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Rain-in-the-Face

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Artist:	Barry, D. F.
Collection:	"Chiefs of the Sioux Wars and the Battle of Little Bighorn, published by Paul Harbaugh; Denver, Colorado, 1982."
Date:	c.. 1885
Form:	photograph
Series:	portfolio 67/150
Description:	Rain-in-the-Face, 'Iromagaja' (ca. 1835-1905). Warrior of note during the Red Cloud Wars. He became known to the army through the ears of Charley Reynolds, Custer's chief scout. Reynolds overheard a boast by Rain-in-the-Face during a war dance at the Standing Rock Agency in December of 1874. 'Iromagaja' told of killing two civilians traveling with Custer's 1873 Yellowstone Expedition. The tale was reported to General Custer, then Commander of Fort Abraham Lincoln, D.T. Captain Thomas Custer (brother of the General) was ordered to arrest the chief. He was imprisoned at Fort Lincoln but he managed to escape, vowing to avenge his incarceration at the hands of Captain Custer. 'Iromagaja' united a large band of warriors and joined Sitting Bull's hostiles, where in June 1876 in the valley of Little Bighorn, it is said Rain-in-the-Face was avenged. (Harbaugh, P., 1982)
Dimensions:	24 X 19 cm
Size Overall:	51 X 41 cm
Medium:	Black and white photograph
Condition:	good
Primary Support:	paper
Secondary Support:	mat, plexiglass, backing board; frame - metal
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