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6/ non-American but capable U.S. Indian agent, Manuel

Lisa.

While fur companies and freelance trappers and traders struggled to bring out rich loads of furs for fancy European markets, this junction of the Missouri and Platte Rivers was a significant crossroads to the northwest and west. Occasional U.S. Army exploration teams and incidental military presence, as well as the fur men, did little to change the primitive character of this area.. Even the Federally subsidized missionaries coming here