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## Letter from R[obert] U[nderwood] Johnson to John Muir, 1906 Oct 8.

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New York,  
October 8. 1866.

What  
are you  
doing  
these  
days?  
Your  
Mission  
is in  
Comm.

My dear Muir:

I wonder if you know, or can find out anything about the Trinity mine (Copper) in Shasta County. A friend of mine who, on strong recommendation of it, has invested in it wishes "to know you know." It is reported that they have staked out \$4,000,000 worth of ore, and as Copper is higher now than for forty years, this looks favorable. Do you know anybody of these who can tell you the condition and prospects, and

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been at my late steady  
Johnston will soon be home  
The break away for a few days.

space time. I have  
since June 4 but not  
London next week - and

It seems an age since I saw you my dear  
Muir. Do send me word of yourself and the young ladies.  
All my best are well.

Doesn't your breast swell with State pride to  
know that West has a Spelling class to be sponsored by  
the Empire State? We wish you'd kept him at home.  
I think he'd be better, but well well a big handwriting  
note having succeeded in putting class against class in his  
medicines and Kythocritical way. But I pray for us!  
Ever faithfully yours,  
R. B. Johnston



Something about the management?

You may remember an editorial I wrote in the Century eighteen months or two years ago entitled "The next steps in forestry Reform" advocating

- (1) The Revision of the Yosemite — or rather its acceptance.
- (2) The transfer of the reserves to the Agricultural Dept., and
- (3) Setting on foot plans of cooperation between the General Government and the Eastern States looking toward the reservation of the whole top of the Appalachian Range, so as to prevent for the East what we have done indirectly for the Sierra.

Well, later I sent it (again) to the President asking him to consider whether it would not be practicable and useful to call a conference of Governors of Western States to consider the subject.

We replied that in such matters he must wait for local public opinion — that being the thing I wish him to try to create — but said he would take it up with Fuchsler. Five weeks later more fully and I hope something will come of it. As of grand old of course to be in touch with little schemes. The large schemes seem more worth while. I shall keep at this one till somebody gets a line in it. Unfortunately my three Secretaries — Coby, Hyatt, Melville Chestnut, East & Taylor and Keats, Shellen, Menon.



New York,  
October 8, 1906.

My dear Muir:

I wonder if you know, or can find out, anything about the Trinity mine (Copper) in Shasta County. A friend of mine who, on strong recommendation of it has invested in it wishes "to know, you know." It is reported that they have staked out \$4,000,000 worth of ore, and as copper is higher now than for forty years, this looks favorable. Do you know anybody up there who can tell you the condition and prospects, and something about the management?

You may remember an editorial I wrote in the Century eighteen months or two years ago entitled "The Next Steps in Forestry Reform" advocating

1. The Recession of the Yosemite -- or rather its acceptance.
2. The transfer of the reserves to the Agricultural Dept., and
3. Setting on foot plans of cooperation between the general government and the Eastern states, looking toward the reservation of the whole top of the Appalachian Range, so as to do preventively for the East what we have done remedially for the Sierra.

Well, lately I sent it (again) to the President, asking him to consider whether it would not be practicable and useful to call a conference of Governors of these states to consider the subject. He replied that in such matter he must wait for local public opinion -- that being the thing I wish him thus to create -- but said he would take it up with Pinchot. I've written the latter more fully, and I hope something will come of it. As I grow older I cease to be interested in little schemes. The large schemes seem more worth while. I shall keep at this one till somebody gets active in it. Unfortunately my three secretaryships -- Copyright, National Institute of Arts and Letters, and Keats-Shelley Memorial -- are taking all my spare time. I have been at my desk steadily since June 4, but Mrs. Johnson will soon be home from Europe -- next week, and I'll break away for a few days.

It seems an age since I saw you, my dear Muir. Do send me news of yourself and the young ladies. All my brood are well.

Doesn't your breast swell with state pride to know that Hearst has a fighting chance to be Governor of the Empire State? We wish you'd kept him at home. I think he'll be beaten, but he'll poll a big workingmen's vote, having succeeded in putting class against class in his malicious and hypocritical way. But pray for us!

Ever faithfully yours,

R. U. Johnson

What are you writing these days. I hope your Muse is in commission.

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