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between the white man and the Indian. A good deal of trouble was experienced at this time by the sale of liquor to the Indians on the reservation, but numerous convictions and heavy fines and imprisonments soon broke up the practice.

Red Cloud continued obstinately opposed to education and civilization, and constantly harangued against sending the<sup>454</sup> children to school. As a result very few of the Oglalas were being educated. Agent McGillicuddy resolved to enforce the provision of the treaty which provided that the rations for children of school age should only be issued to them in case they were attending school regularly. Red Cloud lodged complaint against him before the Indian commissioner for withholding his rations, and an investigation ensued, but when the facts were revealed McGillicuddy was justified in his course. Red Cloud, not satisfied with preventing the education of the younger people of his own reservation, started out with a propaganda to the other reservations to discourage the education of the children. Agent McLaughlin, learning of the bad influence he was exerting, hustled him off of the Standing Rock reservation and he was likewise compelled to leave the Cheyenne River reservation and return to his home.

At about this period, 1885, a real revolution took place in the social life of all of the Dakota Indians, and they broke up the old fashioned village life which had been necessary in the days when they were hourly subject to attack from their enemies, and separated into family camps, selecting homes where each family could have an abundance of timber, pasture, hay and grazing land. This new life relieved them from many temptations to evil and mischievous habits to which they were subjected in the days when they were congested in villages. At about this time, too, a majority of the Indians put on white men's dress, had their hair cut, and thus took a long step in the way of civilization. While the progress of the Indians was general at all of the reservations, there was an exception to this general rule in Hump's band of the Minneconjous located on Cherry Creek, an affluent of the Cheyenne, in the interior of the reservation. This band had been among the most hostile in the Red Cloud and Custer wars, and had accompanied Sitting Bull in