

January 28, 1949

Dear Virginia;

I received a copy of your manuscript mailed from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and have read it carefully. There is one suggestion which I would make. It deals with the second and third paragraphs on page five dealing with the Sioux War.

It seems to me that your phraseology may convey the wrong impression. The Sioux Uprising began on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, 1862. The Battle of Wood Lake occurred on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September and large bands of Indians surrendered and released 269 prisoners at Camp Release on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, 1862. This practically ended the Sioux War so far as Minnesota was concerned. There were a few murders by scalping Indians during the summer of 1863, the last of which results in the death of Little Crow on July 3, 1863. These scattered murders do not justify your phraseology in lines twelve and thirteen on page five.

Later on you speak of the Sioux Uprising being put down after the Civil War ended. This is definitely incorrect. During the years 1863-1864 fairly large punitive expeditions commanded by Generals Sibley and Sully operated against the Sioux in North and South Dakota. In 1863 there were small battles at White Stone Hill, Big Mounds, Stony Lake, and Dead Buffalo Lake. These expeditions against the Sioux culminated in the Battle of Kildeer Mountain, where the hostile Indians were rather severely handled. The affair at Kildeer Mountain occurred July 28, 1864. This ended the war.

I suggest then that you modify your phraseology so to avoid any misunderstanding and criticism. Otherwise I thought you did a very good job indeed.

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