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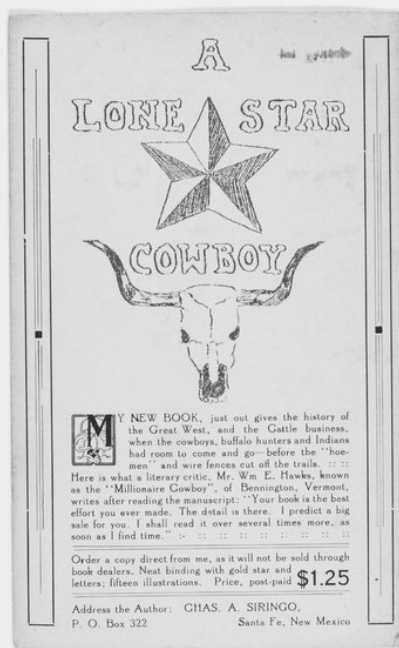
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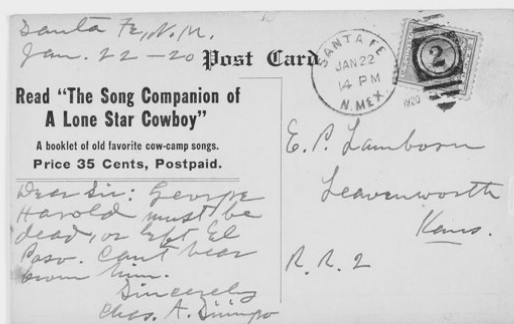
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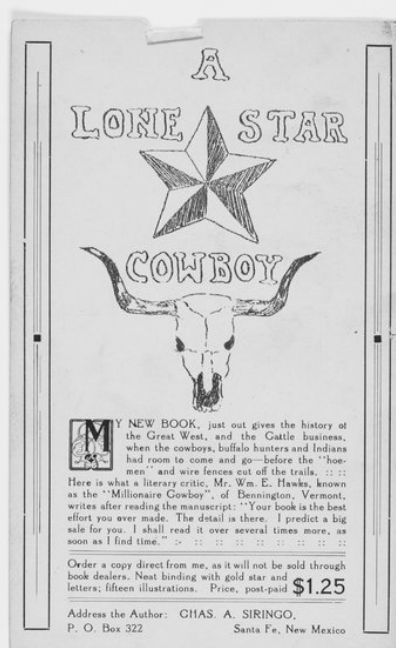
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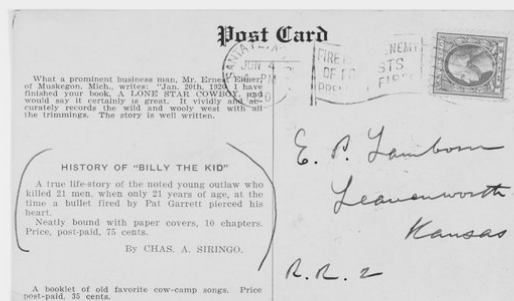
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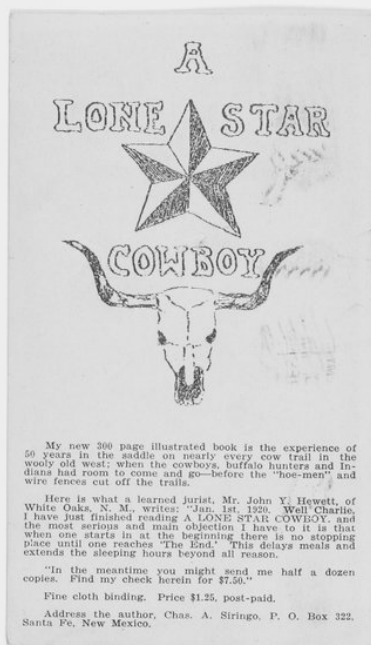
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Santa Fe, N.M. Sep. 9 - 21
Mr. E. P. Lamborn
Leavenworth, Kas.

Dear Mr. Lamborn:
Your letter of 5th inst.
to hand.

