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Henri Rochefort in speaking of the surprise that Japan is giving the western world by its successes over the Russians, calls it "The greatest shower bath to its vanity ever received by western civilization." This is a terse expression of a very large and important truth. Our civilization while it has much to be proud of, also has some traits it would do well to get rid of. As seen by others the most disgusting trait of western civilization is its vanity. This leads the people of Europe and the Americas to treat all other peoples as inferior to them, and too often in their dealings with them they not only put on unnecessary airs but act as though the people of other races, or as our people put it those of inferior civilization, are not entitled to be treated equarely and with common honesty and ordinary politeness.

The people of this region came very near having a very big object lesson of the inconvenience and cost of this vanity and self claimed superiority. Many years ago, when the Indians of Northern Idaho, North-eastern Oregon and Washington were gathered to make treaties, locate reservations and large concessions of land to the whites. The whole object of the gathering came very near being defeated because, in making a council house out of willow brush and pine poles the U S commissioners not once thinking, but the Indians accorded to them the superiority they had always claimed as if by inheritance, and in arranging seats for themselves had them elevated some three feet above the seats constructed for the Indian chiefs to sit upon. The Indian chiefs objected saying they came to talk as free men to other free men and as equals not as inferiors, and if they were not to be

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