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My dear Mr. Scheide:

Do forgive the delay in replying to your letter of December 15th. I have been out of town for some little time and all my correspondence badly neglected. Then, too, I have been hesitating about saying definitely what I dislike to say very much that I see no possibility of commanding the time for two years at least, that would be necessary, for the Romance of Oil Creek.

I think you know, dear Mr. Scheide, how much I should like to do the work, but I am far behind with my schedule - my schedule for books. I have constant interruptions for articles which I must do as long as I remain active in my profession. This is a buyer's market you know!

But it is with regret that I put aside the doing of the work myself. I do not see why however I should not keep my interest in this undertaking and prod Mr. Semple a bit. As a matter of fact if all the materials were assembled I might in a few months from now see my way to presenting them, but it would have to be a complete collection and what I have feared would be that I would find that I must undertake more research myself than I have time for.

Shall I write Mr. Semple not mentioning your name? I shall be glad to do so if you think it wise. I suppose I address him in Titusville.

I hope you are well, dear Mr. Scheide, and thank you for your good wishes. I am coming into the New Year with good spirits trying to keep a resolution not to use the word "depression" in 1933.

Cordially yours

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