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ALLISON THE SCOUT

"A Wail from the West"

The following letter from "Little Muddy", west Missouri Slope, is interesting to say the least: Editor, Tribune:- I have the pleasure of writing to you to give a statement of the condition of the crops. There has not been any rain here since the first of June and the crops will be a complete failure. The grasshoppers did considerable damage in the early part of the season, and the drought and hot weather destroyed the balance. Prairie fires are raging in all sections and there are no signs of rain. Cattle men are coming in with herds and are looking almost in vain for small patches of grass to cut for the winter, and farmers will cut some of their grain for hay, leaving the remainder on the field.

There was a shooting affray here on the 13th; a half-breed named "Parky" Ward being shot in the mouth with a 38-calibre revolver, the ball lodging in his neck. The shooting was done by ALLISON, the Scout and interpreter, who brought in Sitting Bull.

G. S. Bartlett, Little Muddy, Dakota

(Comment of the Tribune: If there is any affliction or crime, scourge or contagion which Mr. Bartlett has failed to enumerate, it is hoped he will make the correction at once".)