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At Helena in the museum, they have a large mural showing the Custer Battlefield "after the battle". Many of the details recorded by the Indians are shown there.

Did you see the piece "Who Killed Custer" by Laubin in ADVENTURE recently. He wrote it some years ago while visiting me, but they lost it, though they paid him for it, and it must have surprised him to see it come out after all. At Helena they have a lot of Custer's things down to his toethbrush, maybe they came from your museum. I hope the next time I am in that country, I can see you, and if you will let me know when you are going to have another buffalo hunt, it would be fun to take pictures of it.

The book by Professor Foster Harris, THE LOOK OF THE OLD WEST, will soon be off the Viking Press. Can you give me the full name and address of Vaughn, who has been working on the Battle of the Rose Bud. He wrote me, but I have mislaid his letter and think I can give him a bit of information he might like.

If you can, you should try to get a Gatchell collection from Buffalo, Wyoming. Gatchell ran a drug store there and picked up all sorts of relics long ago on the Wagon Box battleground and on Massacre Hill where Fetterman's command was wiped out.

There is a man at Birney, Montana named Charles B. Earlanson, who has written a book on the Custer campaign which consists of statements from old Cheyennes. The University Press here is considering the book now. Charlie came over to see me while I was in Sheridan and we had a long talk, which I much enjoyed. Stewart, the author of CUSTER'S LUCK, called on me there too, and I found him very agreeable company.

They have invited me to the reunion in Wonder Coast, but I am afraid I can't get away for that.

I hope you will keep in touch and if there is any service I can perform, let me know. My best regards to you all.

Cordially yours,

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P.S. By the way, John C. Ewers, Assistant Curator of Anthropology, National Museum, Washington, D. C., showed me the gun which Sitting