

removal. It was, however, November 1, 1877, before the emigration actually took place. The two camps, Spotted Tail's and Red Cloud's, moved at the same time in parallel columns about forty miles apart. For some reason not explained, Crazy Horse's band traveled with Spotted Tail. When they ^{had} moved down about seventy-five miles about 2,000 of the Crazy Horse Indians, bearing with them the body of their late chief, broke away from the Spotted Tail column and came over to Red Cloud's band, and by exhibiting Crazy Horse's body and in other ways attempted to incite them to hostilities, but failing in this a large part of them struck off to the north and back into the Powder River country, while a few of them remained with Red Cloud and the remainder returned to Spotted Tail. On the 25th of November, after great hardship and suffering, Red Cloud reached the Missouri River near the mouth of the Yellow Medicine, midway between the mouth of the White River and the Great Bend, where they settled down quietly and spent the winter. About the same time Spotted Tail and his band arrived at the old Ponca agency, where they took up their residence for the winter. Neither band was satisfied with the locations, and as spring approached began to prepare for another removal. Red Cloud and his people went back and established themselves ⁴⁴⁵ / at the Pine Ridge agency, where they still remain, and Spotted Tail and his people set up at Rosebud.

In fifteen years these Indians had been moved ten times, sometimes a distance of 300 or 400 miles. The responsibility for these removals could not be charged to the Indians themselves. Locality and love of home is as strongly marked in the American Indian as in the white man. It is not to be wondered at that they had at times been rebellious and were not self supporting. The old maxim that "a rolling stone gathers no moss" was never more applicable, nor is it at all remarkable that the Indian had begun to look with distrust upon all efforts of the government for his existence. No noteworthy event occurred in relation to the Indians of Dakota during the next year or two with the exception of Sitting Bull and Call, who were in Canada, and the Crazy Horse band, who had gone to them.