

the power to find herb and root medicines. They were not adapted to go on the warpath or the buffalo hunt. This man was to pray for the people. They wanted a good man so that the Great Spirit would listen. SB was not in a position to do that for the reason that if this were done tribally at the request of the leading man he could make the appointment. Then his mode of living would be such that he couldn't do it. The mode of living for this man would be never to go on the warpath. He must have lived an unquestionable life.

The bringing of a Sun Dance pole requires a young man who has a good name and who is admired by the tribe. For this reason he is selected to carry the Sun Dance pole. He must be unmarried.

It is supposed that before any young man should take on himself a wife he should make a name on the warpath or the buffalo hunt. Therefore in selecting men to go out for buffalo or as scouts they would generally pick single young men so as to give them a chance to make good.

SB's first part on the warpath was considered to be one of the main things that gave him a start. That is, according to the old timers way of looking at it. SB wears a feather in an upright position. That means without any interference he has killed an enemy outright and he has a right to wear that feather. Gray Eagle said SB was considered to be a very wonderful man according to the way the old timers think and therefore he cannot be forgotten to this day. By asking the ones who know SB you can learn a great deal. I don't see why McLaughlin knowing him as he claims and being under his jurisdiction and having his own wife as an interpreter should have such a faint knowledge of this chief as he did. I think they looked on the wrong side of the chief and never cared to learn the better side. McLaughlin ought to have known in what way SB was considered to be a medicine man, but he has not the slightest idea of the meaning of medicine man.