

Essay Contest on Evil Effects From the Use of Alcohol.

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Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, has recently awarded prizes to seven hundred and twenty-nine successful contestants among pupils in the Indian Schools of the United States, the contest being for the first, second and third best essays written by the Indian pupils on the effect of alcoholism on men, women and children.

This contest was participated in by several thousand Indian pupils, and it is believed will have a large influence in impressing upon students, their parents, and other Indians the evil effects resulting from the use of liquor.

The following is a copy of a letter written by Commissioner Sells to successful contestants:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of Indian Affairs
Washington

My friend:

I take pleasure in presenting to you the first prize, which has been awarded under the terms of the essay contest on alcoholism.

It is gratifying to me that you have so good an understanding of the evil effects of alcohol and the importance of preventing its introduction, sale or use among Indians.

It has now come about that there is a world-wide campaign against the liquor traffic, not only from a moral point of view but in recent years it has become essentially an economic question and its banishment is advocated from the business office as strenuously as from the pulpit; more recently the use of intoxicants has been officially denounced by many of the great European governments as destructive to military discipline and efficiency.

Generally throughout the Indian country there has been splendid co-operation in our efforts to free the Indian from the malign influence and destructive effects of whiskey.

I am greatly pleased with the helpful spirit manifested among adult Indians, and for the intelligent and sympathetic response from the Indian schools, as exemplified in this contest. Your friend,

(Signed) CATO SELLS,
Commissioner.

Edward Beaulieu, of the Red Lake school and Cora Morgan, of the Cross Lake school, were the successful contestants at Red Lake agency and are certainly to be congratulated.

FARM STATION ITEMS.

Quite a number of lambs have duly arrived amongst the bunch of sheep belonging to Louis Gurneau and also the government sheep here.

Mrs. E. R. Lee spent a few days last week visiting at Frank Carl's over Clearwater way. While there Louis Carl and Joseph Larjeness came in with some venison, and they also had a bear story to tell, Louis having wounded a big black bear in the vicinity of Forest Lake. Louis says he thinks he could have gotten the bear, if he had not climbed a tree.

Joseph Way-be-nais visited at his father-in-law's, Long John, for the past week.

Fred Graves and James Allec were callers at the Farm Station recently.

Mrs. Frank Brun is visiting at Red Lake at present. Miss Rose Brun is expected home from Wahpeton so as to spend the vacation with her parents.

Solomon Blue paid a visit to his son William and family.

Louis Gurneau has installed a telephone and is now in communication with the outside world.

O-ge-mah recently called at the Farm Station, taking a couple of scrapers over to Clearwater to use in the road work going on there.

Jacob Fairbanks was here recently getting shovels to use on the telephone extension now under way.

Peter Bell passed through here last week on his way down the river. He carried a telephone message to Mrs. Carrie Cain, informing her of a serious accident met by her mother at Cross Lake.

Joseph Frögg and family are very busy digging snake roots at this time.

Solomon Blue seeded six and one-half acres to oats, which was growing nicely until the present rain. It is feared this will prove too wet for the grain and garden stuff near here.

Young partridges are unusually plentiful this spring.

Francis Lee is expected home shortly to spend his vacation with home folks.

Mrs. Louis Larjeness is visiting at Red Lake at present.

The cattle in this vicinity are in better condition than they were at this time last year, as the flies and mosquitoes have not put in their appearance yet and the pastures are fine.

The Holstein cattle formerly belonging to Joseph Omen are now at the Farm Station pasture.

Mr. Barrett of Clearwater was a business caller here the past week.

Mrs. Ole Barrett of Queensdam visited here the 25th and 26th.

Frank Brun recently visited his homestead, contracting to sell off some of the timber on the tract to the lumber company, which is working in that vicinity.

E. R. Lee had a pleasant visit at Red Lake recently as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. King.

Louis Gurneau and family have gone to Red Lake to spend the Fourth.

It is certainly wet down Sayer's way. The folks there don't seem to mind it very much, as they have plenty of eggs, milk and butter, especially as Joseph Roberts did well this spring, having, cleared, plowed and planted grain and a garden. He also has quite a bunch of young chickens, and Mrs. Roberts makes butter often.

Gus Larjeness has been on the police force for two months now and has done very satisfactory work, indeed.

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