

an blood, and which will fit white or red, black or yellow equally well. A person who is competent will be making a reasonable effort to:

- 1 Work
- 2 Pay his debts
- 3 Provide for his family
- 4 Send his children to school
- 5 Improve his home
- 6 Avoid the credit business
- 7 Keep his land
- 8 Let booze alone
- 9 Care for his property
- 10 Have a good character
- 11 Such a man will live at his home and attend to his own business

Here are a few points against competency; person who is not competent:

- 1 Talks big and works little
- 2 Spends lots of time traveling around, to no purpose
- 3 Sponges his living from his friends.
- 4 Knows just what the Commissioner ought to do
- 5 Drinks booze and smokes cigarettes
- 6 Thinks he has been unjustly denied a great many rights, etc
- 7 Wants to sell his land without good reason
- 8 Does not want any advice from the Government as long as his money lasts
- 9 Thinks the Government ought to protect him and get his money back whenever he makes a mistake
- 10 Etc, etc.

It is a pretty good general rule that the fellow who makes a big noise about his competency, hasn't any.

When a fellow comes home from a hunt in the mountains, full of big talk about the big bears he's killed, it might help his story along a little to show the bear-skins. A few good hides will talk louder than a week's wind-jamming. So it is with competency, if you deliver the goods, it won't take much talk to fix up matters.—The Indian Scout, Shawnee, (Okla.)