

Great Salt Lake. I met a small band of them on my return to the rendezvous. Three or four families would find a pleasant and extensive field of usefulness among this tribe. They are more pacific, if possible, than the Nez Perces, and equally ready to settle upon their lands.

11. We found the Snakes and Bannecks also ready to receive religious teachers. It will be remembered that the Snakes once belonged to the eastern waters, and have been driven into, and nearly over the mountains, by the more eastern tribes.

12. I met a delegation of Crows at the rendezvous, who had come to invite the whites to come into their country. This has never been done before. I had a personal interview with the delegates, and with a white man, who has been nine years with this tribe. He gave me many interesting facts, which I must omit to mention for the present, respecting this tribe. There should be four persons sent immediately to explore the country and learn the language. Now is the most favorable time to supply them with religious teachers, before the vices of the whites become known among them. Total abstinence from all intoxicating drink, is a trait in the character of this tribe; and no device of the white man has yet been able to seduce them. They have been known to rob traders, take their goods, and destroy their liquors without permitting any one to taste them. The crows have their home along the head-waters of the Yellowstone river.

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