

(C O P Y)

July 23, 1914

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

My dear Irvine:-

It is Barber's fault that I have not written to you for so long a time. I wrote a preliminary draft of the Rustler business from your notes and other records that I got hold of. I had it typewritten, and sent a copy to Barber and asked him to write me what he thought of it before I put it in better shape. I sent it to Barber first, because I said a good deal about him in my account, and I thought that he should have an opportunity to criticise it and out out whatever was said about himself that he did not like. I sent this to Barber several months ago, and I have written to him several times since then asking him to let me have his opinion of it, but I have heard nothing from him. I am aware that he is a very poor correspondent, and I have often waited weeks for a letter from him, but never as long as I have waited this time.

I hope that he has not been offended by anything I said about him, because my object was to say only what was true, and we all know that everything^{true} about Barber is, and always has been, good and to his credit. I wrote to him that I had no intention of ever publishing this account, and only put it together that the facts, which would in time be of historical

interest, might not be lost, and that my intention was to give him a copy, send a copy to you, and to keep a copy myself.

If you see Barber, won't you please stir him up about this matter, so that I may know just what his wishes are? I expect to go abroad on the 30th of this month and shall not return until the middle of September, and after that, if Barber has no objection to what I have said, I will put the account in better shape and send a copy to you.

I hope that this letter will fully explain to you my delay in writing you before this. I appreciate very much your promptness in sending me your account, which, as I have said before, you put in a very admirable way.

Sincerely yours,