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April 8, 1902.

R. W. GILDER, EDITOR.
R. U. JOHNSON,
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ASSISTANT EDITOR.

My dear Muir:

(1) In the New York Herald of April 3d appeared an account of the discovery of a buried city at the base of a volcano south of the defile called Note's Pass, Cal. The dispatch came from Reddington, Cal., which is either a mistake for Redding, or the whole dispatch may be an April Fool joke. Have you heard anything of it and is there likely to be anything there worth an article?

(2) Maxfield Parrish writes us that he is going again to the Grand Cañon. I suppose your article is almost ready by this time. Let us see it as soon as you can, so that it may be all the better illustrated. In the May number you will see one of Parrish's pictures of the Cañon, which came to us in color but which we were only able to reproduce in black and white. Possibly when your article comes out we may be able to give it in color.

(3) And most important, I have the pleasure of announcing to you that my daughter Agnes is engaged to be married to one of the finest fellows I ever knew, Frank H. Holden, an architect in the office of Carrère and Hastings of this city. I could say many fine things about him for his friends are pouring in letters upon him of the most complimentary sort; indeed, so many have come that I begin to suspect collusion and think Holden is using money in some of the up-town wards. But we are doing all we can to counteract the canonization of the young man by his friends and are drumming up our friends in different portions of the country to say what they can about the young lady. The first thing you know one of your girls will be slipping off in the same way; then you will sympathize with me.

(4) And private; the President, in response to my letter saying that I thought the Yosemite reservation ought to be merged into the National Park and telling him I hoped, in case he should go to California this summer, he would look into the matter, writes to me that he is of my opinion. I hope to see him this week in Washington, on

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his return from Charleston, and I will speak again of the matter. Does the California legislature meet next winter, and if so do you not think the Sierra Club might take the lead and be successful in urging the recession of the valley? We are all getting old and must accomplish what we have to do right away; so I hope you will quietly set the ball rolling.

(5) I am a grandfather Owen having a daughter in Paris.
So to! you're no
grandfather.

Faithfully yours,

R. L. Johnson

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