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## THE BIG STORE

Is ready for winter with a large line overshoes, fur and sheep-lined coats, etc.

### OVERSHOES

Just received a large shipment of the famous Good-year-Wales Overshoes for Men and Ladies in all sizes. The name "GOODYEAR" on rubber goods stands for highest quality. Call in and get a pair while the sizes are unbroken.

### GROCERIES

Our line of Groceries is the best on the market, and in canned goods we carry the famous BENGAL BRAND. Also cured and fresh meat on hand.

### OVERCOATS

We have a number of high quality fur coats in stock at prices to move them fast. Also have a big line sheep-skinlined coats, just the thing for the man out-of-doors. Our line of sweaters, corduroy suits and winter clothing is complete

### DRY GOODS

We carry a complete line of dry goods and show a number of new patterns in dress goods. Also wash goods, etc. Men and ladies furnishing goods.

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Fort Yates,

North Dakota

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### Additional Local News Happenings

J. M. Carignan Jr., has resigned his position as deputy postmaster, to begin work at the Agency office where he will act as clerk.

L. E. Johnson and W. R. Grover, were in the city to-day, and while here L. E. Johnson subscribed for the Pioneer which he is having sent to his address at Pollock, S. D.

James Molash and son Frank have been hauling lumber from the Sioux Lumber Co. yards at McLaughlin, for a new house 16x32, which he will build on the John Pleets farm southwest of town which he recently bought.

It isn't likely to be many years until the country west of the river will be a lot different than it has been in the past. Fort Yates is the booming county seat of the newly-organized Sioux county. A second bank, the Sioux County State, will be established this summer and the railroad is promised before snow flies next season. Early in the spring the reservation is to be thrown open to settlers.--Linton Record.

Now is the time to have your photograph work done at the Fiske Studio, as it is reasonably certain that the building in which the studio is located will be torn down some time in March. You should have those old photos enlarged. Careful and conscientious workmanship has always been put into the pictures turned out by this long-established studio. If you are thinking of having any work done call and let us talk it over.

### Reservation Stock Grazing Explained

Superintendent Covey Writes Letter to Pioneer Explaining Rights of Homesteaders on the Ceded Lands

The Pioneer is in receipt of the following letter from C. C. Covey, Superintendent of the Standing Rock reservation, which will be of interest to the farmers of Sioux county, as well as occupants of leased Indian lands. The letter explains the position of the Indian office regarding the running of stock and trespass.

It can be seen from the statements made by Mr. Covey that it is not the intention of the Indian office to interfere with the privileges of actual settlers or owners of land on the reservation. Mr. Covey's views are very liberal, and it would be wise for everyone interested to comply with the regulations as laid down.

Free grazing of 40 head of stock the year around is all that any settler could reasonably expect. If he needs any additional land, lease for same if vacant can be had by making proper application. Mr. Covey's letter follows:

Fort Yates, N. D. Feb. 25, 1915  
Editor Pioneer:

As considerable inquiry has been made relative to grazing and leasing on this reservation, I will be glad to have you publish the following for all persons interested.

The practice of granting grazing permits or tribal leases for stock, on the diminished portion of this reservation will be discontinued by order of the Indian office. Indian allottees may be allowed to lease land after approval, for farming and grazing purposes, but in all cases the lessee will be required to fence such land, and will have no grazing privilege on open land.

Homesteaders on the ceded portion have the privilege of grazing forty head of stock on tribal lands adjoining their homesteads if there are such lands unoccupied. But the lands not filed on by settlers in the ceded portion are still Indian lands and if any other person desires to graze stock on lands they must obtain grazing permits for which fees will be charged. Settlers desiring to graze more than forty head of stock on such lands should also obtain grazing permits for such excess. A trespass fee of one dollar per head will be collected for all stock found trespassing on tribal or allotted lands on either portion of the reservation.

All persons removing timber, coal, stone, hay or any other products from tribal or allotted lands without permits from the Superintendent are trespassers, and liable to prosecution in the Federal Courts.

Respectfully,  
Claude C. Covey,  
Superintendent.

### Whipple Indicted

Deputy United States Marshal E. S. Cameron of Fargo, arrested Martin Whipple Friday at Timmer on the charge of violating the federal law prescribed in United States revised code section 2139 which prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquor to Indians. Martin Whipple is charged with having sold liquor to Red Fox who is in the Morton county jail serving a sentence for assault and battery while in an intoxicated condition. Whipple was arraigned before United States Commissioner E. R. Lanterman and waived the federal preliminary examination held Saturday morning. The court asked a \$500.00 bail for his appearance in the United States district court the first day it convenes at Bismarck. Whipple immediately furnished the bail and was released.--Mandan News.

