

McGillycuddy

Many thanks for leaflets on the "Ghost Dance" and I would appreciate the closing pages next month.

It was a pitiable, disgraceful affair forced on Indians and whites alike by politics, graft and bad management.

I was in the field all that winter from November until February, as Asst Adj. Gen. representing Gov. Mellette of Dakota with Indians, Troops, and settlers.

That fellow Dr. Royer was a specimen, he is a resident of Orange, Orange Co., Cal., now practicing medicine, he was suspended about a year ago by the State Medical Board, for indulging in drugs, but begged off on his trial, stating that the habit was acquired by reason of the "Terrible exposure and hardships he went through with in trying to civilize and save the poor Indians.

Well I had a devil of a time myself that winter, I was a "free lance" going and coming among Indians, Troops, and Settlers, the Indians friendly and hostile were all my friends, as were the troops, but necessarily I felt it in the air so to speak that I was more or less a "Persona non grata" I knew the past too well, and sized up existing conditions too well, and Washington and the Harrison administration knew it.

First thing, as a matter of form, I presented my credentials, as Asst. Adj. Gen., and Colonel on the Governors Staff of the Sovereign State of Dakota, to Gen. Brooks, U. S. A., who as Commanding officer of the Department of the Platte was sent in there with a thousand men, to protect Agent Royer at Pine Ridge, but I was all alone and