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Dear Mr. Campbell,

Don't miss the April issue of "True West," the article in there by my Ute Pass friend, Shakta Bear Step (Dick Spencer), a Cherokee-Comanche, about the reminiscences of his grandfather and two cronies, professional horse thieves. Dick and his son, who is editor of "Western Horseman", have talked to dozens of Indians, many, many times, they say, about the death of Custer, and they swear that he committed suicide, according to the Indians who were there. They have a detailed account of his death which doesn't jibe with yours, and are most eager for a chance to talk to you about it. They say the reason he wasn't scapped was that no one would touch a man who killed himself. They've heard many versions, of course, but are surest of the one of suicide. Dick is a person you ought to meet, regardless; has published and illustrated 14 books, is a superior worker with silver, turquoise, leather, old guns; president of Ute Pass Chamber of Commerce; speaks Cherokee, Span-