

spring botanizing there.

There is so much pleasure
in anticipating the good things
that are to come in this world
that I am tempted to be
inquisitive beyond what is
strictly asked; What are you
doing in the line of botanical
authorship? And how soon
may we look for something
new?

As Ever Yours

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Ogallala, Nebraska
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Dear Dr. Gray:

Your postal card
sent to Pueblo reached me lately.
Many thanks! But I am
not yet in Pueblo, much less
in the Sierras. I have just
got off the U. P. train to proceed
on foot, up the S. Platte to
Greeley. Here in extreme
western Nebraska I pick
up a number of plants which
I never saw before, and I
must enclose now a mere
fragment of a Salea which
I got here at Ogallala to-day.
I thought L. alopecuroides was
the only one which grows so far
north and east as this.

What is it? Better specimens
shall follow this fragment if it
proves to be anything interesting.
Why I write this evening is to
ask a few questions.

In a few days I will be at
Golden City, Colo. where my
plants are, and now it will
do (if it is not too late) to talk
about those plants you wanted
for that Fruehman (?) person name
I can't spell. I can probably
send you 300 nice duplicates
of Colo. & Cal. plants, perhaps
100 of my Santa Rita del
Cobre things which you have
not seen; then when I get
to Gretna by & by, 150, or 200
of those nice things.

Now what will you hear?
Send how much, or rather,
how many at — say \$7. a
hundred (unless that be too much)

good specimens, with neat
tickets, carefully packed

and shipped by express or
fast freight, the freight-
bill to be looked out for by your-
self? (Alas! I fear I am
getting mercenary!)

My first business when I get
to Golden will be to make up
and send you by mail a
package of 150-200 of those
New Mexican plants among
which are some things which
none of my predecessors in
that region have obtained,
and which will please you.
Please then, drop me a line
to Golden as early as convenient.
I shall hardly get away from
Colo. for Calif before the
middle of November, but I
shall be in good time for



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