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Dear Fran:

Thanks for the reprint and the book. I have read the "Paul Bunyan." It's damned good writing - would be keenly interesting, I judge, even to a person who had no first-hand knowledge of the people and places. The book I have not read, but I have flipped through it and shall read it soon or before I see you.

What ever became of the trip that Dutch was going to make to Oklahoma this year? We have wondered from time to time through the winter whether she was waiting for more formal inviting - but we thought we came away last summer with a firm commitment. I hope it was also understood that she was to bring along as many Silvers (including yourself) as she doesn't want to escape from. If we don't see some of you in Norman, you won't see much of us in Oxford this summer - take that as threat or promise, as you please.

I am going through the usual constipation of time that strikes at this season - speeches for organization banquets, high-school Commencement talks, sweating out the closing days of the legislature, fining up a budget and working with the personnel problems that always develop with a new budget. I have a list of big, interesting ideas of University government to work on, but can't find the time.

If Dutch has to have a written invitation, consider this it. We are almost through with the chicken-pox (John today looks like a non-Copernicus star-map). She should come before some other evil strikes (like school-vacation) so we'll have time to show her around.

Yours,
Pete