

but give so much trouble that it is doubtful whether the agency can be kept on that side. Their chief is Bear's Rib.

The Blackfeet Sioux are quiet and well-behaved; their principal chief is John Grass. The Two Kettles, Minneconjous and Sans Arcs draw rations at Cheyenne. The first two tribes are quiet, the Minneconjous are turbulent and very insolent. The chief of the Two Kettles is the Tall Mandan; of the Sans Arcs, Burnt Face; of the Minneconjous, the Iron Horn and Little White Swan. The Lower Brules have a reservation and cultivate at White River and draw rations at Fort Thompson. They acknowledge no chief; are perfect Ishmaelites, wandering in small bands thousands of miles over the prairies; are treacherous beyond all other Sioux and commit most of the rascalities which occur in this district. The Lower Yanktonais are peaceable and are trying to farm at Fort Thompson. The Brules of the Platte generally stay from twenty to a hundred miles out from Whetstone, coming into that place for their provisions. Their disposition is very suspicious and like their brethren, the upper Brules are not to be trusted.

The Oglalas at Whetstone are well behaved. At the agencies established for the Sioux (Dakotas) there is one class of Indians which has been friendly for four or five years and are nearly permanent residents, only leaving from time to time to hunt and pick wild fruits. With/ ³⁹³ this class there is no trouble. There

is another class passing half of their time at these agencies and the other half at the hostile camps. They abuse the agents, threaten their lives, kill their cattle at night, and do anything they can to oppose the civilizing movement, but eat all the provisions they can get and thus far have taken no lives. If the agencies were removed east of the Missouri we could suppress and punish these violent and troublesome fellows. The hostiles have representatives from every band, but the leading band in hostility is the Uncpapas. During the winter for the past two years almost the entire hostile Sioux have camped together in one big camp on Rosebud, near the Yellowstone. In the summer time they