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265 WASHINGTON ST.

Portland, Oregon April 3, 1907.

Mr. Harry Lane, Mayor,
City Hall,
Portland, Oregon.

My Dear Sir:-

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 2nd, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. W. H. Stewart offering to sell to the City of Portland the "Hayes Indian Collection" for the sum of \$2,000.

If the City Council sees fit to make a special appropriation for the purpose of purchasing this collection, I would be willing to recommend such action.

It is, however, a question in my mind whether it is good policy for the city to purchase collections other than those of natural history, to be made a part of the City Museum, on account of the fact that the Oregon Historical Society is very active in collecting anthropological specimens. It would seem to me that the city should spend its energies and its money along the lines of strictly natural history.

The appropriation made by the City Council for the museum in the current year, did not include the contemplated purchase of this collection.

Yours very truly,

Edmund P. Sheldon

Curator.

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PORTLAND, OREGON,

I promised a man to come up and tell
you what you likely know better
than I that the collection of Indian
arrowheads offered to the city is
unique and unreplaceable and ought
not on any account to be al-
lowed to pass from its possession.
I have no doubt you see this as I
do, if not give me a hearing and

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