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THE THIRD TERM.

The dispatches are full of speculations in regard to President Grant's aspirations for filling the Presidential Chair again. Now, we are perfectly satisfied that all this talk is mere nonsense. U. S. Grant has no intention whatever of being a candidate again for the Presidency.

The Madisonian gives us credit for the extension of the Crow Reservation; or at least says that the COURIER is the means of bringing it about.

The Madisonian accuses us of not saying anything in our last issue in reference to the extension of the Crow Reservation. We devoted nearly two columns to the subject, giving in full the petition gotten up by the citizens of Bozeman, besides the proceedings of the meeting.

It is reported that Senator Booth of California is getting himself in condition to act as the champion of a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Mexico.

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The Court of Appeals dismissed the appeals in both the Tread cases. This refutes him a reduction of tariff and a bill of particulars.

PUNISHMENT FOR THE SIOUX.

Proposed Winter Campaign Against Sitting Bull and his Warriors.

Military Preparations - Gen. Crook to Lead the Column.

During the last few days, says the Washington correspondent of the Interior, whippers of war preparations at certain frontier military posts have been prevalent.

SITTING BULL AND HIS WARRIORS, and the country they inhabit. Said Col. Watkins: "This country is probably the best hunting ground in the United States."

I asked Colonel Watkins as to the character and condition of the Indians. "They are," he replied, "lofty and independent in their attitude and language to government officials as well as to the whites generally, and claim to be the sovereign rulers of the land."

"What can be done by the government to subdue these Indians?" I then asked. "In my judgment, about 1,000 men under the command of an experienced officer like Ouster, sent into their country in the winter, when the Indians are nearly always in camp, and at which season of the year they are most helpless, would be amply sufficient for their capture or punishment."

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