In regard to Black Jack
(Tom Kalchauer) will state
that I may be able
next month to dig up the
facts of his stint as
Capt. Fred Fornoff
under Sheriff of Atchison
where he worked
on the case as Capt.
of the N.M. Mounted
Police. I am to visit
him next month after
I finish prospecting
for gold in the
Genesee Mts. Will have
there the latter part of
Sep. for those Mts. to
find an old gold lead.
By the way, if you

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feel like gambling
 to the extent of
 few dollars subscribe
 for one, or more,
 shares in my prospect-
 ing company. Over
 half of the 100 shares
 have been subscribed
 and up to the present
 I have made no
 special effort to dis-
 pose of them. But
 will do so before
 I start on the trip.
 I enclose you printed
 matter which will
 explain matters.
 I spent the past winter
 in Russell, Idaho, and
 visited with Mrs. John
 Island - whose deceased
 husband was once
 City Marshal there.
 She is a first cousin
 of Sam Ketchum (Blade
 Jack) and they played
 together as children
 in Tex. She may
 have his picture. If
 I find where his photo-

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can be got will let
you know. I have
seen his picture after
he was hung—when
his head was pulled
off.

Washid Cunningham was
never connected with
Black Jacks gang—but
knew them when
he was a cowboy
for the Klamath
Co. in Southern K.M.,
and Arizona, under
the name of Sam
Gapeheart. I don't
know about Killpatrick.
He may have been
with them.

Say, you surely have
a fine collection
of Outlaw Books.

Have you got the
life of Wesley Hardin?
written by himself?
If so, I would like

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to know where I can
get a copy - or
get to read one. So
let me know about
it. A few weeks ago
a Banker in Attica,
Indiana, sent me a
small book that he
wrote on the man-
killer, Clay Allison.
He published them for
his relatives and
friends, but sent me
the last one he
had.

When I visit Alling-
ton, and see Capt.
Fred Fournier will
try to dig up that dope
for you. Or you
can write the Captain
yourself. He is under
Sheriff there.

With good wishes I
am
Sincerely
Chas. A. Svingo

Box 322
P.O. The Wide World Magazine
has no story of Kid Combs in Aug. issue

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Carizozo, New Mexico,
May 12, 1921.

Since getting out the Prospectus of Siringo's Gold Prospecting Association, I have discovered the whereabouts of what may turn out to be a rich gold diggings. The information was secured from my old time friend, Mr. George Spence, a prominent lawyer of Lincoln County, New Mexico, whose word can be relied on.

Several years ago, a half-breed Indian by the name of E. Hutto, from the Indian Territory, went on a prospecting trip to the Zuni Mountains in western New Mexico, with a companion. South of the Zuni Reservation, near the line of Arizona, they discovered a gulch from which they washed out over \$3000 worth of gold nuggets. The Indians ordered the prospectors away. In the fight which followed, Hutto shot and killed an Indian. To avoid arrest for murder, Hutto and his companion hurried out of the country. In the town of Tularosa, or Santa Rosa, Mr. Spence cannot recall which, the gold nuggets were sold.

A few years later, Hutto made a confidant of Mr. Spence's son, George Spence, Jr., about his rich gold find. He was afraid to return to the place for fear of arrest for killing the Indian. He soon after left for California, where he is supposed to be at the present writing.

George Spence, Jr., who now lives in Los Angeles, California, made a trip along with a half-breed Indian who lived in western New Mexico, to the Zuni Mountains. Young Spence wrote his father that he had found the place described by Hutto, and had washed gold out of three different gulches. He reported that it had the ear-marks of a rich gold district. His intention was to go back from California and give the district a thorough prospecting, but up to the present time has not done so. He sent his father a plat of the ground, showing the surveyed townships in Socorro County, New Mexico.

As this gold find lies on my proposed route from the Jemez Mountains to southern Arizona, I shall aim to give the district a thorough prospecting.

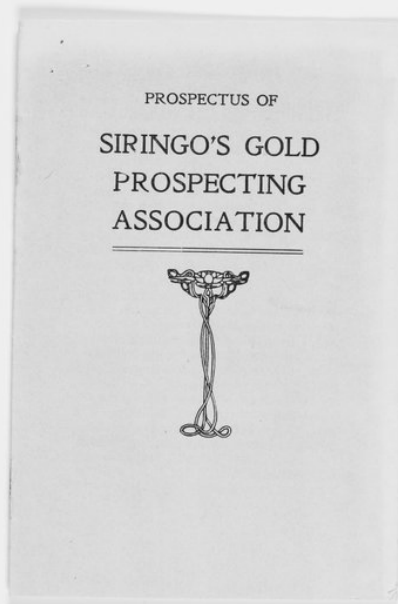
Over twenty years ago I trailed train robbers through the Zuni and Datil Mountains of western New Mexico. Therefore I am familiar with the ground. The renowned "Adams Gold Diggings" are supposed to be in or near the Zuni Mountains. It was discovered in 1864. Adams and his twenty-two associates were digging gold from what Adams claimed was the richest diggings in the known world, when the Indians made a raid on them, killing all but Adams and one or two of his followers.

