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Local and Personal.
 Farmers from the northern tier of townships report crops looking well and promising.

Hon. Geo. W. Sweet and his estimable lady, of Sauk Rapids, are guests in the family of Col. H. Beaulieu.

Robert Morrison, White Earth's fleet-footed athlete, carried away the foot-race trophy at Fosston, on July 4th.

Notwithstanding the long siege of dry weather, greatly retarding the growth of grass, stock are in prime condition.

Mr. P. E. Hornbeck, the genial and affable agent of the N. P. R'y at Detroit City, made the Progress office a pleasant call to-day.

Mr. W. Jackson, and his daughter Miss Mary Jackson, returned from Fargo this a. m., where they went to enjoy the festivities of the glorious 4th.

Nit-chee Charley Loosh, a wide-awake and energetic boy, living at White Oak Point reservation, is looking over the country preparatory to settling here in the near future.

Mr. E. N. Jellum, one of Lake Park's solid and substantial, and withal one of Becker county's worthy and prominent citizens, courtesied to ye editor this m.

Mrs. Viola S. Blair who has been enjoying a short vacation here, visiting friends and kindred, left for her home at Grand Haven, Mich., this Saturday afternoon.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Gus. H. Beaulieu hied him away from the din and dust of the Sainly city and joined Mrs. Beaulieu, who is to tarry here during the summer months, on the 4th.

We are pleased to note the manifest improvement, in speech, manner and deportment, etc., of the young boys and girls who have lately returned from the St. Joe Indian training school, Collegeville, Minn.

A telegram from St. Paul was brought here, by special messenger, from Detroit to-day, to the address of Hon. H. M. Rice, and forwarded from here to that gentleman at Red Lake by a courier. It conveyed the sad intelligence of the very serious illness of his only brother, Hon. Edmund Rice.

Rev. J. A. Stephan, Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian missions, and one of the most zealous and staunchest advocates of the cause of the Red man, Justice and Humanity possesses, arrived here on Thursday. He comes here in the interest of the Mission school soon to be established at this agency.

Depty U. S. Marshal, R. G. Beaulieu passed through our village on Friday, en route to Red Lake where he goes to bring down to St. Paul Gee-chee-be-nan-chee, Big Bird, who shot and killed James Rushley, his partner, while the two were out on a deer hunt, on the 28th ult. Big Bird protests his innocence and says that the shooting was accidental.

Refreshing Showers.
 At last the long sought and much needed rain has fallen. And the desponding hopes of thousands are revived with the fair prospects, of at least, an average grain harvest. Rain fell in drenching showers on Monday night, shortly after sunset, and continued for upwards of five hours. This is the first rain of any account this portion of the country has had for over eight months.

IT STILL LIVES.
 For the benefit of our brethren interested in the coming negotiations with the U. S. Commission, we publish Article 7, of the Treaty proclaimed and ratified April 8, 1867, in connection with the Dawes bill and relating to allotment of lands in severalty:

"ARTICLE 7. As soon as the location of the reservation set apart by the second article hereof shall have been approximately ascertained, and reported to the office of Indian affairs, the Secretary of the Interior shall cause the same to be surveyed in conformity to the system of Government surveys, and whenever, after such surveys, ANY INDIAN, OF THE BANDS PARTIES HERETO, EITHER MALE OR FEMALE, shall have ten acres of land under cultivation, such Indian shall be entitled to receive a certificate showing him to be entitled to forty acres of land, according to legal subdivision containing the said ten acres or the greater part thereof, and whenever such Indian shall have an additional ten acres under cultivation, HE OR SHE shall be entitled to a certificate for an additional forty acres, and so on, until the FULL AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ACRES may have been certified to ANY ONE INDIAN; and the land so held by ANY INDIAN shall be exempt from taxation and sale for debt, and shall not be alienated except with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and in no case to any person not a member of the Chippewa tribe."

[Every Indian, male and female, who hold certificates or otherwise have claim for land, on this reservation, have acquired the same by and through the above clause and treaty, and which treaty is still in force.—Ed.]

Latest from Red Lake.

A messenger who has just arrived from Red Lake, informs us that all propositions on the part of the Commissioners, in behalf of the Nelson bill, had, up to the 3d of July, been met with positive refusal by the Indians, but that on that day a division occurred among the opposition and at the close of the days session a large minority had signified their purpose in support of the proposed new measures. The utmost good feeling prevailed between the Indians and the Commissioners.

Half a Loaf Better than None.

WHITE EARTH, MINN.
 July 5th, 1889.

Editor of The Progress,
 Dear Sir:—As the "Act for the relief and civilization of the Chippewa Indians of the State of Minnesota," commonly known as the "Nelson bill," is soon to be considered and either accepted or rejected by the Chippewas, my opinion as to its merits, has been asked by many of my friends, and I have complied, that, with your permission, I will reply through your columns.

It has long been my firm conviction that the manifest destiny of our common country, will not allow the permanent existence within its limits of an alien race, having a separate existence from the common body politic, but that **Assimilation and Absorption,** was the only salvation of the individuals now comprising the Indian tribes.

As a measure with that end in view, the bill under consideration seems to be calculated to carry out and supplant the "Dawes bill," and although there are some provisions, that are not what is to be most desired by the friends of the Chippewas, yet the measure, as a whole, is probably

The Best that Can be Had, and if a captious spirit is shown, of opposing everything calculated to disturb the old order of things, which made the Indian agent an autocrat, with power, when backed by the Indian department, to expel any one, Indian as well as mixed-blood, from the reservation, **without Hearing or Trial,** and on the ground of being an

"improper person," then who can guaranty that a subsequent Congress may not conclude in conformity with the view of some of the latest agitators, viz: that the government ought to take possession of all unsettled lands within the limits of the United States, and this, without compensation; that these lands may be held for the use of the landless, who are increasing rapidly in our country.

Laws which in our country are only the **Written Will of the Majority,** afford but poor protection to those who have something the "majority" have determined on having, and already the Indian's right to these lands is being seriously questioned. And it would seem to be good policy to accept a good thing now offered, rather than throw away what is offered, in hopes to get something better, only to find in the end that all is lost.

Respectfully yours,
 GEO. W. SWEET.

In Poor Lo's Interest.
 From a special telegram to the Minneapolis Evening Star, dated at Chicago, July 2d, we note the following:

"The members of the Senate committee on Indian affairs, presided over by Senator Dawes, are at the Grand Pacific to-day, to continue the investigation into the condition of the Indians along the northern frontier and especially the Indians on the White Earth reservation in Minnesota. They will also investigate the condition of the Indian agents and their subordinates at the various agencies, with the view of ascertaining whether any of them have neglected their duties or abused their authority in their duties dealing with the Indians. The committee is further directed to examine into the distribution of annuities or other appropriations made for the benefit of the Indian tribes by these agents."

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