

# RED LAKE NEWS

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On February 17th last a general council was held at the Agency guard house pursuant to notices posted by William Sayers, president of the Red Lake Indian Fair Association for the purpose of electing officers for the Fair.

The old officers were unanimously re-elected, and are as follows:

William Sayers, President; Ed. Prentice, Vice President; Francis Gurneau, Sec. and Treas.

The meeting was not largely attended, only about forty male adult Indians being present. However, many people who were interested in the gathering were unable to attend because of stress of work at home. Several rousing speeches were made by those present, all in support and praise of the Fair. The association's financial condition was discussed and it was determined to try and get the Fair Association out of debt at the next annual spring payment by soliciting among the people, each member being requested to subscribe whatever he thought he was able to pay towards that end.

Paym way way be nais said he had always attended all the former meetings; that the Fair was a source of instruction to the Indians; and that as they were all interested in learning how to farm it would be of special interest to the young men. He referred to the annuities received by the Red Lakers, and expressed the opinion that with the assistance of those annuities it ought not to be a difficult matter for the able bodied young men of the reservation to open up a farm and get a good start in life.

The meeting was formerly opened by William Sayers, who thanked the association for the honor conferred upon him for the past two years. William stated that inasmuch as he had moved away from the lake to such a distance from the Agency that it was more or less of a hardship for him to attend to the Fair matters, and that he was not a candidate for re-election; and that he thought there were several of the others present living nearer the Agency that could fill the position as well as he. Billie seemed to be alone in his opinion, however, for the Indians were unanimous in their choice for his re-election. Billie Sayers has made a good president. He has worked hard for the success of the association, has tried to make it pleasant for the Indians and visitors, and the council showed good judgment in his re-election.

Francis Gurneau has been an able assistant to Mr. Sayers. Francis, in the capacity of secretary, has worked hard, and says that he is willing and anxious to do the best he can another year.

Ed. Prentice, the Vice President, was not at the council, but Ed. has always been a strong supporter of the Indian Fair organization and last year was one of the heaviest exhibitors, especially in the stock exhibit. Ed. lost a little nephew which was buried on the day of the council, and it was thought that that was what caused his absence from the meeting.

Long John from the Outlet spoke in favor of the Fair, as follows:

"I want to say just a few words. We had

a large attendance when our father first mentioned the Fair Association. I saw most everyone was in favor of it. I am right with the fair business. Here is what I am telling the young men. They want to learn how to farm. You are more interested in this than I am. You want to get up and falk."

Good talks were made by Stillday and Joe Boxer and others. Each man pledged himself to support the officers and encourage the movement as much as possible.

## CROSS LAKE ITEMS.

Wm. Dudley and Frank Dupris have begun the construction of pontoons for the new Battle River bridge.

Oliver L. Breckner and Frank Dupris are scaling the logs landed at Cross Lake this winter.

Alex Gillespie and Felix Green, with two agency teams, were here the 25th on the freight haul in connection with three Cross Lake teams. The condition of the ice on the lake was never better for freighting.

Jos. C. Roy drove into a crack in the ice near Redby on the 25th. The crack was about three feet wide and water four feet deep. Both horses went in and although John Stillday was with him, both were unable to do anything towards extricating the team until assisted by Cash Gonzer who happened to be near, when they got the team out without any material injury.

Since the sun shone brightly February 22nd the ground hog must not have cared to look for his shadow.

Alvie Burns is temporary laborer at the school.

Almost all the loggers at Cross Lake are about through operations for this season.

A stranger from the cedar camp near Kelliher on his way South, got lost and drove into Ponemah the other night.

The Mequom Bay Indians have been dancing more than The Point Indians this winter, and that is "going some."

It is reported Way-oon-ding and kay-gway-dub-e-tung have taken off their coats to fight the Ponemah Farmer's Club. They will have to go some, though they have several of the young fellows scared.

The Farmer's Club missed its regular meeting Saturday night, February 20, as the President Wm. Dudley, was in Bemidji.

On February 15th Jos. C. Roy bought the first butter ever sold in a store by a Cross Lake Indian. There were two pounds of it and it brought 35c per pound. Mr. Roy says that the butter was very good. The name of the party who sold it is Leslie Jones.

The next day Mr. Roy bought one pound of butter from another Indian, Nah-gah-nahbe-nung.

Mrs. Elsie E. Webster of Oneida School, Wis., arrived at Cross Lake on the 7th of February and has entered on duty in the position of Laundress at the Cross Lake school.

## 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.)

## NEWS ITEM.

Another northern Minnesota county jail has "gone empty" as a result of the suppression of the liquor traffic here. This time a report comes from Walker, the county seat of Cass County, that the county jail is without prisoners, and that the sheriff and town marshals are practically jobless. Here's hoping the good work may continue until the "lid" will finally cover all of Minnesota and reach over into South Dakota.—*Flan-dreau, S. D. Weekly Review.*

## HABITS.

Saturday Evening Post.—If you save 1 cent today and double the amount saved day by day, at the end of thirty days you will have laid by a respectable sum amounting to several million dollars. By taking a pencil and a piece of paper you can easily satisfy yourself of the fact much more easily than you can find the money. Even on the tenth day, when the amount saved reaches \$5, you might find that it was disorganizing the family budget.

If you pursue a normal course through life you are always doing something today, and a little more of it the next day, and still more the day after. The man with the delirium tremens began at only a penny a day. Beginning at a penny a day, you can acquire a million-dollar tobacco heart.

Also, you can acquire a million dollar satisfaction in good literature by forming a reading habit, or a million dollars' worth of health by habit of exercise.

Cummulative habit is about two-thirds of life. Between a book and a drink, at geometric ratio, there is all the difference in the world.

## FIRST PRIZE IN INDIAN ESSAY CONTEST.

The Society of American Indians has just awarded the first prize in its annual essay contest to Lucy E. Hunter, a Winnebago Indian who is now a member of the senior class at Hampton Institute. "The higher academic training for the Indian" was the title of the first-prize essay.

Mr. Arthur C. Parker, the secretary-treasurer of the Society, warmly commended Miss Hunter for the splendid argument she had presented.

Miss Hunter is one of the forty Indians who remained at Hampton without any government assistance, and is preparing herself for a life of larger usefulness to her people.

Two other Winnebagoes who are well known are Mrs. Dietz, a Hampton graduate who is famous in the world of art as Angel De Cora, and Henry Roe Cloud, the first Indian to make his own way and graduate from Yale College. These two have already done a great deal to show mankind that there is still the desire and longing for the best things of life, not only in the Winnebago tribe, but in the whole Indian race.