

Medicine Bow, Wyo.  
July 19, 1899

My Dear Dr. Holland:-

I came in from camp today hoping to meet you but I learn from Sage that you will not be here before the 21st as I also get from your letter. I had a talk with Sage and he seems very much put out because you hired Fales and it is doubtful whether or not he will go. If he does not I am quite certain that with our assistance you can get along very comfortably with one team. Our camp is not more than 25 miles from Medicine Bow and the road is good. Fales can haul all your luggage to camp with ease and there will be plenty of room for all. If he cannot take it at one load he can get the remainder at another load. When you get into camp you can have the assistance of our team if necessary. I also have a good saddle horse kind and gentle which will be at your service when desired. If Sage is "buggy" I would let him go to. Now as to provisions. First let me tell you to go to W. H. Holliday & Co. and tell them I sent you. You will get everything as reasonable as you can in Pittsburgh and they will treat you well. The list is as follows:

100# Best Flour	5# Arbuckles Ariosa Coffee (ground)
25# Drd. Beef	50# Sugar
3# Baking Powder	100# Potatoes
15# Cheese	1 gal. Dill Pickles
10# Breakfast Bacon	10# Rice, 10# Navy Beans
10# Soda Crackers	1 gal. Syrup
2 Godsized [sic] Hams	5# Drd. Raspberries
6 Bars Hardwater soap	1 Caddy Matches
5# Salt (Table)	1 Can Pepper
5# Candles	1 Doz. Cans Peas
1 doz cans assorted fruit	10# Lard
1 " " tomatoes	2# Gunpowder Tea
1 " " St. Charles condensed milk	

You can add anything to this list you may want but I think this will cover your wants pretty thoroughly. We will be able to provide ourselves with fresh meat as the young sage chickens are now about "ripe". There is also good trout-fishing in a little over a day's travel from our camp in the Laramie Casper Mts.

Should you forget anything and wish to purchase in Medicine Bow I would advise you to go to the Post Master Mr. Klinkenbeard who will treat you right.

I do not wish to overwhelm you with good news but we have some mighty fine bones and a whole lot of them. I am almost afraid to say what I think we have but from present indications we will put in the best season I have ever had in the Bone Digging business. We have "a mighty good stagger" at a skeleton of Diplodocus which is a "rare bird indeed" and others almost too numerous to mention.

We have ordered lumber for a cabin and we may have it up within a few days after you get there. We will hope to see you very soon and I am certain you will have an enjoyable time in our region. I would like to go over the geology of the country with you and I know of some fine sections of the Mesozoic.

Very Sincerely Yours,  
J. L. Wortman