

to accept the advice of the commissioners, and in the afternoon of same day the annuity goods were taken out to Red Cloud's camp and delivered to him. The delivery was attested by Colonel F. T. Flint, commander of the post, and Major Luhn, quartermaster, at our request, and receipts were signed by Red Cloud and the principal chiefs. The cases and bales were opened by the commissioners and examined. The chiefs at the same time expressed much satisfaction with the quality and quantity of the goods. In reply to questions, they said they would prefer next time something else in the place of hats, coats, and pantaloons; would prefer dark blankets to white ones, and domestics or drillings to flannels, as being, in their opinion, more serviceable for women's wear and more generally useful. They were fearful that we might think these expressions of opinion indicated dissatisfaction, and insisted that they were much pleased, but only expressed these preferences for "next time," because we asked them to do so.

On the morning of the 8th (Saturday) Red Cloud and his head chiefs came for a farewell talk. He still seemed to think he might succeed in getting his trading post on the south side, and was again told it could not be allowed. He asked if his people could get rations when they came to Fort Laramie, and was told they could not; that they must not come to the south side of the river after the commissioners were gone. He again spoke of their want of ammunition, and was told that after there had been a longer peace the commissioners would ask the Government to give them some, but could not tell whether it would be done or not; "We thought it would." Some of them asked if they could not go to the Republican for buffalo. We told them it would be very unwise to go there, and would be sure to get them into trouble, and besides there were now very few buffalo there. In parting Red Cloud said he thought his people would decide this winter to have a trading post at Raw Hide. He wanted them all to decide the same way. We told him when he made up his mind to tell General Flint.

In the expectation that Red Cloud would ask for the post at Raw Hide at this interview, (having been so informed by Richard the evening before,) I had drawn up a short agreement on the subject. This was signed by the commissioners and left with