Before leaving the district to return to civilization, at Piama, Arizona, Adams and a German who had escaped assassination returned to the camp and secured some of the gold, which they had washed out. As the story goes, Adams up to the time of his death tried to find the rich diggings, but failed. Judging from the many stories I have heard about the lost Adams diggings, I am confident there is some truth in it.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES A. SIRINGO.

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PROSPECTUS OF
**SIRINGO'S GOLD PROSPECTING
ASSOCIATION**

The writer of this prospectus has a bad case of gold fever, and will never be satisfied until he spends a year, or more, prospecting a few wild mountain ranges in New Mexico and Arizona for gold and other precious metals.

During his twenty-two years' connection with Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, with headquarters in Denver, Colorado, he became an expert on mines and minerals.

While running down outlaws in wild, out-of-the-way places, he has run onto veins of ore which looked good. In other cases, good-looking "float" rock was picked up. Some of these samples were taken to Denver, Colorado, and assayed by Burlingame, the world-renowned assayer, with flattering results. One assay from "float" found in the Superstition Mountains, of Southern Arizona, gave a result of 23 ounces of

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gold and 516 ounces of silver to the ton of rock. This would be a rich mine, providing the vein from which the "float" was broken could be found. I have always had a burning desire to spend a few months in these mountains searching for the vein.

At the time this "float" was picked up and put into my saddle pocket, I was running down two "bad" men for the New York Life Insurance Company, and was in too much of a hurry to prospect the ground.

I am not able financially to spend a year or more prospecting for gold, as, by rights, my mind should be freed from all worry as to where the next money is coming from to pay for grub, horse feed and assaying. So, for that reason, I have concluded to organize a small prospecting association among friends who may have confidence in me being "on the square".

This would virtually be a "grub-stake", which, in the United States Mining Laws, secures the parties who put up a "grub-stake" for their rightful interest in all mines located by the prospector "grub-staked". Many cases

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have been decided in the higher courts in favor of men who advance "grub-stakes".

The Siringo's Gold Prospecting Association is to be a co-operative society, with a capitalization of 200 shares at a par value of \$10.00 each.

The organizer and prospector, Chas. A. Siringo, is to receive 100 shares of the stock as his part, for work and loss of time. The balance of 100 shares is to be sold to raise the grub-stake. Only \$5.00 a share must be paid down to insure the first grub-stake of \$500. When that is exhausted, possibly in six months after starting out on the prospecting trip, the balance would be called for.

Should a pay-mine be found, there would be no need to organize and incorporate a regular mining company. Otherwise it might become necessary, in order to put one, or more, favorable prospects on a paying basis. But that can be decided by a vote of the shareholders later.

Each mining claim, the size of which is 1500 feet in length and 600 feet wide, located, would be in the name of Siringo's Gold Prospecting Association, and so recorded in the county records.

