

further South along the base of the Big Horn.

What brought on those attacks, it was a violation of the treaty on the part of the government, in attempting to open up a government road, through the Indian country, North along the base of the Big Horn, from Fort Laramie on the Platte River to Fort Buford, and split open the Indian Country.

The Sioux leaders, Red Cloud at Ft. Laramie in the South, and Sitting Bull in the North saw the game, and operating in unison, opened up a fight, and were successful.

Late in the Summer of 1866 Col. Carrington arrived with a large force of troops at Ft. Laramie, on his march North to open up the road and build Phil Kearney.

Red Cloud was at Ft. Laramie at the time and warned Carrington to keep out of his country but Carrington paid no attention to him, he had his orders, and marched North.

Red Cloud and the hereditary chief, Man - Afraid, of his Horses, (more correctly interpret Man of whose horses they are afraid) gathered two thousand warriors, followed them up, beleaguered the new post in a most thorough manner, and in the Wagen Box fight on Dec. 21st. 1866 killed Capt Brown, Lieut Fetterman, and eighty three men, and forced the abandonment of the Post.

Red Cloud and Man Afraid were without question the leaders,

I camped at the old abandoned post in the Spring of 1876 on our march to engage Sitting Bull and it was a lonesome sight.

Mrs. Carrington who accompanied the Colonel published in after years, a most interesting historical novel, describing the whole affair, "ABSARAKA The LAND OF MASSACRE."

Absaraka, is the Sioux name for that region and means the "home of the Crows.

You should try and read that book, it is in some of the Libraries.

The Indians as a rule were loath to talk of these old wars, their reply to me would be; "Father we were at war then, we are at peace now, let us forget"