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**Letter from J. E. Calkins to John Muir, 1907 Sep 6.**

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Davenport, Ia., Sept. 6, '07.

My Dear Mr. Muir:—

Your delightful letter, making us more than welcome to your home, was duly welcomed. It is very fine of you to say such things to us whom you have never seen, and we deeply appreciate it all, but you must not think that we are going to weigh you down with the burden of feeding a couple of hungry Iowans for an indefinite or indeterminate time. You are more than kind with the invitation you have given us, but there will be no occasion to kill the fatted calf in anticipation. But, unless something happens, we shall deny our good friend who has been wanting us to go with him Santa Fe way, and journey via Salt Lake and Martinez. It will be a great pleasure to us to meet you, and we look forward to it with no end of expectation but shall not be so inconsiderate as to make of your home a hotel for our convenience.

It will be soon after Oct. 1 when we get to your town. In the meantime we will keep you advised in the event of delays or our inability to come. You are not to change your plans in any particular to suit us. We shall come by the S.P. from Salt Lake—where do we alight, and which way do we go?

The weather here has grown more tolerable the past few days, but the winter! It is only a month or so away, Your Coast country stands over against it as a welcome refuge.

Sincerely yours, J. E. Calkins x

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