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Extract from Constitution.

Portland Or. Sept. 28. 1905.

Harry Lane Esq. M. D.

Mayor of Portland
Dear Sir

It is reported on good authority that the City of Portland has purchased, or is about to purchase, the present Forestry Building, its contents and site for the purposes of a permanent exhibit.

Such being the case it will undoubtedly be necessary in due course to appoint a man who is thoroughly conversant with the forest resources of our state, familiar with our timber trees, their qualities and economic uses, and who is at the same time competent to take charge of the building and properly display the exhibit to visitors.

With the above object in view I wish to recommend to your notice Mr. E. P. Sheldon who is at present in charge of the Forestry

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Building at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

I have known Mr. Sheldon for some years and consider him fully conversant with our forest resources and thoroughly capable of filling such position

Yours sincerely

M. W. Gorman

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Portland, Oregon, Sept. 29th 1905.

Dr. Harry Lane,
Mayor City of Portland,
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Sir:

I hereby apply for the position of Superintendent of the museum to be maintained by the city of Portland in the Forestry Building after the close of the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

I enclose also several endorsements to which I beg leave to call your attention.

In my work at the present time I have offered to me from day to day exhibits which I am sure will be very valuable to the new museum and I would be pleased to have you authorize me to accept for the museum such as are of value. In this way much valuable material may be secured before it is moved away at the close of the Exposition.

Yours very truly,

Edmund P. Sheldon.

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Portland, Oregon, Nov. 3rd, 1905.

Dr. Harry Lane,
City.

My dear sir:

I am informed by Mr. M. W. Gorman that you have signified your willingness to give a talk before the Academy of Sciences.

Will you please give me the title of your address so that I can have due announcement made in the newspapers of this city.

yours very truly,

Edmund P. Sheldon.
President.

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Portland, Ore., Nov. 14, 1905.

Dr. Harry Lane, Mayor,

City of Portland,

Portland, Ore.

My dear Sir:--

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Nov. 18th and in reply I will say that the meeting of the Academy of Sciences, at which we will be pleased to have you speak, will be held in the committee room of the City Hall, Saturday, November 18th at 8 P.M. I am sure that the members of this Academy look forward with much anticipation to your address.

On the same evening, we expect a stereoptical lecture on mushrooms by Prof. Albert Sweetser. This will, no doubt, be of interest to you because of the work that you have done along that line in the past.

Yours very truly,

Edmund P. Sheldon.