

Yankton, S. Dak.

Mar. 8, 1912

My dear Captain Marsh:-

Your letter of Feb. 17th has remained unanswered much longer than it should because I have had to hunt several times in a number of places before I finally found the old Globe-Democrat article with the picture of the wounded being brought in from the field of the Little Bighorn, which you wanted to show to the man who is putting up a new theatre in Bismarck. I hope he can make use of the picture for his curtain and I should think it would be very appropriate. Please impress upon him to take good care of the old paper and return it to you, as it is valuable both to you and to me.

I am glad to know you have been getting along so comfortably this winter, for it must have been a very hard, trying winter in Bismarck; it certainly was here. We have had steady cold almost without interruption since Christmas week and it is still like January with much snow on the ground. We shall be very glad to see spring again, but still hope that the cold will continue until it is all through for the season and then quit for good, and not spoil the fruit by a late freeze this year as it has done for the past two years. We have thought and talked of you many times this winter and wished you could have been with us part of the time, anyway. But we have been without help in the house and it has been such a hard winter for Frances and my mother that we hardly felt we could ask you to be here as you might not have found it any too comfortable and for a good part of the winter it has even been a hard proposition to get to town. Frances has had a bad cold for over two months and went down to Holden a couple of weeks ago for a visit with her mother, hoping to find it warmer there but it does not seem to have been from what she writes and what the papers say.

Was much interested in the fine letter from Mr. Geo. (?). Merrick which you sent me the other day. I will write him but I have only the one photograph of you and don't want to send him that for the

Wisconsin Historical Society. Haven't you another photograph of yourself? He is right that I made a mistake in "The Conquest" by stating that the Fiftieth Wisconsin was up river with Sully in '64, when it should have been the Thirtieth Wisconsin. Don't see how I made the mistake, for I gave the right regiment in "With Sully into the Sioux Land." I had a letter sometime ago from Mr. Matt. W. Alderson of Marysville, Mont., about the book, which he had just read. Said he came up river on the Luella with you in 1866 and wanted to be remembered to you. A few days ago I had a letter from Capt. E. H. Allison, Pierre, S. Dak., asking me if I would write up his life for him. I told him I should like to but had too much work laid out ahead already.

I guess I wrote you that I finished my second Sioux story in January, "With Carrington on the Bozeman Road." It will not come out until next fall. The next one will be about the Custer Campaign but I shall not begin work on it for a while yet. I am having pretty good luck writing and selling short stories and articles just now. Have recently sold three short stories to the "Adventure" magazine; two of them being steamboat stories. I expect soon to try writing a series of half a dozen or so short steamboat stories, working the Civil War into some of them.

I enclose herewith a post office money order for \$12.50, which is one-half of the royalties on "Conquest of the Missouri" from May 1st to Dec. 31st, 1911, during which period 125 copies were sold. It seems to continue selling steadily though, as you can see, not very heavily.

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the home of his brother in Windom, Minn., but is getting along nicely now and we hope to see him home again before very long. The Boxes and your other friends here are well. With love from all the family, as always,

Affectionately, your friend,