

day to draw a double allowance of rations, and we would like to have him furnish oats for our horses, and give us clothing of a superior quality. The people here depend entirely upon us. We are the staff upon which they lean, for the reason that we keep them in order, and we tell the agent what is for their benefit, and through us the agent helps them.

I will say a few words now about something besides the police force. At the Black Hills council the Great Father promised to give us rations every two weeks, and for a good while the allowance lasted for the two weeks, but now it lasts only two or three days. Why is that? That is what I would like to have you tell the people here; and if you can fix it so that the Indians can draw rations like they used to, they will receive more than the agent is giving them now.

EAGLE MAN.

Eagle Man, sergeant of police. spoke as follows: My friends, I am going to say only a few words to you. I am thirty-five years of age, and I will say only what I think I have a right to say. I am doing the best <sup>78</sup> I can to follow the example of white men, and do something for myself; I have children at school in the east, and one child at school here, and therefore I think I have a right to talk to you. Before I joined the police force here I was a <sup>Sergeant</sup> without for the military, and made good wages, but since I have been a member of the police force here I have been getting such small wages that I am not satisfied. The agent does all he can for us, and we are very much pleased with him, but we want better pay for our services. If you men in Washington will pity us and take the same interest in us that our agent does we will get along much better. I suppose you wonder what we have to do that we ask for more pay; but no man can see our work in one day. It is no small work to keep the peace here. I ride my own horse, and use my own saddle, bridle, lariats, and other equipments; and I think the least the Government could do would be to give us these equipments for our horses; and besides, the same horses we use when on duty we have to use to work our land. I consider that we should have more wages as policemen than we get now. I have never said anything before to-day to white men who have come here