### Covey Is Interested In Indian Outbreak

Armed Outbreak Among Indians in Colorado and Utah Due to Arrest Caused by Supt. C. C. Covey

Latest news from the scene of the armed outbreak between a band of Piute Indians and a posse under the leadership of a U. S. marshal at Bluff, Utah, are that five Indians and one white man have been killed. The outbreak is of particular interest here owing to the fact that Superintendent Covey of the Standing Rock reservation came from Navajo Springs, Colorado, here. The Indians on the war-path while affiliated with the Utes who belong on the Navajo reservation in Colorado, are renegade Piutes and live across the state line in Utah. The cause of the outbreak dates back to last spring when a leader among the renegades named Tse-Ne-Gat, killed and robbed a Mexican sheep herder while on his way home from Navajo reservation where he had been to draw his per-capita payment. Mr. Covey did not learn of the murder for some time owing to the fact that the Indian witnesses did not report the crime until a month or two later. When brought to Mr. Covey's attention he had a warrant issued for the arrest of Tse-Ne-Gat, which the U. S. marshal's office had been unable to serve on account of the resistance offered by the band of which Tse-Ne-Gat is at the head. While C. C. Covey was there no attempt to use force was tried for the reason that the Indian had not been indicted by the Federal grand jury. This action has been taken since, however, with the result that the authorities will eventually get their man.

### War at Selfridge

Sheriff Chas. Gayton was in the county seat yesterday on official business, and states that there was an incipient civil war at Selfridge the first of the week, which has resulted in disarmament of the chief disturbing element, and the temporary discontinuation of the Selfridge postoffice. The former claimant city to the county seat of Sioux county is at this writing without a postoffice and the population is about to be reduced to one family owing to the summary action of Chas. Gayton, the hero sheriff of Sioux county.

Trouble has been brewing for some time between Martin Swift, an old and respected rancher, and L. A. Reed, who built a hotel there in pioneer days. For the last few years Mrs. Reed has been postmistress, and one day last week Swift and Reed had trouble in the postoffice, which resulted in Reed renewing a threat to kill Swift. Mr. Gayton hearing of the disturbance went there Sunday and investigated with the result that he summarily disarmed Reed who had a Winchester rifle and a good six-shooter handy for action.

Following the intervention of Mr. Gayton the Reed family decided to leave Selfridge and Monday Mrs. Reed posted a notice that the postoffice was closed, and that night shipped the supplies to Washington. At the present time peace reigns over the once promising city, and the patrons of the postoffice are getting along without mail. In the meantime it is expected that the postoffice will be opened soon with B. L. Smestad, postmaster.

### Implement House for Solen

E. R. Helbling the progressive machinery man of St. Anthony has opened a similar business concern in Solen and will be ready for business the first of the week. Mr. Helbling is one of the most progressive business men in southern Morton and will no doubt make a success of his new enterprise in Sioux county's progressive little city of Solen.--Mandan News.

### Col. J. McLaughlin Lauds All Indians

Col. McLaughlin, Veteran Indian Inspector, Gives Interview on Indians to Duluth News-Tribune

The Duluth News-Tribune last week published the following story of a visit there of Col. James McLaughlin, inspector of the U. S. Indian service. The story is of particular interest here owing to the fact that Col. McLaughlin makes his home at McLaughlin, and was one of the first Indian agents of the Standing Rock Agency. The story follows:

Maj. James McLaughlin's friend, the Indian, has passed the period of transition and has taken his place beside his white brother as a true American business man, farmer and professional man.

His tribe is increasing. He is helping to make more sturdy the already virile American manhood. He has put away the life of the wilds, and has left to his fast-disappearing grandparents the mystic legends and poetry of his race.

Major McLaughlin, now on the last lap of his forty-fifth year in the Indian service of the United States government, who was the guest of G. Ashley Tomlinson at the Kitchi Gammie club last night, is glad--but sad, too--because of all this change.

Major McLaughlin, inspector for the department of the interior, arrived in Superior yesterday with Dr. W. M. Wooster and D. M. Wooster, assistants, from Washington, to consider the claims of Indians living near Superior, to share in the money and land which is being awarded to members of the La Pointe band of the Lake Superior Chippewas by the federal government.

Major McLaughlin, with his friend--not an Indian this time, but a man that has known the Indians for years D. F. Barry of Superior--and several others "reminded" to their hearts content last night.

Grown white-haired, ruggedly hale, and he says, grown happy, in his nearly 45 years among the Indians of the United States, Major McLaughlin likes to chat with his friends about the experiences of many years. Many of those experiences were hazardous. Major McLaughlin was an Indian agent at the time when being such meant exposure to great hazards.

While most of his services was in the Dakotas, he has been among the Zunis, Apaches, Pueblos and almost every tribe of the United States. He said he had almost forgotten many of the languages and dialects he knew, but he now has little difficulty in holding conversation with a Chippewa or Sioux whose life he knew best.

As he talked with Mr. Barry and several other friends, discussing amusing and exciting times of a quarter-century ago, the Major's eyes sparkled and his face glowed. He did not say so, in words, but his expression said: "Those were the days of days!"

"The Indian is much the same throughout the continent," said Major McLaughlin. "Contrary to general belief, his race is not decreasing. The period of transition--about 30 years--from the life of the wilds to the life of civilization was hard for him and there was a decrease for a time, but he has passed that now, and he is making himself a valuable addition to the citizenship of the United States."

Major McLaughlin's book, giving his experiences among the Indians is called "My Friend, The Indian," and is illustrated with a number of Mr. Barry's famous photographs. His headquarters are at Washington, but his home is in McLaughlin, S. D., a town named in his honor.