

Prospect Place
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My dear Captain Marsh:-

As you say, my letters don't come very often, not as often, I can tell you, as I should like to write to you, but still just as often as I can find time for. Yours of the 9th reached me some-time ago. I am very glad to know that Frances' and my plan for our trip pleases you and will be convenient for you and we will now go ahead on that basis and hope to carry it out completely, for it will certainly be fine.

I note your suggestions about advertising the book in the military magazines and the Waterways Journal. I have already written to Mr. Gray about these matters, a month or more ago, and as soon as I learn definitely when the book is to come out, I will write him again on the subject. They are not getting the book ready as fast as I should like; there was nearly a month between the last bunch of proof they sent me to read and the one which came day before yesterday, which I will return to them tomorrow. This last proof only goes through the part where Curly came to the Far West, so you see there is a lot of proof still to come. Gray has been away from the office for two or three weeks but I hope to hear from him soon again. As soon as the book is ready I know he will send me plenty of good advertising matter for use in newspapers and so on.

I read your letter to Mr. Marshall and found it all right in every way and sent it on to him. It would be great if you could get Mr. Roosevelt to come up and take a hunting trip with you, wouldn't it? But I have understood that he expects to stay in Africa for a year or more. The several newspapers you have sent me have also come safely. The article in the Bismarck Palladium is great; it will be copied in the Press & Dakotan tomorrow, probably. I have been doing a little editorial writing for the P. & D. lately and hope to do more, especially on the subject of Mo. River improvement. Will you be here, do you think, for

the Navigation Congress in May?

Can you tell me anything about the prospects for high water in the Missouri in N. Dak. And Montana this spring? There is another project on hand for the building of a bridge here across the Missouri in which my father is interested, and they want to know whether high water is likely to be great enough to bring a flood.

I haven't seen Allie Dougherty for a couple of weeks, but as soon as I do I will ask her whether she received your picture. Frances got the last Pacific Monthly you sent her and enjoyed it very much. In her last letter she asked me to remember her to you, and she is so glad you like our plan for the trip. My father and mother also send you best regards. All your old friends here are well as far as I know. I saw Mr. Box on the street yesterday. Everybody here is much interested in the book.

Hoping to hear from you whenever you can write, as always,

Jos. Mills Hanson