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winter, they having now but a scanty supply of clothing, and their "Teepees" all nearly worn out. Cloth must be furnished them to make lodges, if they cannot find buffalo, or suffering and increased discontent will follow. I have found it necessary to haul the supplies furnished Spotted Tail to his camp, but am making endeavors to have them come in for their provisions, and may succeed. There is much complaint among those who have settled down here about the nondivision of the lands. No provisions in this respect has been made, each locating without regard to others.

.....The sale of intoxicating liquors at convenient distances from the agency, on the opposite side of Missouri River, by licensed dealers, works to great disadvantage of whites, half-breeds, and Indians of this locality. It is very easy to evade the law, the river is easily forded, exchanges are made at night, the whisky is drank, and the mischief is done, rendering life and property insecure as a consequence. The Indians will not disclose or discover the part from whom it is obtained, and bad whites engaged in the traffic find it too profitable to be deterred by any ordinary means from pursuing the trade."