

The agency was already established while SB was a prisoner of war. It provided a blacksmith and schools. Between Powder River country and Little Missouri where the game was plenty and the way of living was attractive in those days was probably where SB spent most of his life. If SB had had something to say at the time the Standing Rock agency was to be located he would have recommended that place, but when the agency was started John Grass did the most talking.

The Indians good-bye is "safe journey" or "good luck".

Robinson - McLaughlin's secretary - The first time I went to school I was at the agent's and I met him several times.

Article by Robinson -

petty chief - petty chiefs are band chiefs that the agents appointed. Called ration chiefs also.

Band composed of 28 families. Probably just talking from ration rolls. After SB came back the Indians were divided into bands just for the purpose of issuing rations. Certain chiefs were appointed to be the head men of that band. They were not chiefs in the Indian sense of the word. By becoming a chief in that way some of them felt that they were way up.

"Non-progressives" - According to the reports of the different agents outside of McLaughlin and perhaps McLaughlin too the last Indians that came , and that means the SB Indians and includes the Bull Head district are considered to be the best Indians on the reservation. They are perhaps not the most progressive, but the most independent, owning the most horses and being the most independent about making a living. These Indians are quite a way from the agency.

pounding of drums - It is a new custom if such a thing is done, for a man to be beating on a drum in the rear. Every warrior has his charm and his faith is so great in this charm that no special ceremony ✓