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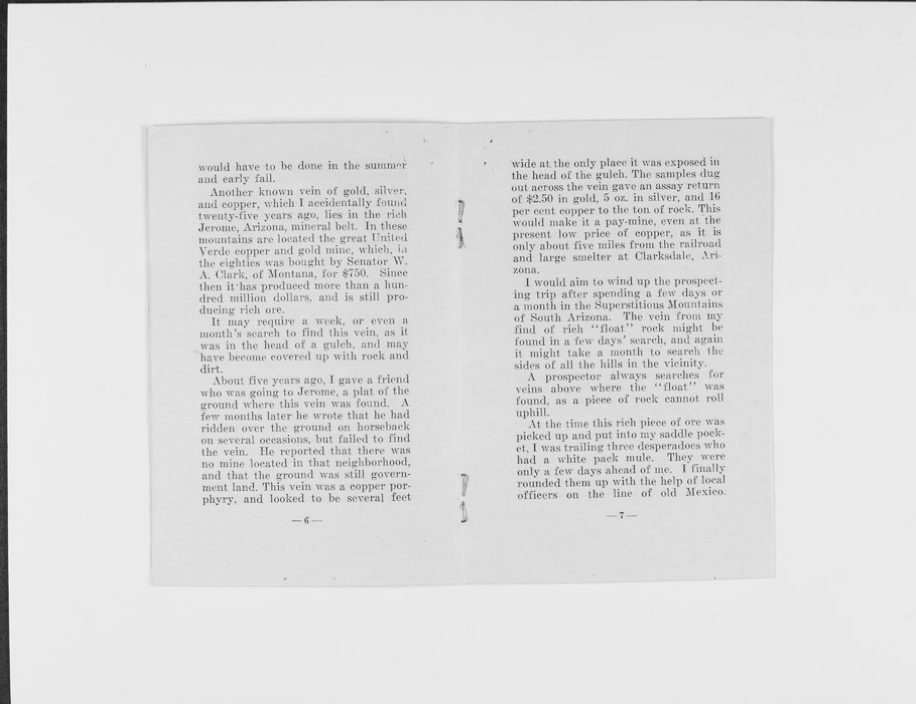
The proposed mountain ranges to be prospected are in the United States Forest Reserves, and subject to mineral locations and the use of free timber for mining purposes.

The first known gold vein that I would examine is in the Jemez Forest Reserve, about seventy-five miles northwest of Albuquerque, New Mexico. From this large vein of quartz, I got an assay of \$22 in gold to the ton of rock. This would make a pay-mine from the jump, providing the values are uniform throughout the vein. The sample from which my assay was taken over twenty years ago, came from a space six feet square.

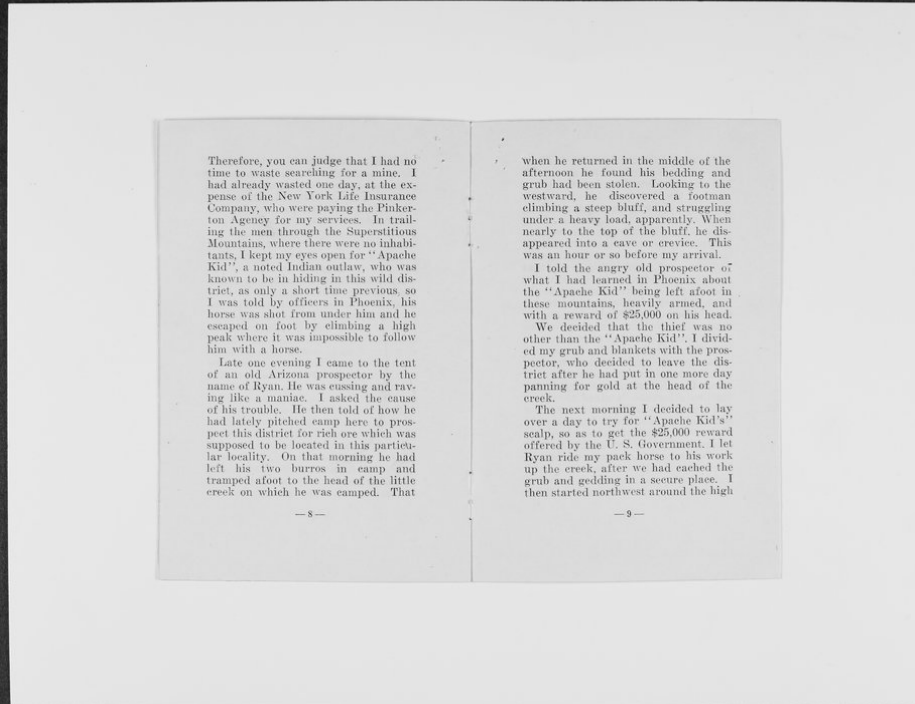
This vein was hidden in a heavy growth of underbrush, but I would have no trouble finding it. Of course, there is a chance that someone else has located the ground, as many things can happen in twenty years. The only way to find out for sure is to visit the place. These mountains are covered with deep snow in winter, so that the prospecting

