

Just then I noticed Major Reno and Lieut. Hodgson on the other side of a ravine, about to sit down to breakfast; so, not knowing where I would get a breakfast, I went over and assisted them in disposing of what they had.

In course of half an hour or so, without orders or bugle sound, the column in advance commenced moving forward, which movement was, of course, followed by the troops, and pack-train in the rear. I should think we went about a mile and a half, when the column again halted. I am of the belief that an orderly was sent to notify the officers
p. 13 that General Custer wished to see us; at all events the officers gathered where he was.

General Custer then told us that he had just come down from the mountains where our Crow Indian scouts had been during the night, and that they had told/^{him}they could see tepee tops, lots of Indian ponies, dust, etc., but that he had looked through their telescopic glasses and that he could not see a thing, and did not believe that they could, either, see anything of the kind.

Now, in 1875, I had a very similar experience with Indians in Dakota, and as the statements of the Indians then were absolutely confirmed by what was afterward proved, I was strong in the belief that the Crow Indians only reported what was shown them by their superior keenness of vision, and that the hostile village was where they located it; but as no opinions were asked for, none were given.

The column then advanced, I should think, a mile or so, and the officers were summoned to General Custer. On arrival of all, General Custer desired to know whether the requirements of a regimental order which were issued on the Yellowstone River, were being carried out, which order was to the effect that every troop of the regiment should have a non-commissioned officer and six men on duty with the pack-train, in immediate charge of the mules of each troop, and that one hundred rounds of carbine ammunition and twenty-four rounds of pistol ammunition should be issued to each trooper; that the officer who first notified him that these requirements were being observed, should have the advance of the regiment for his troop.

I am really of the opinion that General Custer neither expected or desired that I should have the advance of the regiment; nor do I think he was of the opinion that I