

besides this, at the Black Hills councils a great many promises were made about the payment for the land. If the Indians had been paid for that land they would have been able to support themselves, and be such farmers as you have pictured to them. And in addition to these falsehoods they said that "As long as you live you will be provided with clothing, agricultural implements, and beef; and these things will not be taken away from you as long as you are not able to support yourselves." The white men asked permission to run a railroad down the Medicine Creek across the Missouri River at the mouth of Bad River; and they promised to give us a certain amount of money for it, and they promised us more than any other agency, and / we have not heard anything of it since. Of course these Indians here consider themselves men, and, therefore, when a man makes a promise to them they consider the matter well, and if they think he is telling the truth they say "yes," and sign such agreement as they desire us to sign. When these men came here with their agreement and asked us to sign it, I signed it because they told us that the proceeds of the land we sold to them should be devoted to buying cows and bulls, and some of it would be used to buy horses with. If they had fulfilled this agreement and furnished these things our people would have been able to get along and support themselves; and then if the white man should come and ask us to make another agreement, we would agree to it readily, knowing that the white men had told the councils, truth; but since the white men have not told the truth at these former councils, we don't want to sign any other agreement. This man here is our agent (pointing to the agent); we call him father; we are children under him. He is interested in our affairs, so when you go back to Washington, if you find the money laid away anywhere send it to our agent for our benefit. If you were relatives of mine I would tell you to do this, but as you are not relatives of mine, I beg of you to tell all these things to the Great Father when you go back to Washington. Christianity is recommended to me as the staff of life for men, therefore we must adore the Catholics; and we want a Catholic with us at the Cannon Ball River, and you must tell the Great Father to build a church for us, so that we can keep a Catholic there to teach us. That is the principal thing I want to tell you; and my