

Wagon Wheel

May 4, 1973

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My dear friend Floyd:

This will acknowledge your letter of recent date and your phone call last week, and the two clippings -- a small two-column one from an inside page of the Casper Star, and a single column, three inch item from the front page of the Rock Springs Rocket. Each one announcing that Wagon Wheel is dead.

You know that I was in Wyoming when ~~this~~ announcement was made by Dixy Lee Ray, otherwise, I would have followed up with something a little more certain and definite as to authority and future. As it is now, I think the best thing for all of us to do is stay alive and for you to keep your Committee very much alive. While I respect her as a remarkably honest and competent lady, and I believe her when she says Wagon Wheel is "dead as a doornail" I nevertheless know that in this town these days strange things are happening, including the fact that doornails can come alive again.

What I do wonder about ~~right~~ now, and this, again, is proof of the vanity of all men in public life and the ~~onsatiable~~ regard with publicity that seems to befuddle us all, is the fact that an announcement of these proportions could have commanded exactly three inches on the front of the Rock Springs paper, and exactly five inches on the inside of the Casper Star.

The head of the Atomic Energy Commission says that Wagon Wheel is dead! I would have imagined a story like this to be headlines, in big type, in virtually every paper in Wyoming, and I submit to you that if this had been announced at a press conference called by Governor Hathaway at which there was in attendance

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the leadership of the industries of Wyoming, the Republican leadership of this state, you can damn well bet your backside that this headline would have been in headlines!

That is my little complaint for today, old friend.

With warm personal regards,

Yours

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