

SB once asked McL how many kinds of Churches there were among white people. McL replied that there were about 400 various kinds, and asked why SB wanted to know.

SB replied "You better have a minister of each kind come out here among us". McL. Why? SB "So that when we are starving because the rations are so small we will have more places to go and get something to eat."

McL never wearied of telling this on SB, as if it meant that all SB was thinking of, even in religion, was "sordid things."

It really meant that Indians had no actual faith in the white man's religion, but because of necessity became what are called in China "Rice Christians." McL knew well SB's meaning, and all he could say did not prevent white persons around the reservation from seeing S.B.'s meaning. Many such trenchant hits as this increased the friction between McL & S.B.

When SB made that trip to Washington---to show him the greatness of the white men's civilization, as McL put it---SB came back with much trenchant humor regarding the white people:

He said that whitemen loved their whores more than their wives; dressed them better and were more tenderly affectionate to them.

And he would act this out in many sort of tableau ways, in his typical quiet, yet explosive, manner.

He told Indians that a white whore was not the same as an Indian whore (witko) who lived with one man a short time, then with another a short time & so on; always true to a man while she was actually living with him; but that a white whorw had many men cohabiting with her at the same time, and keeping her for that purpose, while all her lovers heaped upon her all the best dresses in all the stores and all the best food in all the village, and all the best paint there was among white men; so that she was a sort of big prairie rose, except that the perfumes of the rose were not about her but ill-smelling odors instead; that she was fat, and so impudent that she would slap any one of her lovers in the face, even if they were Congressmen. He made much, semi-humorously, of this.

He also enlarged upon the fact that the President was not considered sacred by white people, as Agents taught Indians that he was considered, but that half the people in the hotels were always making fun of him, and trying to get him out of his place, and some other man into his place.

SB came back brin/ full of trenchant witticisms, cynical comments and humorous observations regarding white people. It made Indians loathe, and somewhat fear, becoming whiteman-ized. He did not all go up-and-down proclaiming these things, but would quietly tell, and display them to a few of his intimates---then it went broadcast. Of course this angered McL who was holding-up the white people as sort of semi-angels.