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Dear Penn:

The enclosed mailing wrapper, which should have brought the December 5th issue of the Midlothian Mirror, contained instead the Dec. 5 issue of the La Plata Times-Crescent of Charles County, Md.

Since this class of mail bears no postmark, it is impossible to tell whether this was mailed from La Plata or from Midlothian. However the wrapper, including the type face, appears identical with those that usually bring the Mirror.

Two possibilities occur to me. First, in your understandable haste to speed the Dec. 5th issue of the Mirror on its way you may have wrapped up the Times-Crescent by mistake. If that is the case, do you want it back? It has an interesting article on a beef a descendant of Dr. Samuel Mudd has going with the Washington Post over an article the Post recently carried on the aftermath of the Lincoln assassination. I shall be glad to return this if you want it. I'll copy it first, of course, but I'll be glad to return it.

The other possibility would appear to be that you sent the Times-Crescent out of the goodness of your heart, and if this is the case I want to thank you properly. However I wish it clearly understood that the Times-Crescent does NOT take the place of the Midlothian Mirror. If there was an issue on Dec. 5, could we please have one?

While I'm bothering you, let me bring up one other thing I've been waiting for an opportunity to inquire about. On Oct. 15 I saw a report from Dallas, datelined Midlothian, to the effect that Roger Craig was saying his 14-year-old son had been missing 24 hours and that he feared he had been kidnaped. As far as I know this never got into print in this part of the country, anyway, and I've told only Bill Turner and Hal Verb about it. In any case, I've never seen anything else about it, not even in the Mirror. The only thing I've seen about Roger since then was his election as judge. Did the matter of the boy clear itself up okay? If you can, please let us know.

We continue to pile up material, and have the most important parts pretty well indexed. We even survived the election. There are a million things we would like to talk with you about, so if you come this way again please let us know when it's going to be.

With the usual good wishes, and some special ones for the season,



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