

As he lay there he reminded me of my own father, who had died but three years before. The same shaped face, looked enough in death to be brothers, altho in life the resemblance was less noticable. "Face only, rather the head only, as my father was a medium size man--5-9-- and Cody was well over six feet--6-2- in his prime. I stand about 5-11 in my shoes now-- used to be 5-11½ barefooted in my youth--and I well remember that when Cody rose and shook hands the last time that he was slightly taller than I am, and he in his slippers.

From all that I can learn of Cody trying to get to Sitting Bull before S.B. was killed--a plotted murder in the minds of many, mine included-- the enclosed account is shaded and recolor~~ed~~ed to fit into the more or less official account of that whole affair, from the assassination of S.B. to the two mile line of dead Indian women and children at Wounded Knee. That Cody claimed transportation money is no doubt more or less correct, but it was his due, probably for the whole trip from the East to the scene of trouble, not for the S.B. trip alone. All this cannot now be ascertained definitely, of course. "Official records" were often "doctored" in many such frontier affairs, for political and other reasons. They are also occasionally self contradictory, as in the records of the Custer and the Sand Creek affairs. And the whole Wounded Knee affair was the same, apparantly. Certain things in all three had to be whitewashed the best they could. Also on the Wichita.

Lincoln did not fight the Civil War slinglehanded, nor "free the slaves"--see his own papers--yet History has selected Lincoln as the central figure of that war; and the same in many way^s with Cody on the last American frontier. It is a way all History has, apparantly, tends to focus certain periods on one man to a large extent, more as a symbol than any thing else, probably, such as Washington, Lincoln, Napoleon, Ceasar, Columbus, and a long list of like names, including Cody's with equal justification. Ney apparantly was the actual man who did the work of saving what was