

delegation, also from Red Cloud, headed by Big Partisan, have visited the agency, and informed me that Red Cloud was trying to keep his people from the war-path, and endeavoring to have them move in - at present located near the Black Hills in Powder River country.

The Indians in Spotted Tail's camp have made no attempt at cultivating the soil, and are doing nothing to sustain themselves, except by hunting small game. I am making endeavors to have them help themselves by tilling the soil, though under many difficulties. The treaty concluded at Fort Laramie, Dakota Territory, April 29, 1868, by eminent military officers and citizens, has not been fulfilled. The treaty was fully explained to the chiefs and head men, entered into in good faith, and all its provisions distinctly remembered. In stating any plan of benevolence the government may adopt in the future, they recall the promises made by the parties mentioned in the treaty signed last year, and ask, pertinently, who can they believe now? An agent can do little to regain their confidence in the face of treaty stipulations so lately unfulfilled. I mention but one article of said treaty which causes much ill feeling, viz: The Brules and Ogallalas upon this reservation were distinctly informed in said treaty that they could hunt buffalo on "any lands north of the North Platte, and on the Republican Fork of the Smoky Hill River, so long as the buffalo may range thereon in such number as to justify the chase." 317 They understand that buffalo do range/in the country mentioned. Since the last campaign of General Carr, I have informed them they could not enter that country without danger, and I believe none have gone. There is no buffalo within the bounds of this reservation as described in said treaty, only small game which they cannot successfully hunt without ammunition. This loss of buffalo makes them very poor, having been accustomed to rely upon that game as a means of wealth, the robes taking the place of clothing, the sale of same providing them with the necessaries and luxuries of their lives. In this connection I would again respectfully urge that more annuity goods be forwarded to them, (the Brules and Ogallalas, from the Platte river country.) Without the supply many of them will perish with cold the coming