

away everything, and yet if you live forty or fifty years in this world and then die, you cannot take your goods with you. The Great Spirit will not make me suffer because I am ignorant. He will put me in a place where I will be better off than in this world.* ** * Look at me, my hair is straight. I was free born in this land. An interpreter who signed the treaty has curly hair. He is no man. I'll see him hereafter. I know I have been wronged. The words of my Great Father never reach me and mine never reach him. There are too many streams between us. The Great Spirit has raised me on wild game. * * * I do not ask my Great Father to give me anything. I came naked and I will go away naked.

The secretary then explained to the Indians that they wanted to take them to New York and let them see some of the great cities of the east, and have a pleasant time and receive presents. To this Red Cloud replied:

I do not want to go that way. I want a straight line. I've seen enough of towns. There are plenty of stores between here and my home. There is no occasion to go out of the way to/buy goods. I have no business in New York. I want to go back the way I came. The whites are the same everywhere. I see them every day. As to the improvement of the red men I want to send them here to be delegates to congress.

Notwithstanding the protest of Red Cloud, it was decided to take them to New York, and Peter Cooper tendered to the commissioners the large reception hall at Cooper Institute for a public reception to Red Cloud. Though but a few hours' notice could be given of this reception the great hall was so crowded that many left unable to obtain admission. "Never before," said the New York Herald, "was the great hall of the Cooper Institute filled with a larger or more respectable crowd of people than assembled to listen to Red Cloud yesterday. The effect of this splendid reception of the great chief was to completely win his heart, and as the crowd surged forward over the platform at the close of the evening, to tender its congratulations to Red Cloud, and many costly and appropriate presents