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Dear Stanley,

Hope you get back on the Tribune payroll.

I have been happy to make it again, though at rare intervals and for small sums.

And thanks for your note on your article "The Duel with Yellow Hand." I have the "Son-of-a-Gun Stew" volume and suppose it is the same as in the Southwest Review, which I do not have. You based much of it on Chris Madsen and I had a long correspondence with him on the subject, including the mss. he did in criticism of Gen. Charles King's version. I went over all of this with a fine tooth comb a short time ago. Meanwhile I had found Gen. Merritt's telegraphic report of the fight in the National Archives. Merritt's report backed King at several points where Chris violently disagreed, which just goes to show that none of us remember the details quite as well as we think we do, for of course Chris was perfectly honest in his criticisms.

I am not quite so charitable about Luther North. I have just been reading "The Fighting Cheyennes" and note your several points of disagreement with Grinnell. His Summit Springs story was Luther North's, including Buffalo Bill going off with Royall, which he didn't. I was