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THE W. M. CAMP RECORDS OF INDIAN WAR HISTORY

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The avocation of W. M. Camp, Editor of the Railroad Review, Chicago, who died in August, 1925, was the study of Indian War History of the Great Western Plains.

As a result of his firsthand investigations for more than twenty summers, he was preparing at the time of his death to write and publish a book on our conflicts with the Red Man. While originally Mr. Camp intended writing, "A History of the Seventh U. S. Cavalry," this plan seems to have been dropped as his inquiries and notes cover a far wider scope.

His address at the Annual Meeting of the Order of Indian Wars, (Washington,) in 1920 affords a fair index of his labors, as well as the wide geographical range of his investigations. These extended from the White Bird affair of Northern Idaho to Miles' Expedition of 1874 on the Red River, Texas. Chronologically his researches covered such operations and engagements as the Grattan Massacre of 1854, the Connor-Cole Powder River Expedition, The Red Buttes Indian fight in which Sergeant Custard and some twenty soldiers were killed near the present site of Casper, Wyoming in 1865, the Fetterman Massacre of 1866, the Hayfield and Wagon Box fights of 1867, the Beecher Island fight and Battle of Washita in 1868. Likewise the battles of Adobe Walls and Lyman's fight of 1874 come in for a share of attention. There is a detailed map of line of march of troops in the Dept of Dakota in the Sioux Campaign of 1876.

The Reynolds court martial of January, 1877, gets attention to the extent of over one hundred pages.

He devotes especial attention to the Custer fight, going into the matter in great detail, and securing rosters of the various troops of 7th Cavalry.