

All of the Dakotas were living peaceably about the agencies, drawing their rations with punctilious regularity, sending their children to school in constantly increasing numbers and more and more engaging in light labor. They rapidly became fairly responsible teamsters and were employed at all of the agencies to do the hauling of supplies which particularly at Pine Ridge and Rosebud was a considerable proposition. Before the building of the Elk Horn railroad the supplies for Pine Ridge were hauled from the Red Cloud landing near Chamberlain, a distance of 200 miles, and amounted to about 2,000,000 pounds annually.

The conduct of the Indians, particularly those who had so recently been hostile, was most praiseworthy. In 1879 Dr. Mc Gillycuddy, agent at Pine Ridge, reports, "This agency has for the past year been without any soldiers or connection with the army whatever, and no military post is in the immediate vicinity.* * *

The past year has been the quietest in the history of the Oglalas. Not a crime has been committed by an Indian. This record for a community of over 7,000 people with no law or force to restrain them will compare very favorably with any of our eastern towns of an / ⁴⁴⁶ equal size." An equally good record was made by Spotted Tail's people at the Rosebud. Spotted Tail, however, like many another man nearer the fountain of civilization, allowed prosperity and a constant flattery and praise which he had received from the whites in authority to "Swell his head," and he conceived the notion in the summer of 1880 that he was too large a man to take orders from anybody, and set himself up above the agent and any other authority about the reservation. He assumed control of the police force and ordered a large body of it to prevent any who might desire to buy or sell at the two stores of the agency from doing so. The agent at once sent for Spotted Tail, but could not find him. The agent called upon the police to assist him, but they were afraid of Spotted Tail and dared not comply with his orders. A large crowd had gathered about the traders' stores, and but one policeman, Thunder Hawk, reported for duty. The agent instructed Thunder Hawk to gather up a force of volunteers and disperse the crowd, but he was unable to secure assistance. The agent himself then went out to the stores and ordered the crowd to disperse, but he was informed that they