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Mr. Wm. R. Mathews
The Arizona Daily Star
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Mathews:

I am afraid you must regard me as an ungrateful correspondent. Here is my tale which should have been told before this.

I was deeply interested by your excellent statement you made for me last July of Arizona's case in the matter of the Hoover Dam. It was altogether convincing to me and gave me the real bones of what I had devined to be a most unfair treatment of your State. I incorporated the greater part of the letter, giving you credit, into a slight little piece of Arizona impressions that Oscar Greeve, the editor of the Delineator, asked me to write after hearing me talk one evening about my visit.

But when Mr. Greeve was faced with the uproar among his subscribers in California that what I had written would sure to cause he concluded that his pages were not for controversy. As a former editor I know he was right but I did want to get a whack at the Hoover Dam and I hope to find a place yet where it can be done in the interests of Arizona for which I have come to have the warmest feeling.

I wanted you to know exactly why the article, of which I am sending you today an advanced copy, had none of the meat in it which you so freely gave me and also to know that if I ever get a chance I shall use your letter as a basis at least. The real animous in me I suppose is that I never did like California and I fell in love with Arizona last Spring but that is only between you and me, like Mr. Greeve I have a California constituency.

I hope you are all well at the Star and things going finely. If J. Talbot Smith is back on your legislature next session do let me know I want to subscribe for his reports.

With all good wishes

Faithfully yours

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