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"We may safely dismiss the charges of cowardice in the Custer campaign of 14 yrs ago which have been brought against him - The rank which he attained in his tribe, & the authority which he wielded at that time & subsequently over a tribe in which bravery is one of the cardinal as well as the common virtues, prove the falsity of any such stories as this. He evinced a fair order of ability as a leader & organizer - Few of the warriors of his tribe surpassed him in the fealty which he was able to command from his followers or the fear which he could inspire among his foes -

to the end too he remained faithful to the traditions of hostility to the whites which he inherited of his fathers -

It would have been better for S.B. & the country if he had been more reasonable & tractable, but society was not under any obligations to turn aside the wave of civilization for his benefit

of world -

He was a most able & cunning politician - not overscrupulous - edroit

"He & his people were the victims of

the trickiest & most dishonest of the whites, & S.B. met them with their own craft, often over-coming them & no one could look upon his strong calm face & not recognize a very able man - a man very much more than a match for the average white politician of the U.S.

"Now that he is dead, detractors rise up who denounce him as a coward & if he was he certainly concealed his weakness from his people with marked success &

While S.B. was in Canada, whither he had fled after the Custer massacre, his mere existence beyond the line terrorized the whole Northwest, & every one breathed more freely when he came in, even tho' the Govt was obliged to pardon him for his part in the slaughter

Dec 18 Min Min (Fr Fr Pierre S.D.)
"Under the bed in the room where were the Mesdames S.B., were found 2 yantras, one a nephew of S.B., the other a son of little Assiniboine (after the S.B. fight)

Dickinson S.D. Dec 15 - McLaughlin tells of interview with S.B. & how S.B. says to him "I did not like him" (S.B.) "personally"