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Martinez Apr. 30. 1899

My dear Prof Sargent

You are no doubt right about the little Tahoe reservation - a scheme full of special personalities pushed through by a lot of lawyers etc but the more we get the better anyhow It is a natural park & because of its beauty & accessibility is visited more than any other part of the Sierra except Yosemite.

All I know of the Ranier & Olympic reservations has come through the newspapers. The Olympic will surely be attacked again & again for its timber but the interests of Seattle & Tacoma will probably save Ranier. I expect to find out something about them soon as I am going north from Seattle to Cooks Inlet & Kodiaci for a couple of months with a "scientific party" Pray for me. We are to leave about



the last of May, <sup>with</sup> Dull, Coville, Gilbert,  
& perhaps too numerous to mention  
This section of the Coast is the only one  
I have not seen & I'm glad of the chance  
Good luck to you, I wish I were going  
to the happy wood. instead of icy Alaska  
Be good to the trees. You tough sturdy  
pair, don't frighten the much-enduring  
Crataegus & make them drop their spurs.  
& don't tell them quite eternally that  
you are from Boston & the Delaware  
Huckleberry-Peninsula.

My love to Canby - keep his frisks  
within bounds. Remember me to the  
Biltmore friends & blessed Mother & Mellichamp  
And remember me also to the Messrs Hickory  
& Oak - & Oh the magnolias in bloom  
Heavens how they glow & shine & sweeten a fellow  
Goodbye. I'll hope to see you in August  
Ever Yours John Muir