

not a battle but just a masacree of women and children, old men and unarmed surrendered men, like Sand Creek--these in the West--and other cases in the South, and New England--or Black Hawk in Iowa. Real estate again--"Kill them for their land". And "Nits make lice".

Sitting Bull did attend the University of Missouri, but for how long I do not know. I learned of it in Missouri several years ago from white sources, and also ^{here} from Indian sources. I once asked "White Feather" face to face about it--he is a half-breed, seemingly fairly well educated himself--and he told me it was true. That his mother knew Sitting Bull's mother, and learned of it from her. Said that as a boy Sitting Bull saw that "The white road" was the only road", and that "he must know the talking leaves"--that is, to read. So he trapped and saved his skins, did not buy Indian finery like the other young men, sold them, and with the money went to the University of Missouri. That he could read and write is of course beyond question. I was looking at his signature the other day. Incidentally, he was a silent, stern man after the Big Horn, and when with Cody in Europe refused to talk or sit for pictures, and sold his signature for \$1 everytime he signed it. Fair enough, especially among his racial enemies, for he was never a "Good Injun" in the sense of going over to the whites, but always a man striving to save what he could of his own race and religion from distnction. That, I believe, constitutes a patriot in all races.

He has been unjustly accused of cowardice because he left the field at the Bighorn. But it was his place to do so, the other Indians wanted him to, just as Lincoln did not appear in the firing lines, ~~nor~~ nor did Wilson, or any other statesman. His own personal deeds before he rose to fame in his people show beyond question that he was a man of great personal bravery, and his actions after the Bighorn in risking death, which he finally found, even murder, by his return from a safe refuge in Canada, to white treachery in America that cost him his life, amply shows his courage.