



Spotted Bull, a chief of the Mandan, who belong to the Siouan stock and have lived in what is now known as North Dakota for hundreds of years

to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; a fourth is to be executed by the Commissioner, but under the direction of the Secretary; while a fifth is to be executed by the Secretary, but on the recommendation of the Commissioner. To such confusion of responsibility, and to the many hit-or-miss provisions which emphasize its evils, we may charge the bloodshed at Wounded Knee and other disturbances in Harrison's time, the waste of the Navajo irrigation fund and the Red Lake Timber frauds in Cleveland's, the Pillager outbreak and the robbery of the Osages in McKinley's, and, in brief, three-fourths of the Indian troubles of the last quarter-century.

A more incoherent body of legislation than that pertaining to Indian affairs in the United States does not exist. Here is one statute which imposes a penalty of a thousand dollars upon any foreigner who goes "into the Indian country without a passport" stating his object in going there, the time he is to remain, and the route he is to travel. What revenues might we not have squeezed out of Nordenskjöld and a score of other eminent scientists who have crossed the ocean to visit Red Man's Land, if we had but realized our opportunity!

Here is another who lays a thousand-dollar fine upon any person who "alienates, or tempts to alienate,