

face. The man did not look efficient.

At first he was not, and many of the agents complained of the uselessness of their policemen who were in awe of the chiefs, in awe of the warrior societies, and generally not in awe of the agent. They had difficult problems to deal with. In the first place, there were always white hoodlums on the reservation whose presence was a constant menace to the morals and manners of the Indians. Some of these were squaw men who had married Indian women in order to run their cattle on vacant Indian land. But the most undesirable were not married into the tribe, but hung about stealing horses, making liquor and making trouble generally. The Indian Police had to suppress the trade in liquor, expell unauthorized whites, keep the squaw men in line, recover stolen horses, arrest murderers, and undermine the chiefs. At the process of undermining the chiefs, it appeared to be necessary to break up the tribal relations and suppress the Sun Dance, to break up the tribal government and disqualify the chiefs, to break up social customs and substitute those of the conqueror, and take control of the rations of the Indians. All these undertakings were difficult and dangerous and most of them opposed to Indian ideas of rights and propriety. The suppression of liquor and the expulsion of undesirable whites was completed. The squaw men presented more of a problem, but which was solved in time. The recovery of stolen horses was more difficult. For generations the Indians had believed the stealing of a horse a most creditable exploit, and though willing to return horses taken from white men, were very unwilling to return those taken from other tribes who had previously robbed them. The arrest of murderers was also a novelty to the Indian, who could see no reason why the Government should take an interest in such private matters. The same feeling existed about theft, which was considered a matter of private and not public concern. The punishments inflicted for infringements of the agent's laws were also