

Zimmerman; Vocal Trio, Russel Adams, Nick Orloff and J. Victor Adams; Italian Harp (Solo), Sherman Leone; Vocal Solo, J. Victor Adams.

At the hour of ten-thirty all present marched to the west end of the gym, where tables were set for 160 people. The dainties were well prepared by those in charge of the department.

Realizing the lateness of the hour, after one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent on such functions, Mr. Devol, toast-master, called on Mr. Smith, who responded very heartily to the call and voiced his praise for the success of the party; as usual his brief talk was well received and approved by those present. Supt. Wadsworth was next called on, who also expressed his sentiments on the success of the party. He congratulated the pupils who were at the reception for their good conduct during the entire evening. The Excelsior party of 1915 will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be in attendance.

LESSER INDIAN DEATH RATE

The physical decline and the alarming death rate of the American Indian of today is perhaps the most serious and urgent of the many problems that confront him at the present time.

The death rate is stated by government officials at about thirty per thousand of the population—double the average rate among white Americans.

These are grave facts and cause deep anxiety to the intelligent Indian and to the friends of the race.

Some hold pessimistic views looking to its early extinction; but these are not warranted by the outlook, for, in spite of the conditions named, the last three censuses show a slight but continuous increase in the total number of Indians.

Nor is this increase among mixed-bloods alone; the full-blooded Indians are also increasing in numbers. This indicates that the race has reached and passed the lowest point of its decline, and is beginning slowly but surely to recuperate.—Fort Wayne (Ind.) News.

NEW LEADER OF ABERDEEN IS PART CHEROKEE

Aberdeen, April 8.—Several new features for the municipal government of smaller cities of the northwest probably will be added by Judge J. M. Phillips, who following his election Tuesday is making plans for taking over the leadership in this city's affairs. Among these will be the