

AGENCY ITEMS.

Leech Lake Indians are in the market for seed corn raised by Red Lake Indians. Red Lakers having surplus seed of native or "squaw" corn should communicate that fact to the agency office at once.

Mr. N. J. Head returned from his visit at the Nation's Capitol on the 1st.

Mr. R. A. Bailey of Redby came down from his homestead near Malcolm recently for a short visit.

Mr. Frank O. Heulin of Anderson, Minn., a new post office on the north shore of Upper Red Lake, came down to purchase material for the construction of a boat recently. He reports that the country in his neighborhood which was formerly a jungle of swamp and underbrush is rapidly developing into tillable farm land, since the construction of drainage ditches.

Mrs. Julia R. Spears was granted a renewal of her license to run a hotel in Red Lake by the Department on the 2nd instant.

Chief I-een-je-gwon-abe died at his home down the river on March 2nd. He was a brother of Chief Pah-go-nay-ke-zhig of Cross Lake who died last year.

Supt. Dickens and family drove across on the ice to Ponemah and spent the day with employees of the Cross Lake School on Sunday March 7th.

John Sayers recently delivered 25,000 ft. of sawlogs for the agency sawmill.

Me-zhuck-eence of Ponemah transacted business at the Agency on March 3rd.

The third session of the Sixty Third Congress came to an end on March 4th. The Indian appropriation bill failed to pass but a joint resolution was passed which extends the previous year's appropriations for another year.

Henry Sayers reports the birth of a son, Joseph, at his home on March 5th.

Anson Graves who is undergoing treatment at the State Institution at Faribault is reported to be in his usual health and is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. Lee came in from the Farm Station last Tuesday on business with the Agency.

Mrs. Henry Howe of Redby was a business caller at the Agency on the 5th.

Mr. Breckner paid us an official visit on the 10th, crossing over from Ponemah on the ice.

Mr. J. A. Bailey of Wahpeton, N. D., arrived at Redby on the 5th inst., for a visit with his son R. A. Bailey.

Harry C. Moore, Agency Farmer, and several school teams have made numerous trips to the outlet recently after hay.

A very brilliant display of Northern Lights was visible Sunday, March 7th, at about 8:30 P. M.

Dr. P. C. Damsel, Field Dentist, stopped off for a short visit at Red Lake while enroute from the Leech Lake to the White Earth Reservation.

Reference to the annual report of Red Lake Reservation for the year 1878 shows that in the past 36 years the population of the Red Lake Tribe has increased from 1163 to 1842, a total increase of 319.

Ah shah ish kah we nee, brother-in-law of Little Creek and uncle of Dan Taylor,

walked into the agency office March 11th to report his return to the reservation after an absence of some eighteen years in Canada. He had made his home in Canada with a band of Chippewas living near Rat Portage on Lake of the Woods.

The School fire companies have been put through several practice drills recently. The only fly in the ointment for the hook and ladder crew is the fact that there are no sky scrapers in Red Lake where they can demonstrate their ability in making real aerial flights.

Mr. Anton Doehl, Financial Clerk, accompanied by Mrs. Doehl and their daughter, departed for Bemidji last Saturday morning. Mrs. Doehle expects to visit her sister, Mrs. H. F. Ledeboer, at Callaway, Minn., for about two weeks, and Mr. Doehle expected to take the Civil Service examination at the Bemidji office before returning.

Ah-je-dum-o or Squirrel, of Red Lake is entertaining Kah ke way aun ah quod, of the Leech Lake Reservation, during sugar making time.

The Duluth Herald indulges in the following factitious comment: "A Bemidji paper is offering as a subscription premium a copy of that well known book, the Bible. Which only goes to show that the lid in that territory is already beginning to have results." With reference to the lid, it would seem that "on" is the right word, rather than "in." The joke is "on" the Herald.

"Grandpa" Dickens came up from his Boston Lake farm on the 15th. He is enjoying the best of health.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. David La Jeunesse on February 23rd and has been christened Antoine La Jeunesse.

In the March 15 issue of the News for 1913 mention was made of the fact that 6.90 inches of snow had fallen in the first 15 days of March that year. During the same period this year, about the same quantity of snow which had previously fallen has disappeared, there having been practically no snow fall this month.

The Agency blacksmith, Louis R. Caswell, has been extremely busy the past winter and is calling for assistants. Louis certainly has earned his bread "by the sweat of his brow" this winter, though the thermometer registered 40 below on several occasions on the inside of his shop.

Stanley Johnson, the genial agency stenographer has demonstrated his countrymen's national sport, that of traveling on skis.

Stanley explains that when he falls down "he's a darn Swede" but when he successfully rides the brink he maintains his countrymen's honor.

A. C. Goddard complains that "Its just one thing after another with him." As soon as he finishes one job there are two or three others in waiting.

Ed. R. King, Agency carpenter, has made a couple of library tables this winter to the envy of some of the other employees. His latest stunt is a new book case for the class rooms.

The domestic science room is about completed and we are looking forward to an invitation to test the good things promised by that class.

The large girls want to organize a basketball team. Good luck to them.

The way the large boys handle the extension ladder on the fire wagon makes them appear as professionals.

Pike fishing will soon be the order of the day in the sport line. Last year's record and all former records are doomed to wreckage, so the fishermen say.

Geo. H. Blakeslee and Mr. Goddard are getting in summer's supply of auto parts. Mr. Goddard has added a set of shock absorbers to his equipment. He thinks they should be worn "nearly" all the time. The writer thinks foot warmers would be the thing for this climate most of the year.

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