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INDIANS WIN SUCCESS.

The recent celebration of the forty-seventh anniversary of Hampton Institute, which brought hundreds of visitors from both the North and the South, made clear the fact that Hampton continues to offer Indian and colored youth rare opportunities for training in schoolteaching, farming, homemaking, the common trades, and music.

The Indian students at Hampton Institute played a conspicuous and important part in the anniversary exercises. There are six Indians in the Senior Trade class, one, Daniel N. Thomas, a Pima, of Sacaton, Ariz., being vice-president of the class.

Among the candidates for diplomas there are five Indians—Fred Bender, a Chippewa, of Penturen, Minn., W. David Owl, a Cherokee, Roddey, S. C., Rueben Williams, a Tuscarora, Lewiston, N. Y., Carmen Montion, a Yaqui, El Paso, Texas, and Cynthia Powdrill, a Pueblo, Ashton, Kan., all having applied for teachers' certificates. Miss Montion and Miss Powdrill have also completed the home economics course.

During the anniversary exercises Miss Montion related before a large and appreciative audience the memories of her childhood. She told how, as a child of seven, she cared for the sheep and goats, helped her mother hunt clay for making pottery, assisted with the weaving during the winter months, prepared the corn for bread, and even learned to make the bread.

Miss Elizabeth Bender, Hampton '07, of Penturen, Minn., now teaching in the Carlisle School, but until recently a teacher on the Blackfeet and Fort Belknap Reservations, attended the Hampton anniversary exercises, and gave an interesting account of her experiences in the Indian Schools.

Candidates for diplomas and certificates were presented to the Board of Trustees by Hon. William Howard Taft, who is the president of the Board.

"You go out from here with the mark on you 'A Hampton Graduate,' said Mr. Taft. "I do not need to elaborate the advantage that you have in that honor and that privilege. It classifies you. It shows that you have passed through a mold that is expected, by the country and the people whom you meet to have developed in you thoroughness, character, and the Hampton spirit of self-sacrifice. You owe it to yourselves to be worthy of that reputation that you will have ascribed to you. You owe it to your race, for if you fail for lack of character, tenacity of purpose, or in wisdom, you injure your race. Your life is to be one of struggle. No candid supporter or friend of yours can

be blind to the conditions that confront you—the trials you will have to meet, the great burdens that you will have to carry. And you must know that these things are to be met and overcome only by courage, by self-restraint, by confidence in God and by leaning on Him, and by the reward that comes to you from the consciousness of having fought the good fight and deserved success."—*Press Service, Hampton Institute, Virginia.*

NEWS ITEM.

Evidence is piling up that the Indian Bureau is beginning to realize that the Indian problem primarily is a human problem. In the past Commissioners of Indian Affairs have been deeply concerned with coal and oil lands, with schools and cattle raising with regulations and laws. The Indian has looked on with little understanding of why all that was being done for him was good for him. And no one took the trouble to tell him.

Cato Sells, the present Commissioner of Indian Affairs, seems to be aiming at a better understanding of the red man. An example of his effort to demonstrate to the Indian that the white man is trying to give him fair play is found in the case reported yesterday of the conviction of the murderer of De Soto Tiger, a Seminole, who was assailed by a white brigand, robbed of his life savings, and killed. State authorities of Florida seem to have shown little interest in the case. Efforts to trace the murderer fell entirely upon the Indian office. And it took a year to get justice.

Similar efforts to fasten upon only the guilty parties to the Piute uprising, the recent success in obtaining a higher appraisal of timber lands among the Indians of the Northwest, and the release and restoration to his Blackfeet tribesmen of Spo Pee, imprisoned for many years in the Government Hospital for the Insane—all these betoken the deeper interest the Indian Office is taking in the current perplexities of the Indians.

The opportunities given Indians to air their views before the Indian Commissioner, and his personal visits to many tribes, should result in a more friendly relation between them and the Government. The psychological effect of this direct contact, the feeling that the white man is willing to listen to their story and to get their point of view, is what is needed if the friction and misunderstanding of many years are to be broken down.—*The Washington Times*, April 28, 1915.

WARNING.

The introduction of intoxicating liquors into this reservation or its sale to non-citizen Indians is forbidden by law under a penalty of imprisonment for not less than sixty days. See Act of January 30, 1897 (29 State L., 506.)

FARM STATION ITEMS.

The Farm Station Farmer's club meeting will be held at John J. Spears' home May 15th. We hope all members will try to come, especially the neighbors who have a share in the shingle mill are requested to be present. The mill is here, set up, and ready for business.

Louis Carl has been pretty busy clearing up land this spring. He expects to get a couple of acres planted soon.

Frank Carl is also clearing right along. He says that he will soon have a field as large as Mr. Barrett's. Frank has less than \$200 to pay on his reimbursable property.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brun spent a few days at Red Lake recently.

Gus LaJenesse is busy at present putting in a crop on his tentative allotment near here.

Louis Gurneau is at Red Lake. Mrs. Gurneau has not been well this spring, and Louis has taken her to Red Lake so as to be near the doctor for treatment. We hope that Mrs. Gurneau will recover rapidly and that they will soon be with us again.

Frank Brun is the early bird around here as he got his garden planted along about April 15th.

From present indications we are going to have a very favorable year for all crops in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Omen are on an extended trip to Red Lake.

Supt. W. F. Dickens, Wm. Donner, Supt. of Construction from the Indian Office, and Nathan J. Head were here this week looking over the road building proposition.

Louis Carl and John J. Spears made a trip to Red Lake the last of the week to get provisions.

William Sayers and others from his neighborhood went to the Agency to get their farming tools and seeds.

AGENCY ITEMS.

The sawmill will begin operations Monday, May 3rd next, and the many requests for lumber may soon be supplied. We expect to cut at least one million feet this season, and hope there may never be any need for complaint that we cannot supply local demand.

Pewash, Joseph Mason and Joseph Jourdain were among those to purchase new

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