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Martinez July 2, 1891

Dear Mr Johnson-

Your letter & telegram
received. I am bending & stretching
at the oar in this Kings River
article hard as I can. Had a
good trip but a little hard. Had
to walk in to the Yosemite from
the Sequoia Park. Rains & snow
& flooded streams slid 2 miles on
dead avalanches. Mule with all
our goods went down the river
but was caught on a grand fall
Robinson growling & blaming the
sun spots for all. etc etc etc.
But we had a fine rich time
for a' that.

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Mr J. P. Moore of Moore & Smith told me that they owned 60,000 acres of forest land on King, Kahrwah & Tule rivers. Besides the 10,000 acres of Sequoia lands in the Tule basin they offer to sell to the Government the fine Converse Grove of Sequoias located near the Gen. Grant National Park. & perhaps if the means by which they gained title to so vast a body of land was investigated they might be induced to part with more still.

They are now busily engaged in the work of Sequoia destruction blasting the giants into manageable fragments for their mills. Will send some photographs to illustrate this as soon as I receive them. Here is one. Will send map tomorrow of the M. S. soon as furnished. Ever Yrs John Muir.

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THE regulations for the governance of the Yosemite reservation, issued by the Secretary of the Interior, are in some respects exacting, but they are, on the whole, wise. A mistaken impression got about that campers would not be allowed to build fires within the reservation, but a reading of the printed rules shows that the prohibition only extends to the making of fires in places where it is likely to spread. The prohibition of trespass by sheepmasters is entirely proper, and we hope will be strictly enforced, but there are already signs that pressure will be brought on the department to amend the order so as to allow flocks of sheep to pass through the park on the way to pastures beyond. L. U. Shippee of Stockton, for instance, is already preparing a protest against the exclusion of his sheep.

ARRESTED FOR TRESPASS.

More Sheepmen to Be Prosecuted for Invading Yosemite Park.

WAWONA, June 27.—Lieutenant Davis returned this evening from another patrolling trip through the Yosemite National Park. He made four more arrests of parties for trespass. They are all sheepmen, whom he found inside the National Park with their flocks of sheep. He ordered them to move out of the park, which they did, but when the patrolling party left them they moved into the park again and were surprised by Lieutenant Davis and were arrested and brought to camp, along with their pack mules, dogs and camping outfits. This is the second lot of sheepmen that have been arrested. The first lot were released yesterday on \$300 bonds each, to appear for trial if the Federal authorities want them. They are all very indignant at being arrested, but Captain Wood, the commanding officer, has ordered his Lieutenants to keep patrolling the park, and says he has been sent here to protect the park and keep the sheep out, and that he proposed to have it done.

SOUTHERN INDUSTRIES.

IRISH'S NEW WEEKLY.

Something About the Style and Variety of Paper It Will Be.

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Colonel John P. Irish is determined that, although the people of this city by a large majority decided at the last election that they were disgusted with Democratic methods, they shall hear the words of the Democratic gospel as translated by himself. He is bound to disseminate the Democratic doctrine, and for that purpose he proposes to start a weekly paper of sixteen pages in this city. The journal will be rather novel in its way, owing to the fact that the publisher does not purpose to print any news, society notes, sporting items or any of the articles which are usually considered necessary to the success of a paper.

It is the intention of Colonel Irish to make his own editorials the distinctive features of his weekly papers, and if he does not feel like writing sufficient matter to fill the columns of the paper he will publish reprint. The appearance of the weekly is anxiously awaited by the war-horses of the once grand old Democratic party.