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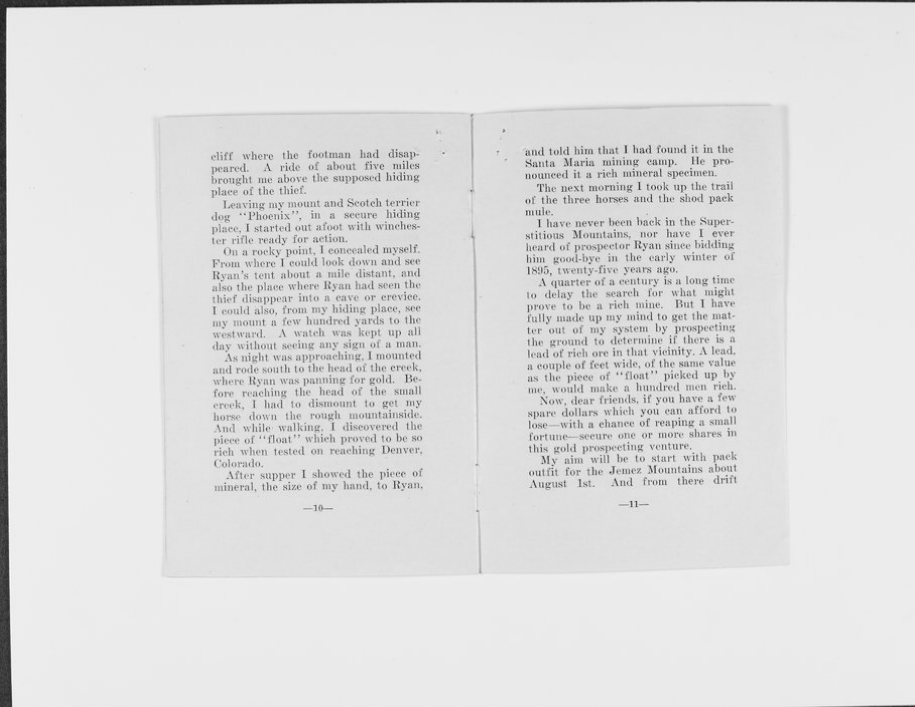
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southwest through the Black Range, a mineral bearing country, and on to the Prescott Forest Reserve, in middle Arizona, where the Jerome Mining Camp is situated. As it lies on my route to Jerome, I will prospect the mountain range around Kingman and Oatman, Arizona, where recent rich strikes of gold have been made.

Very respectfully yours,
CHAS. A. SIRINGO.

Author of:

"Fifteen Years on the Hurricane
Deck of a Spanish Pony,"
"A Cowboy Detective",
"A Lone Star Cowboy", and
"History of Billy, The Kid".

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Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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Santa Fe, N.M., Oct. 8-21
Mr. E. P. Lamborn
Leawardsworth, Kas.
Dear friend:
Yours of Sep.
26th to hand.
Alright, you can
send me the life
of Wesley Harder
and Ben Thompson
to be returned. And
I will mail you
the book on Clay
Allison and also
the life of Stock W.
Gettine, Sam Horn,
written in jail by
himself, at Cheyenne
Wyo. before his
execution for the
killing of Willie
Nichols. This book

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is in one of my
trunks stored in Santa
Fe and will dig it
out as soon as I
find time which
will be soon.

I only know of
one Pat Garrett Billy
the Kid book. A
friend of mine
has it in Santa Fe
and I will see
if he wants to sell
it. His name is
Hopkins and he works
in the Federal bldg.
I think I have
that Wild Bunch
story written by
W. A. Pinkerton
stored with my
other junk. If
I run across it
will mail it to
you.

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Don't believe there
was ever a book
written of Sam
Bigs.

Very sorry to hear
of my friend Capt.
Killistno being so
sick. Hope he
will pull through.
I'm in great haste.
With good wishes
I am

Sincerely yours
Chas. A. Siringo

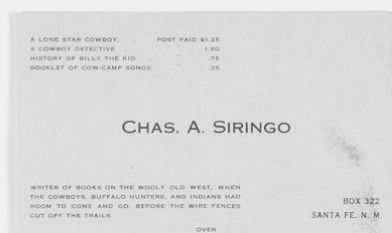
P.O. Box 322
Santa Fe
New Mex.

P.S. Yes, the J. S. Ogilvie Co.
of 312 Rose St. N.Y. still
publishes my Texas Cowboy
in paper covers, 50 cents. (Over)

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They are now getting
out my cowboy
detective in two
volumes to be sold
on trains. The first
volume will be called
A cowboy detective
and the second:
Further adventures of
A cowboy detective.

