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Mr. McClures'

New York.

Dear sir:-

Enclosed I submit a true story. I fear that the tale is full and the Standard Oil may be libelous. However, I feel it my duty to tell you that the story is true with the exception of the names of the lobbyists and their characterizations. The story alludes to the option secured upon the University of Nebraska by John D. Rockefeller. By reading the dispatches in the dailies you will see that the state university will probably lose the contribution because the additional amount exacted by the magnate cannot be raised.

In case it is inadvisable to use Standard Oil in the story I can change the name to Consolidated Gas. Perhaps, the story might be available for the newspaper syndicate. It was written very hastily and if the idea meets with your approval I can make several improvements.

I looked this matter up for a news story for my paper but it cannot be printed without sending a poor, broken down lobbyist to the ~~penitentiary~~ penitentiary while the corporation would escape.

Very truly yours
E. W. H. [Signature]
City Editor, Daily Star

No attached