

Rain-in-the-face.

Rain-in-the-face was a young brother of Old Chief "Iron Horn" of the Unkapapa tribe. In September 1873 young "Rain" showed up at the Standing Rock Agency. He was a handsome young fellow of about 21 or 22 years dressed in customary Sioux regalia, many feathers, beaded mocassins and leggings, beaded britch cloth, white man's shirt and vest, a blanket half blue and the other half bright red. Hanging from each ear was half an outside case from a pure gold watch and for a breast ornament the inside case of the same watch. In a few days we learned from the gossip spreaders among the Indians that he had killed the Doctor and Sutler who had strayed away from General Stanley's Expedition and had taken their watches, money and what clothes he wanted.

Rain-in-the-face seemed bent on making the white men as much trouble as he possibly could. He stole two mules from a white man near Fort Rice and took them down onto the Grand River in what is now South Dakota. The Indian Agent at a council asked, "Do any of you know who took those two mules and where they are now?" Rain-in-the-face stepped up and said "Yes, I saw the mules, liked um and took um and they are down at the hostile camp. If the man wants them he can go after them but he had better take some soldiers with him and not that bunch that the yellow-haired chief (meaning Custer) has up at the Fort. He had better take the whole army with him and when he gets back he won't have the mules and only half of the soldiers he had."