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[Letter to Henry Senger.]

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PROF. HENRY SENGER, SAN FRANCISCO, JAN. 14, 1892.

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 11th was not received until yesterday.

I should be pleased to confer with you in regard to the forming of a Sierra Club. Don't know that I could take an active part, but should be pleased to be present at the birth of the Club.

Truly yours,

WARREN OLNEY

On Saturday, January 16, Professor Senger called at Mr. Olney's office and the matter was discussed, this being the first of several such informal discussions. Finally it was decided to call a meeting of interested persons for purposes of organization. The following letter from John Muir, dated May 10, 1892, and reproduced in Plate Clvi, is the earliest I have been able to find from him bearing on this subject:

MR. HENRY SENGER, MARTINEZ, MAY 10, 1892.

Dear Sir: I am greatly interested in the formation of an Alpine Club, and think with you and Mr. Olney that the time has come when such a club should be organized. You may count on me as a member and as willing to do all in my power to further the interests of such a club. I shall be glad to see you at my house near Martinez, or to meet you in the city. Mr. Armes of the State University is also interested in the organization of such a club, and I advise you to correspond with him.

Yours truly,

JOHN MUIR

Shortly afterward came a second letter from Mr. Muir, which was as follows:

PROF. SENGER, MARTINEZ, MAY 22.

Dear Sir: I will gladly attend the meeting on Saturday next at Mr. Olney's office.

I suppose it will not be best to have a large number present at the first meeting. I should like to have Mr. Thos. Magee invited as likely to prove useful and Mr. Pelham Ames.

Hoping that we will be able to do something for wildness and make the mountains glad, I remain

Cordially yours,

JOHN MUIR

This mentions a meeting to be called on "Saturday next," which was Saturday, May 28, one week before the articles of incor-