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[1872]

Yosemite Valley Feb 20th

Dear brother David, G. How are you living
I have not heard from you all winter
We have been pretty closely blockaded with
snow & I learn that the cars have ceased running
on the transcontinental R.R.

Although well snowbound we have had a pretty
mild winter & Spring is already near. The willows
are putting forth their catkins & the alders by the
river bank are tasseled with ripe aments
Frogs sing lustily in the shallows of the meadow
& blue birds & robins & thrushes sing also
but we will have many a snowy day before
summer is fairly established.

We had a grand flood in Dec when 100 falls
averaging near 2500 feet in height ran together
I think of that I wrote a description of it wh
may appear in some of the magazines therefore
I will not attempt a second description here
I did my glacier article in the N.Y. Tribune of
Dec 9th make you any wiser, I have written
a few other light articles for the Tribune but I
hardly think that any of them have been able
to pass the snowed mountains.

I will be busy as soon as the snow leaves
our surrounding mtns measuring heights & depths
sketching describing etc for my "Glaciers"

Give my kindest regards to Katie &
your Younglings. & to Maggie & John Reid

If you can obtain a few copies of those
articles of mine I wish you would clip
them out & send them in a letter to me

Let me hear from you soon

I am ever yours, John

Yosemite
no date