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Letter from P. C. Renfrew to [John Muir], 1879 Jan 3.

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3 Sisters
+
Sisters

but there is no El-Capitan
and Lost creek falls are new
500 feet but broken.

You are at liberty to have
any data in my possession
or aid in exploration should
you see fit to visit this
vicinity. I intend to give
some time to visiting &
taking elevations of ice
and summits next July
and would be only too
happy to know you could
then or any other time pay
us a visit.

Respectfully

P. C. Kenner

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McKenzie Bridge
Lane Co.
Oregon
Jan. 3. 1879

Dear Sir

Having read
your correspondence in
the Bulletin and other
journals for years with
the greatest benefit and
pleasure I take the lib-
erty of writing you a few
words in regard to our
section of Oregon and
to express the hope that
business or pleasure may
soon bring you to our state.

As the above address in-
dicates we are near the

centre of the Cascade range on the principal tributary of the Willamette and on the 44th parallel of latitude N.

Having for several years been engaged in opening what is known as the McKenzie Salt Springs & Dr's Chute's road I have found leisure to explore this section a short distance north and south and believe it to be full of interest to the naturalist, not to say to all who read your correspondence.

The chief objects of interest appear to me, 1st hot salt or other mineral spring 2^d Falls of the McKenzie and its tributaries, 3rd The three Sisters. 4th The carvings of

the mountains by glaciers and 5th The Glaciers themselves.

The largest of the three of these, ^{which} I have visited lies about 23 miles due east of us and 76 miles from Eugene City, same direction. I have estimated its length at 4 miles, width near a mile and think its motion as more active than generally accorded to the alpine ones.

Of course this is not much of a glacier but could I have found it at the head of the Yosemite valley where I looked for it in '58 nothing more could have been desired.

There I found its greatest achievements but here we have the engine itself. Lost creek gorge eight miles from here is magnificent