

Gatchell says that only twice did the soldiers show the white feather in those campaigns: once was Reynolds losing heart, the other was the fellow at the Hayfield Fight.

Crazy Horse, as my book shows, had quite enough honor in the Wagon Box and Fetterman Fight (falsely awarded to Red Cloud) and need not fear any loss of fame from the publication of his absence. Also Reynolds' men need not feel that they were any less brave for attacking Two Moon. The Two Moon Cheyennes were as tough a lot of hombres as ever slept in tipis. The fact is that nearly every battle has been connected by the early historians with the wrong chief: Gall with Custer's defeat; Red Cloud with the Fetterman and Wagon Box affairs; Crazy Horse with the Reynolds battle. This was natural, even unavoidable in those days. But we should now try to get it straight. Also Crazy Horse was given credit for the Slim Buttes and the Rosebud battles. But the Indians all tell a different story.

My work is, of course, an attempt to describe these affairs as the Indians knew them. I am very much pleased with your interest, believe me.

I am now reading final proofs on my NEW SOURCES OF INDIAN HISTORY, which will give further data on the Sioux wars and treaties--matter that could not be included in the other two books. It is a miscellany, partly documents, partly compilations of Indian data, etc. Some maps and photographs. Nearly all unpublished stuff. The University Press here will issue it, probably next fall. Some of the chapters should interest you.

Yours cordially,

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