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Mr. Billy Driscoll  
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My dear Mr. Driscoll:-

Your interesting letter received and was glad to hear that my "stuff" pleases you. However, it strikes me that if the editor of the HTT was to get a letter like that, saying how much my articles are appreciated, it would go a long ways with me in getting the HTT people to take on more of the material I can write for them. Suppose you sit down and write the editor a good letter expressing the pleasure you get out of my stories? Maybe that is asking too much? Of course don't mention that I suggested that, but all the same, the editors like to know what is liked by their readers.

Regarding going on the trip with your friend McWhorter--gosh! how I wish I lived somewhere near your place. You could not keep me home unless you jailed me. Go? I'd go in a minute and do my share of the cooking as well. I envy him such a chance to go with Indians who took part in those fights. I am not very well posted on the Nez Perce campaign, never having had a chance to interview anyone who was in it, but there must be several down here in the Soldiers Home who were there, as we have about 4500 men in the Home. Old Joseph was a chief I'll take off my hat to every time. I think he was one of the greatest men of any nation that ever lived. I have a wonderful photo of him, and he sure has the face of a great leader. How I would liked to have known him! He died in Sept. 1904 on the reservation, I believe.

Yes, sure I'll send you a couple of my photos --such as they are. Maybe they will do to stop up ratholes. I have nothing very recent, but will send you the best I have. Will have to have them printed first, which will take three or four days.

Just when is your friend going to make that trip? Let me know. It sure sounds good to me.

You ask about Sitting Bull. He was killed on the 15th of December, 1890, by the Indian Police while resisting arrest, in front of his log cabin on the Grand River, North Dakota. I met and talked with the Indian (Red Tomahawk) who killed him. Red Tomahawk was at the Custer celebration last June on the Custer battlefield. I took his photo, but it did not come out very good. I met about 20 of the old Sioux who were in the Custer fight, and took a photo of the whole bunch. Will try and dig up the film and send you a print. I have about 700 old Indian photos of various kinds, as well as of many tribes.

However, when you call me "the greatest authority on the Indian question," you are drawing a pretty long bow. There are plenty of men who are far better posted than I am on these things. Old Dr. McGillicuddy, for instance, was Agent at Red Cloud agency way back 50 years ago, and yet lives, and what he don't know about the Sioux, nobody knows. I was only a small boy in those days.

Sorry I can't tell you if there are any survivors of the Nez Perce campaigns, but there certainly must be.

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Come to think about it, I have an old friend who was a scout under Gen. Howard. His name is J.W. Redington, and he WAS at the Home here, but goes back and forth to see his daughter at Berkeley, Cal., and I think he is there now. Possibly a letter addressed to him at the Home here would get him by asking to have it forwarded if he is not there. Refer to me, and he will reply. He knows the whole history of that campaign. He writes me quite often.

Let me know when your friend is going and how long a trip he will make of it and how he is going--of course he will camp out on the way. I sure would like to go, but it's a darn long ways from Los Angeles up to your section to begin with.

Do you know where Joseph is buried and if there is a monument over his grave, and if anyone has a photo of it?

Will be pleased to hear from you and Mr. McWhorter any time.

Cordially yours,

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