

(C O P Y)

Cheyenne, Wyoming,

April 18, 1892

Dear Boies:-

If you think it necessary to do so, I wish that you would correct the impression that I see in the Eastern papers about me. I have refused to be interviewed at all here.

The true statement of facts is:-

I joined an expedition of stock-men who were bound for the northern part of Wyoming to inspect the ranges. I went for the out-of-door life. I had with me exactly the same surgical outfit which I carried last summer, and always travel with.

My horse gave out 90 miles from Casper and I was left at the Tisdale ranch. I then found out the excited condition of the county and determined to pull out. I travelled by a round about way for a week till I reached Douglas, where I was arrested for having been with the stock-men who were said to have committed certain depredations. The stories of being heart broken, of not wanting the family to hear, etc. etc., of turning state's evidence and making confessions, are all manufactured by a man named Kimball who edits the Douglas Graphic and is a notorious cattle thief and liar; he is openly called so by the reputable papers out here.

I was taken out of Douglas jail on a writ of habeas corpus, and am now living, as formerly, at Cheyenne. No charge has been made against me by the sheriff who arrested me.

There are so many false newspaper stories out here that no one believes any of them, especially about this Rustler war. But if you think that a wrong impression is being circulated about me and that it is worth while to correct it in the papers, do so from the above facts. Say, however,

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that you have heard them from a friend in Wyoming and not from me. You had better say nothing about my writing to you before about this matter, and had better keep no letters. Destroy them. I have written about this on account of accounts which I have seen this morning in the Philadelphia Ledger and New York World. They said that I had written to you that I was going on an expedition after cattle thieves. The sentiment of all the papers is wrong and they are showing a tendency to side with a settlement of outlaws who have been driven from Texas, Montana, Colorado and Idaho, and are making a last stand in Wyoming.

If you and the Doctor think my position is being misunderstood, or that it matters whether it is or not, I hope you will correct it.

Your affectionate brother,

(Signed)

C. B. P.