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Portland, January 6th 1880.

Dear Loren I have allowed myself to be entangled in a snarl of lectures while trying to keep free, & make haste to home.

I had promised to call on Dr Lindley, & wanted to gain one small look at the Canon of the Columbia for a hundred miles above here, & then away to Martinez.

But no sooner had I landed than I was pounced upon & kuffed into the lecture business. The Science association, Young Mens Christian Assoc, & some college or other at Forest Grove, all want lectures, I'm fairly in for the two first, but hope to escape the last. Will go to the Dalles tomorrow. First speech on Monday next.

Will be back on the Elder which leaves this port about the 15th I think.

I wrote you from Sitka. Had a stormy time all the way down from Port Townsend.

I have a big lot of snowy sketches & snowy facts for you - sermons in stone, sermons in ice, & ice in everything.