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been able to find time to write anything for myself; but if I live to get these Harriman books out you may depend upon it I'll never get caught that way again.

How are you all! Well I trust. Drop your pen & take the train & tuck Helen into your pocket and let us see how you look in February.

With kindest regards to you all, and appreciative thanks for your beautiful & generous Xmas, we will keep the Merriam & Bailey families busy all winter -

as ever yours
C. Hart Merriam

Washington

Jan. 24, 1901.

My dear Mr. Merriam:

Your carload of California delicacies has arrived and quite overwhelmed us. My wife wonders if there are any nuts left in the State! And such delicious nut tea! The children take to them like squirrels. When we opened the nut bag, Mrs. Merriam said, "now we must get some fine raisins to go with them". And when I opened the box and found these perfectly superb and delicious raisins, and the delicious Lantana too - I'll not try to tell you what any of us said.

I told Bailey to go and hire a team to haul this half up the hill, and as a couple of inches of snow tumbled down after supper I expect he will come with a sigh!

Seton-Thompson + wife dined with us night before last. They are about setting out on a long lecture tour and will bring up in California in the Spring.

Frank Chapman + wife are coming on from New York to spend Sunday with us + fill up on California nuts + raisins.

But what we most want to know now is when you are coming. You maintain altogether too smothering a silence on this subject. Don't back

back-out. It will do you good to break away and take a run east, and will do us all good to see you.

The Alaska book is coming on slowly. The full page plates are now being printed and we expect to bring the thing out in March.

You will be glad to know that I have resigned the editorship of the Proceedings of the Washington Academy of Sciences, after editing + proof reading + publishing 853 pages in the year 1900 - which means about 2000 pages of fresh-reading. So don't say I never took your advice!

Florence has been hard at work all winter on her West Coast bird book. I have not yet