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last two--especially owing to hunger. Alarm among settlers and furore in newspapers over Ghost Dance aggravated situation seriously, but precipitated action by the Government; thus, fortunately, bubble was pricked before it burst.

What occurred at Standing Rock.

What occurred at Cheyenne River Agency.

What occurred at Rosebud.

What occurred at Lower Brule.

What occurred at Pine Ridge.

Whole campaign indecisive, ending in farce and reward instead of punishment of "prisoners." Those taken out of the trouble, except Kicking Bear and Short Bull, who were simply "prophets" of the Ghost Dance. The rest are mostly women and mere boys who ought to be at school. The comical side of the campaign is, it begins and ends with a successful Wild West show, as (apparently) the thing aimed at. /page 29.

PRESENT CONDITION OF THINGS

- (a) Bad talk on part of some Indians, kept up by white alarmists.
- (b) Mischievous impressions left again, that the Indians were victorious and troops were afraid to fight them; believed also by some whites.
- (c) Tardy relief by Congress--promised after July 1st.
- (d) Friction between War and Interior Departments--plainly shown to the Indians both at Pine Ridge and at Washington.
- (e) The seventeen "prisoners" taken from Lower Brule to Fort Snelling were returned in new soldier clothes, including overcoats, fur caps, gloves, etc., quite the envy of those who stayed at home and behaved themselves. They told me they had been as handsomely treated as if they had been to visit the Great Father.
- (f) Double-headed management at Agencies. Both an army officer and the