, hotel with
three sleeping rooms, two tents, People, Mr & Mrs Al Stevenson
three children Dora a Mormon the hired girl. Mr Muir and two
daughters "Wanda" & Bell, station ~~agent~~ agt wife & three children,
school teacher, three cowboys for guides. Section man & wife & 5 childr-
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Products, Remnants of ⁱIndian homes where a thousand (illegible)
lived in one building indian pottery. Prehistoric forts.

Characters, school teacher evidently well educated & refined Mrs
Stevenson, rather pretty good cook Mr Muir a geologist making a
study of the petrified forest knows what he is talking about
"Wanda" a graduate of Stanford black as an indian can drive a
six horse rig or ride a horse to beat the band and an interesting
girl has the style [&] ~~and~~ dress characteristic of a cowboy. Helen
(Bell) Muir 20 years old came here to save her life sleeps in
tent even when there is two feet of snow & thermometer 12 below

A.C. Fletcher Notes on Adamana ~~7~~2.

can ride a horse like a cowboy 40 to 60 miles a day over desert
& bad lands dresses in bright colors divided skirts & when on her
horse fully caparisoned is a sight worth seeing.

(1906-1906)

Notes of Alice Cotton Fletcher in longhand and
in envelope marked "1905-1906". Supplied to
Frederick Turner by Mrs. Fletcher's son, John
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