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AGENCY ITEMS.

Supt. Dickens who departed for Washington on January 29th, has not yet returned.

A party of Red Lakers consisting of N. J. Head, P. H. Beaulieu, Wm. Sayers, Pay-she-ke-zhig and Still Day departed for Washington on the 7th inst. Mr. John G. Morrison, President of the General Council of the Chippewas of Minnesota, and also a resident of Red Lake accompanied the party.

Nay-gah-bow died of pneumonia on the 10th, inst., at the Red Lake Hospital. He was a brother of Mrs. Alexeance Jourdain who recently died of the same disease. Decedent was unmarried and leaves surviving a brother, Ke-me-wun, and a half sister, Mrs. Chas. Fineday.

Joseph Roberts was a recent visitor in Red Lake from his home near Sayersville. Mr. Roberts had brought one of his children in to enroll in St. Mary's Mission School but on account of the epidemic of measles in that school was compelled to delay the enrollment of his child for the present.

For the third time within the past thirty days the Grim Reaper has visited the household of Hole-in-day, one of the Agency Indian Police, he having lost his wife on January 8th, and 4-year-old daughter, Jane, on January 10th, both of whom died of pneumonia, and on the 8th inst., his seven year old daughter, Mary, a student at the Mission School succumbed to an attack of measles.

Mr. Andrew Bergquist, conductor on the Red Lake Line, was granted final citizenship papers before an examiner of the Federal Immigration Bureau at Bemidji last week. Mr. Bergquist, a native of Denmark, is now a full fledged, unhyphenated American.

The winter of 1915-1916 will no doubt be long remembered in this locality for its prolonged, unbroken cold, attended by much snow. The depth of snow is so great that sleighing is difficult—and the end is not yet.

James Anderson, or May-quom-e-wub, and Wain-je-mahdub, who live down the river near Neptune, were callers at the Agency on business last Thursday.

Ish-ko-tay-o-tah-baum (Locomotive), also known as John Smith, recently paid a visit at Red Lake from near Inger, Minn., where he has been working for the past six months with one of the dredging outfits engaged in ditching work on swamp lands.

Several Red Lake Indians are engaged in logging for the agency sawmill. John Johnson and Francis Gurneau have gone into partnership and are logging near Sandy River. Jacob Loud and Jacob Moose are logging together southeast of Redby and Pe-waush is also logging in the same vicinity.

John G. Smith, who disappeared last fall about the time his name was mentioned in connection with rumors of certain misdemeanors having been committed on the reservation near the home of Mrs. Julia Clark, returned to the reservation last week from Cass Lake. The Indian Court, which has not forgotten said rumors, will probably hold an inquiry in the matter in the near future.

Quite extensive operations in the cutting,

manufacture and sale of cedar posts and poles are going on near Clearwater River. Frank Carl recently settled the stumpage charges on 1,000 posts and 275 poles which he had cut in the dead and down cedar swamp near Clearwater and sold in Gully, on the Soo Line. Others are also engaged in this work. It is reported that these Indians co-operated in the work of dragging of snow plow over the road from the Bridge to Gully and a fine tote road is said to have been the result. The farmers living off the reservation on the meadows, not to be outdone in this respect by the Indians, soon plowed out the road from Berner to Gonvick, consequently traveling in that vicinity is now less difficult than it is nearer the Agency where the snow is now 30" deep on the level.

Mr. W. L. Thomas and Israel Belgarde have returned from the latter's homestead north of Red Lakes in the Rapid River Country. They were compelled to use snowshoes on the return hike and were two days covering about 18 miles of the return trip.

A license to marry was issued at the Agency on the 12th to Kah-zhe-be-quay-widower, aged 47, and Ay-quah-bun-oke, widow, aged 30, both of Redby.

A post card written by N. J. Head from Chicago on the 9th, states that the delegation enroute to Washington from here was three hours late in arriving at Chicago, the time being lost on account of bad weather disarranging train schedules. Mr. Head stated that all members of the party were well on arrival at Chicago.

Ke-niew-e-ke-zhig, or Jack Clubs, in acknowledging receipt of a check forwarded to him at Inger, Minn., sent his best regards to all friends in Red Lake.

Mr. Alex Jourdain of the Northwest Angle of the Reservation advises that a son was born to himself and wife on February 6. The young man has been named Joseph.

The Puposky hotel was raided last week by county officers, who seized a quantity of liquor and also the bar fixtures which were shipped to Bemidji. Several arrests were made for conducting an unlicensed drinking place. One of the principals in this affair formerly conducted a saloon in Bemidji before the enforcement of the 1855 Treaty. Verily, the way of the Lid Tilter is hard.

Chief Special Officer Henry A. Larson of the U. S. Liquor Suppression Service, was in Bemidji last Saturday consulting with Special Officer Brandt who is stationed at Bemidji.

A second delegation of Red Lake Indians to Washington, composed of Paym-way-way-be-nais, No-din and O. ke mah .wah .je .waib, expects to start for the Capitol on the 14th.

Na-may-pock of Warroad, who was visited recently by G. H. Blakeslee, of the Agency office, is in very poor health. A neat four-room cottage has just been completed for his use and the "Chief," as he is called by all acquaintances in Warroad, is now very comfortably situated. Besides a sister, his grandson, Robert Gibbs, and wife (formerly Elizabeth Kay-bay-aus-ung) make their home with him.

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.)

INDIANS' ACHIEVEMENTS.

"Lo the poor Indian, who's untutored mind Sees God in the clouds and hears Him in the Wind."—

Who's allotment no longer grows up into weeds

Nor is leased to a white man for cheap strings of beads.

For, lo! and behold, he is now up to date, He farms his own land and his crops are first rate.

No longer of work does he say, "I should worry,"

It's "Get out of my way, I am in a great hurry."

It may have been true that once on a time He could not distinguish a cent from a dime. What a change has been made in our copper hued brother!

He now picks up dollars without any bother. For quite a long time he was somewhat behind,

But now he's commenced to get into the grind

And he's not a bit slow to accept a position Where a man is required full of vim and ambition.

You now see him working wherever you go— In Kansas, Nebraska or New Mexico.

While once he was backward and slow to take hold

You'll now find him hustling and bustling and bold.

So we'll have to revise the old reader and history,

For Lo is no longer a joke nor a mystery, But a man of red blood as well as of skin Who has grabbed up the hoe and gone out to win.

If you are one of those deluded, misinformed and behind-the-times individuals who still persist in regarding the Indian as a loafer, then read the following clippings showing the intense activity of Indians in all sections of the country and in widely varied industries. We believe you will then be ready to reconstruct your opinions in regard to "Poor Lo."

The Winnebago, Neb., Chieftan stated that Dewey Thunder, a Winnebago boy, won third prize in a corn contest at Roslie, Neb. Considering the fact that the town of Roslie is located off the reservation the boy must have competed with white boys and won a prize well up toward the top.

About two years ago the Sure Hatch Incubator Co., of Clay Center, Neb., published a catalogue showing scenes of several farms where chickens were raised, and in one of the pictures was Dewey, this same little boy, helping his father raise chickens.

Out of the score of nations represented in an automobile factory in Detroit it remained for an Indian, Joseph Gillman, a Chippewa, whose home is in Minnesota, and

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