

STATION CORRESPONDENCE

Beatrice Creamery Company

Lincoln, Nebr.

To Mr. Harry L. George,

St. Joseph, Mo.,

From

Operator

P. O.

Date 1-3-17. 191

Subject:

Dear sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 1st inst., in reference to the exchange for Osage shield. Will say I am sending to you today in three packages the following articles that were mentioned in my former letter. Hooped Scalp stick; Coup stick; Pipe dance stem; Large spear with Buffalo Tail; Vary large rattle; Game of throwing Spear; One wooden spoon; The following are Sioux pieces--Coup stick, Pipe Dance Stem, Throwing Spear Game; The Rattle, scalp stick and spoon are Winnebago and the large Spear is Taos. Will say in reference to the Buffalo Horn Spoon that you say to send I have not yet received the two spoons that I mentioned, in my former letter. They were offered to me and I ordered them sent, if my bid is received in time I will get them if not some one else may and if I get them I will send one of them to you. This would leave a difference of \$10.50 due you as between the price of the articles sent you and the price of the shield and now that I am in the collecting business again I will have some thing of interest to offer you I am sure in a short time to make up this difference and will guarantee to make up the difference in some thing that will be of value to your collection and satisfactory to both of us, and I think by working to gether we can help each other in perfecting our collections.

I would rather have had the "Little Star" shield instead of the other one, but if you prefer to trade the other one it will be all right, it is the one with a claw at the top.

I am figuring on some pieces now or have them in sight and think I will be able to get them and am sure there will be some pieces in there that I can make up this difference to you and perhaps offer you some thing else in exchange.

Hoping that the articles arrive in good shape and prove satisfactory and that I may hear from you soon, I am,
Very truly yours,

P.S. Such rattles as the gourd rattle I send you are used by Indian Priests in ceremonial rites and usually accompany the pipe dance stem, used in what is called the Haka ceremony, of which you may have read. If not you will find a discription of this ceremony in one of the National Museum reports, the number of which I do not now just recall but can give it to you by looking it up.