

to the Texas Beef matter, and that did get me into trouble.

Late in January the "War" being over, I return to my home in the Black Hills.

Along came an official letter, from Pres. Harrison's Indian Commissioner Morgan, an ex-Baptist preacher.

Calling my attention to the interview in the Washington Star, and remarking "Your attention is called to the fact that during your incumbency as Indian Agent at Pine Ridge, many grave charges were made against you, and it is not to be presumed that with your memory of those charges, you will now make statements that you can not substantiate; hence you are called upon for an explanation."

I replied that I had a very vivid recollection of those old charges, as I had been tried before Cleveland's Secretary of the Interior Lamar on the same, but not convicted; but in that connection I failed to see how those old charges had anything to do with his feeding the Indians "through Texas beef," in violation of the contract, and I would look further into the matter and advise him."

I was at that time consulting surgeon for the Union Pacific Railroad, so I got access to their books, and traced that 5,000 head of beef from the time the same was loaded onto the cars at Clayton and Amarillo Stations Texas, the prior August; until received at Pine Ridge, and so informed the Commissioner.

Naturally I became a "persona non grata," to politicians, contractors, and others, both Republican and Democratic.

Late in November, when the storm was brewing, I induced my old friend Little Wound, a leading War Chief, to call on Gen. Brooks and Agent Royer, at the Agency Office, to talk over matters.