

"SOONERS" ON CHIP-PEWA RESERVATION.

The "sooners" that are reported as having selected lands on the Mississippi Chippewa reservation and have made improvements thereon, may find their labors lost if the government will stand by the rights of the Indians to whom a large portion of the lands have been allotted. Without any information from official sources, the squatters cannot know which land is vacant and it will be almost impossible for them to miss squatting on some Indian allotments. This would be dangerous to the rights of the Indians judging from past experiences, for with the political pull that these squatters and their friends are bound to exert in any such a contingency, coupled with the ignorance of the Indian and his incapacity to protect his rights, they will, in a majority of instances, get the worst of a contest. But if the government does its duty the Indians will be protected and there will be no long drawn out contests such as the Lydiak's had on their lands. In this event the squatters would be the losers if they are permitted to go upon the reservation and make any improvements before the formal opening takes place when official information can be obtained regarding the location of the vacant tracts.

UNFULFILLED TREATY STIPULATION.

One of the most important stipulations of the treaty between the Chippewas of the Mississippi now on this reservation and the United States, made in 1864, comes under article twelve of the treaty which provides as follows:

"It shall not be obligatory upon the Indians, parties to this treaty, to remove from their present reservation until the United States shall have first complied with the stipulations of articles four and six of this treaty, when the United States shall furnish them with all necessary transportation and subsistence to their new homes and subsistence for six months thereafter."

Under this provision of the treaty a great many persons are entitled to rations for six months and the expenses they incurred in removing to this reservation from the reservations that were ceded under the treaty of 1864; in fact every member of the Mississippi band who removed here between the years of 1873 and 1880, when the law under which the present removal is being made came into effect, is entitled to his expenses of removing and six months rations.

In 1872-73 the government paid those persons who paid the expenses of their removal and received no rations, at the rate of fifty six dollars per head, this being the amount which was allowed by congress under the then Indian agents estimates. Steps to collect for their expenses of removing and six months rations would undoubtedly meet with success if properly presented by those who are entitled to the benefits of the treaty stipulations referred to.

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160 ACRE BILL PASSES THE SENATE.

Theodore Beaulieu has received a communication from Senator Clapp informing him that the bill providing for 160 acre allotments on this reservation as provided by treaty, has passed the senate; that Congressman Steenerson is using his best efforts to have the Indian committee of the house make a report on it. Senator Clapp states that it is more difficult to secure the passage of a bill through the house than through the senate, and while Mr. Steenerson may not be able to get it through at this session, it will be on the calendar and in a good position to secure early action next winter.

DEATH OF HENRY PEMBERTON.

Henry Pemberton, who was a resident of this reservation, died at Cass Lake on the 5th, of this month. Mr. Pemberton came to Minnesota from Maine in 1853, and was employed in the lumber camps for several years and was also in the government employ as a blacksmith and carpenter at Leech Lake. While at Leech Lake he married an Indian woman, a member of the Martin family, who survives him. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in a Minnesota regiment and served through the war. At the close of the war he returned to this state and engaged in the Indian trade which he followed until within a few years ago. Mr. Pemberton was always well liked no matter where he lived, and was very popular among the Indians, who knew him by the name of Ain-way. He leaves besides his wife, several grown children.

Local Items.

Frank Porter of Porterville is here on official business.

M. S. Converse, U. S. Deputy Marshal with several witnesses returned to Detroit yesterday.

Mrs. Saddle Warren assistant matron of the boarding school has been promoted to the position of matron at the Old Folks Home.

A little girl came to claim the home of Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Charrette last Monday evening, she weighs nearly fourteen pounds.

Mr. H. Pederson of Minneapolis, manager of the construction of bridges for the Soo railroad passed through here yesterday on his way northward.

Miss Minnie Ledebor, who has been spending her Easter vacation with her parents here, returns to the Wild Rice River school tomorrow.

Willie Ledebor is now our agency assistant carpenter, while Bob, his brother, is watching nights at the Wild Rice River boarding school.

Lynch & Louzon sold 6 horses this week for \$850.00. One team was a pair of colts that Mr. Lynch raised, and are as fine a team as there is in the country. Ish-quay-gah-bow a full blood Indian and a good horseman bought them. The boys expect a good trade this season and are handling good sound stock.

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DIED.

The death of Mrs. Mo-cud-jewance or Omyow, occurred at their old homestead last Saturday evening. The aged woman was born 67 years ago. She and her husband was one of the early party of Chippewas to remove to this reservation from the old village of Crow Wing, and has made her home here ever since. The funeral took place last Monday at St. Columbia's cemetery.

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