

likes him. He is sort of religiously inclined. This act of his sets Indians to wonder why he does that. Whether it is because he thinks SB was so good or whether he thinks he is doing something the tribe has overlooked doing.

Never heard of niece of SB mentioned in book.

Standing Holy is a medicine man's term for something.

There is one thing that I often refer to a good many old timers and also talk with members of different tribes, what this happy hunting ground really meant. Among the Sioux there is no such thing. The only thing they ever mention is where the spirits go. That was being described by different ones when they were sick or unconscious or were dreaming of the hereafter. They often mention that it was a place where the Indians would live as they used to live in the olden times. They said it was in the direction of the south. If I were to ask one of the old timers among the Sioux where Kicking Bear went for example, they would say, "Why, he went down south a longtime ago." This place that they mention is located where it isn't too cold and where it isn't too hot.

The Omaha Dance and Wild Grass Dance are the same only the Grass Dance is the more elaborate and there is more life in it. I have seen the Pawnees, Poncas and Osages dance but seeing these people down here dance the way they do is quite a comparison. The Sioux put life into their dances. The same way with the Omahas. The Omahas claim they originated this dance but they can't dance it the way it ought to be danced. In order to put more life into this dance they have decorated their costumes and themselves. They sometimes wear grass and leaves, especially in the Fall when the leaves are different colors. It is a social dance and can be danced any time of the year. It is a tribal dance.