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March 9.

Dear Muir:

This is dead
confidential.

Grish went to Wash.
ington for the Commission-
ship of Public Lands (ye gods!).
He will not get it. He will
be lucky if he gets anything
outside of Wash. The powers
that be have been enlightened
as to his Cal. reputation. I
have written two letters and
G.P. is pretty well ventilated.

I suppose the Cameron bill failed. I sent the Noble report to nearly every member of both Public Lands Committees and I doubt not your telegram finished the business. I'm sorry there isn't to be an extra session for now no investigating Committee can go into Yosemite till a year from next June and the special will not ~~be~~ ^{come up} till the special session of 1894-5. You see how important it is for Re-cession to succeed in your legislature this winter.

With Noble's reservation as a weapon you could succeed, I think.

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As it is, public opinion must be worked up anew. The iron will cool again & the forge will have to be re-fired. This is going to a great year for decent things at Wash. & it ought to be at Sacramento. But if you can't, you can't.

If there any hope of a new set of Commissioners who will get Olmsted's advice. I think we

don't care who manages
the valley if it is done
well.

I wish you were
coming East and could
see the new Secy of the
Interior on the general policy
of managing the new reserv-
ations. Come & see me.

How about those Al-
aska articles?

With remembrance to Mr. Muir

Very cordially yours

R. H. Johnson.

The article on you appears
in the May No. I timed it
for the expected extra session when
you would be an issue - worth standing
by.