

Santees, along with Five others. It may be noted that the names of Rev. Samuel D. Hinman, the Episcopal missionary, and Father DeSmet appear as the witnesses to all of these Indians. The treaty was duly ratified by the Senate on February 16, 1869, and was proclaimed by President Andrew Johnson on February 24th. And with it the great Red Cloud war came to an end.

It will be observed that everything Red Cloud was fighting for was conceded in this treaty. It was a complete victory for the Dakotas and a square backdown for the government. It is the only instance in the history of the United States where the government has gone to war and afterwards negotiated a peace conceding everything demanded by the enemy and exacting nothing in return.

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#### CHAPTER XXXVI

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Before proceeding with the main thread of this discourse it will be necessary to go back and pick up a few loose ends which have been left while keeping the story of the Red Cloud war coherent. It will be remembered that in 1863 1863 Fort Thompson was established at the mouth of Crow Creek on the Missouri River in Dakota, and to it were brought the captured remnant of the hostile bands from Minnesota and the Winnebagoes, and established there in an independent agency. For several reasons the location was found to be impracticable. Several successive years of intense drouth rendered farming profitless, and the vast hordes of Teton from the adjacent prairies found it convenient to come in each winter and hang about the agency and eat the resident Indians out of house and home. The Winnebagoes were especially dissatisfied with the new location, and for them the government purchased a small reservation of the Omahas, nearly opposite Sioux City, on the Nebraska side of the Missouri. Of the Santees at