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Milwaukee, Oregon, Dec. 7-1909.

My dear Mr. Deane,

Well, I know you will think I am a long time keeping my promise about those pictures and it's very true. But I haven't forgotten. I sent them by express from Oregon City a few days ago and hope you have them in good shape by this time. You asked to pay charges so that's the way they went, although Mrs. F. said that was a poor way to send a present. I wrapped them carefully. Let me know in what condition they arrive, if any are spoiled I want to replace them.

I should have sent these before, but the trouble is I am not equipped for making enlargements but have to go down to Bohlmann's house. He had moved and we didn't get things arranged till a short time ago.

I wonder how you are all getting along; I hoped to go East this fall as had expected

Received
December 14, 1909,
W. Deane

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to see you again but my plans were changed. I am very busy just now finishing up a volume entitled "The Trail of the Plume Hunter." I ought to have finished it before but was busy with magazine work.

Instead of going back, I decided to remain here till Feb. 1st and finish up this material, then I shall take my family and go to Arizona for about five or six months. We plan to go to Tucson and ~~rent~~ ^{rent} a cottage and work on the birds about that locality. This will give us all a good change and at the same time I can complete studies for a book I have in mind.

We all enjoyed the summer here very much. I was at home most of the time. We are now having our first snow. As a general rule we have very little snow during the winter but as it has started early this year maybe we will have a harder winter.

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Mr. Finley as I have been thinking over another plan recently; we are thinking of going East for a whole year about the fall of 1911, and living somewhere in the vicinity of Boston. We are beginning to feel the need of getting in touch with Eastern people and Eastern things. We both need to do a lot of reading and studying; we have a lot of material in hand but feel the lack of literary skill in developing it. We are very fond of the country and here but it is a good way from the literary center and from the magazine field. You see, way out here we meet very few people interested in our own line, and seldom hear anything in music or art and subjects. A year about Boston would be a great treat and I think prepare us to come back home and do more valuable work. This country is way ahead of the East for a young man because it contains so much new and undeveloped material.

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I shall miss the A.O.V. meeting this year which I regret. Dr. Fisher, Prof. Paul & Mr. Vernon Bailey were out here this summer. Dr. Merriam was in San Francisco recently but got a note saying he had to go on back to Washington & could not come up this way.

In your letter of last summer you wrote of Dr. Coolidge and a serious sickness he had. It hardly seems possible he could survive such an attack. I hope you are all well, Mrs. Finley joins me in best wishes to the children also. We have a happy Thanksgiving together.

Very Sincerely,
William L. Finley.



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