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Here is what two men of National prominence think of my books:
"The William S. Hart Company, Los Angeles, California. Sept. 21st, 1920.
Dear Mr. Siringo:

I do not get much opportunity to read, in fact, I have not read five books in two years that I can remember of. But in examining your books, A Lone Star Cowboy and A Cowboy Detective, I got interested and I read them both thoroly from cover to cover. They are highly interesting and very dramatic, and rendered all the more so because they are facts. You surely have had a mighty eventful and interesting career. I wish to thank you for giving me the opportunity of going over the many trails you have traveled.

With best wishes, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,
William S. Hart.

Milford, Pike Co., Pa., Aug. 25th, 1920.
My dear Mr. Siringo:

My brother, Gifford Pinchot, loaned me your three books, A Lone Star Cowboy, A Cowboy Detective, and History of Billy the Kid, to read. I have read them with the greatest of pleasure. They vividly portray the Old West which is fast passing away, and I want them for my private library. I enclose my check for \$1.00 to pay for them.

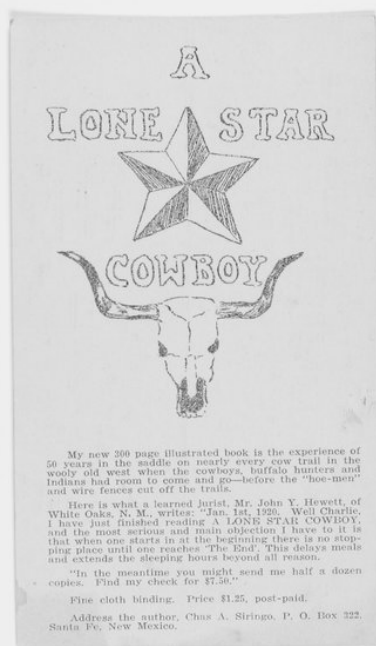
Thanking you for the pleasure your books have already given me, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Amos Pinchot.

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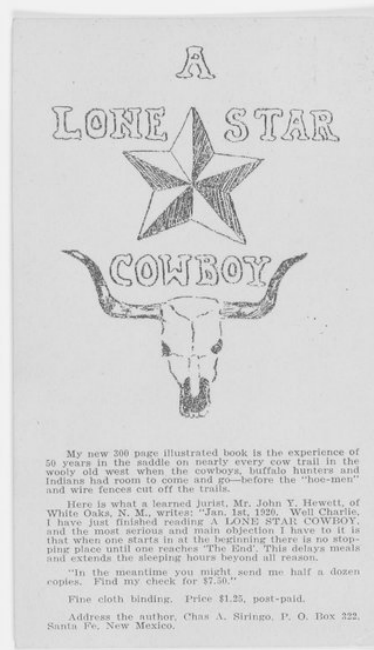
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Santa Fe, N. M.
 June 28-29
 Mr. E. P. Lamborn
 Leavenworth, Kans.
 Dear friend:
 I got an order
 from the University
 of Illinois Library
 for A Lane Star
 Cowboy and History
 of Bill the Kid. I
 suppose this is the
 result of your good
 word spoken to Mr.
 E. S. Watson of
 Urbana, Mo.
 Glad to hear Mr.
 Tillotson is on his feet
 again. I will drop
 him a line.
 Capt. Fred Formoff
 says there is no
 History of Black
 Jack in print.
 Geo. Brown was in
 the Wheat robbery. And

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I think the "Jundance
Kid", Harry Lamborn
was in it.

I suppose you have
been reading of the
"Omaha bad man"
shot in Medicine Bow
by a late of an
Okin back to Lincoln
Pen. for safe keeping.
He committed many
crimes under the
names of Fred Brown
and Gus Grimes since
being pardoned by the
the Lincoln Vet. Pen.
a few years ago.
This desperado is Ernest
Bush, mentioned in
my Cowboy Detective
book. I sent him
up for life in Benkel
man Vet. about 15-
years ago.

In haste
Your friend
Chas. A. Simpson

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4809 - 40th St.
San Diego, Calif.
Call.
156.03.12

Apr. 4th 1923

Dear Mr. Lamborn,

Your kind letter of Feb. 26th came to hand while I was very sick. Am getting better now - able to get around. I came here to die with my daughter, and Grand daughter, over three months ago.

Am figuring on leaving Apr. 12th for Phoenix, Arizona. There I may feel able to go through my junk to search for Sam O'Ways and Lanie Lungs photos. If I find them will bring to you.

If I get settled in Phoenix, and have time to read books, will have you send me