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SIoux UPRISING OF 1862

From a fur Trader's Indian account book dated November 17, 1861, located at Big Stone Lake, a company by the name of J. & C. M. Daily, Pratt & Company, traded with the Indians that fall, winter and spring of 1862. I will mention a few of the names of Indians who are recorded as having traded with this company -- Ikpi Choka, Kam pes Ka Kiag Mani, White Boy, Two and Two, Coming Twisting Around, Iron Hawk, Black Crow, Red Eagle, Red Boy, Little Star, Red Eyes, Iron Bear, Sleeping Bear, and Speaking to an Eagle, -- these are just a few of the names from the account book. And in order to give you an idea of how the Indians prepared for the outbreak, I will copy a page from the book, which shows that the Indians were getting ammunition early in the spring of 1862. Page 57 of the account book reads as follows:

1862		HOTANKA	Dr.	Cr.
Dec. 19	To	1 sack flour	6	00
	"	4 rat traps		
March 7	"	1 sack flour	7	00
	"	pork	1	00
March 22	"	calico		75
	"	leggings and breach cloth	3	00
April 9	"	powder	6	00
	"	shot	6	00
	"	scarlet		25
	"	flints		25
			30	25

Other items taken from pages throughout the account book include -- page 56 - April 23 - 1 keg powder, 1 sack shot; page 58 - powder and shot - \$12.00, flints - \$.50; page 61 - 1000 gun

caps, powder and shot - \$12.00;— and so on, showing that the Indians purchased powder, shot, flints, and gun caps by the wholesale. On the last page, the account book reads as follows:

1862	MUZZA WAKAN DAPI		Dr.	Cr.
May 30	To	1 keg - $6\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. powder	5 00	
	"	1 sack shot	5 00	
	"	20 yards drilling	5 00	
	"	Vermillion and looking glass	2 00	

This brief sketch of the Indians trading with the fur traders in western Minnesota in 1861 and 1862 I have taken from the original account book which I own and have in my possession. There are many entries in the account which convince me that the Indians made preparation for the outbreak long before the whites were aware of it.

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