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(Copy - Original sent to Warren Olney)

First Nat. Bank Building,
101 Sansome St.,
San Francisco,
Nov. 13, 1893.

John Muir, Esq.,
Martinez, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Bayley and Robinson have been in to talk about the depre-
dations in Yosemite Valley. Robinson as usual is very much
excited. It looks very much as if the Sierra Club would be
drawn into the contest one way or the other. That is to say,
inaction on our part may be taken as evidence that there is no
substantial foundation for the complaint made against the Commission-
ers. If the Commissioners are a one-tenth part as bad as their
accusers say, the Club ought to take action against them. The
travel to the Yosemite Valley is no doubt closed for the season,
therefore it would be a good time to go up there to examine and
report what foundation there is for the statements that the Valley
is being barbarously treated so far as its flora is concerned.
Suppose you and Bayley and some one else, say McAllister, from the
Club go. What should be done is to make a careful examination and
make out a statement as to the result of that examination. The action
of the Club based upon such an examination by its President and
Directors would carry great weight with the people.

Yours truly,

(Signed) WARREN OLNEY