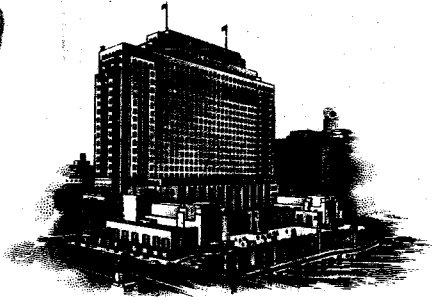


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Dear Professor Campbell,

In looking over an anthology, "Mid-Country: Writings from the Heart of America" edited by Lowry C. Wimberly, I was interested in seeing your article on "The Duel With Yellow Hand."

And particularly interested in seeing in it references to my good friends Gen. W. C. Brown, Chris Madsen, and Gen. Charles King. I did not know you had written this article, but I was working with them on the same subject at one time or another, and recall hearing Gen. Brown mention you frequently.

Of course I noticed indication that you had seen Chris Madsen's confidential document criticising Gen. King's story. I have never been quite sure that Chris is right about all the points he raises. Gen. King was equally positive on the other side, although of course I had not seen the Madsen material when I last talked to King.

For example, about that wagon train - King insisted there were troops concealed in the wagons. He said "infantry" and Chris asked "what outfit?" which was a puzzler. I suspect it was C troop. At all events King insisted the purpose of Cody's dash was to protect two couriers from C. troop. According to Sgt. Frederick Post their names were Keith and Anderson.

Another point I would raise with you concerns your statement that Col. Merritt left a record of the affair. King made quite a search for anything Merritt may have ever said on the subject, and came to the conclusion that Merritt had not even made a formal report of the fight, as he left somewhere in the Black Hills before the regiment returned to its station. There was some criticism, as you suggest, by Crook because