

February 11, 1914.

Mr. W. C. Irvine,
Ross, Wyoming.

Dear Irvine:-

There are a few minor questions that have occurred to me as I have read your letters and Barber's scrap-book.

1. I understand that for two or three years before the Invasion there were several cattle thieves killed in a desultory way, among them being Ella Watson and the man who was found with her on Sweetwater. I have often heard of this hanging, as it seemed to make a considerable stink, from the fact that a woman was one of the victims, and that the witness was also said to have been put out of the way.

Was Ella Watson the woman who was known as "Cattle Kate", and are there any details connected with this occurrence that you think would be of interest?

2. I find Champion's diary frequently reproduced in Barber's scrap-book. Did your people find this diary?

Who scratched out the name of the stockman that Champion thinks he recognized?

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3. Just before the Invasion left Cheyenne the Johnson County rustlers had arranged for a round-up of their own, disregarding the law on this subject. Was this illegal round-up ever held?

4. I would like very much to get a list of the condemned men that your people were after. Barber tells me that such a list is in existence. If you cannot get the list for me, could you send me the names of those that you remember? I understand that there were about seventeen or eighteen rustlers that the stockmen thought should be put out of the way.

5. Champion and Ray were the only ones killed by your party. What became of the other fifteen? I understand that a number were killed by Tom Horn at so much a head. Can you give me any information on this subject?

How many of the rustlers were killed after the failure of the Invasion, by contract?

How did your people get hold of Tom Horn, and how much a head was he paid?

Perhaps you do not feel inclined to open up on this subject, but if you do, I think that it would add to the value of the account of this Western episode, to tell something about how the matter was finally finished up; how the rustlers

were either killed, or obliged to leave the country, so that the country became quiet and law-abiding.

6. How soon after the Invasion was it safe for the stockmen who had ranches in Johnson County to return to their ranches?

7. I have asked Barber many times to send me an account of the dinner that the stockmen gave to the Texans before they separated. He has never done so. If you were at this dinner and remember anything about it, won't you send me an account?

Sincerely yours,