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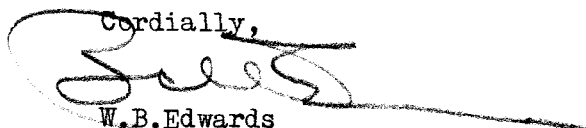
Dear "Stanley Vestal":

Thank you for your copy of note to Mr. Rosebush. I hope he troubles to look up your books which you mention.

I have received a new copy of the reprint of your book just put out by Oklahoma University press. You are in an interesting position, historically and profitwise speaking, and more fortunate than many writers on historical subjects. While the West and Indians have always been of popular interest, the scientific interest on a popular level is very brisk now. Thus your books, written long enough ago to now be out of print, have the merit of having been written more nearly in the life times of participants (now dead) and thus constitute as reliable data as we can have. You mention scepticism as a first requirement for an historian. I have myself always liked the description that an historian is a person who wasn't there writing about events which never happened. However, reissue of your earlier books is very timely now and I wish you much success with the "re-run." Will put in a good review shortly. Hope to see you again - if you don't get up here, than maybe I'll get to Oklahoma. However, I'm afraid I cannot get past your border guards...the Claremore gun story really kicked up a fuss.

Don't have our original copy handy but on the figures of 1000 and 1500 I do recall very carefully checking the copy here against the type set and am quite sure that the figures you sent in went into the book, in this instance, 100% correctly. I say this because the typesetters initially transposed some figures and we had to make certain the final proof was as written. But de nada, sufficient to say, as we old frontier scouts say, there was one hell of a mess off injuns. Would think that the difference between 1000 and 1500~~0~~ Indians was about as invidious a distinction, to the 30 or 40 members off the wagon train, as one could get. The ant does not argue with the steamroller.

Cordially,


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