

Peairs severed his connection with the school Monday night, January 31, and Tuesday morning assumed the title of supervisor of Indian education. For those who have worked with and under him for years and know his true worth, this "parting of the ways" brings sadness. Still they are glad that his merit has been recognized in his promotion and heartily congratulate Mr. Peairs. In his broader field he will have an opportunity to do greater work for the Indian youth for whose advancement he has labored so strenuously for the past twenty-three years. That he may have the health and strength to continue this work successfully for many years is the wish of his former employees and pupils, who bid him "God-speed," as they say, not "Farewell" but "*Auf Wiedersehen*"—"Until we meet again." *Indian Leader.*

CHIPPEWA INDIANS WILL RECEIVE PAYMENT.

AT LAST The members of the Chippewa and Ottawa Indians are to receive their cash from Uncle Sam, which has been held back since 1885, of whom there are a good many in Isabella county. In the entire state there are about 7,000, and \$140,000 is to be paid to out them within the next few weeks.

This money is due on account of a treaty made by the government in 1855 when they were to break up tribal relations for the money named. They kept their word, and received their pay yearly until 1885, when the government for some reason dis-

continued payments. Recently the matter has been taken into court by the Indians, where their rights were determined, and the money above mentioned is to be paid. The difficulty in locating the rightful claimants can readily be seen, and a special agent has spent the better part of two years in the state getting correct date. The great majority of those entitled to the money live around Traverse City and Petoskey.

After the expenses incurred are paid is thought each Indian will get about \$15. *Enterprise.*

SEQUOYAH—YAH IN THE HALL OF FAME.

OKLAHOMA has decided to place in the national capitol at Washington a statue of George Guess (Sequoyah-Yah) as that of one of her representative men, considering him not only the greatest Indian of the west, but of the continent. His greatness was achieved in inventing the Cherokee alphabet which has been pronounced by eminent critics one of the most perfect in the world.

Sequoyah-yah is supposed to have been born about the years 1770 on a small farm in what was then known as Cherokee, Georgia. He had a wonderful gift of narration, a remarkable memory and was eloquent as an orator. He did not begin to work out his alphabet until he was fifty-six years of age.

The Cherokee alphabet, as he formed it, contains eighty-five characters, each representing a single sound, or embracing more than three times