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Haines, Oregon
June 16, 1903.

Dear Bro. Frost:-

Can you and will you inform me whether the "Baptist Convention of the North Pacific Coast" holds any relation to the Southern Baptist Convention and if so what relation? This has been the cause of much injury to our work in Eastern Oregon. A number of the preachers here wanted to withdraw from the Northern Board and co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention. In '96 (I think), a Rev. W.H. Sherman had raised $300.00 from the Brethren here - the price he said required for admission into the Southern Baptist Convention and he went to the Convention and said he paid that amount in and that we were admitted into the Convention! Now since then we have had no word from the officers of your Convention. You all have not noticed us and we have done nothing for you. We are raising a good deal of money this year for all missions but it is all going to the Northern Boards. Now some are objecting to this and some are doubting whether Sherman was paid in that $300.00 to you and that we ever were admitted into the Southern Convention. Sherman showed no receipts to the Brethren here. He has

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quit preaching long ago and his life has been unchristian and so soon as he only kept that $300/00 himself. Now my questions.
1. Did Sherman pay the Convention $300/00 and thereby gain admission into the body?
2. How do you look upon us? Do you consider us a part of the Southern Baptist Convention?

Would you kindly make immediate reply so I can read your letter to our Association which meets this month 25-28. Answer me "In care Wm Haun, Freewater, Oregon. God bless you. I have written this at the request of the brethren here.

Very sincerely your brother in Christ.

Earle D. Sims.

Missionary of New York Board for Eastern Oregon.

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