

THE INDIAN EXHIBIT

Among the many fine exhibits at the Western Montana fair, none have occasioned more favorable comments than that of the Flathead Indians. Under the management of Superintendent Morgan, the Flatheads have installed an agricultural exhibit that in itself will discount the average county fair.

The showing made of the products of Indian farmers is highly creditable to the Indians. The exhibit of Indian handicraft is both interesting and artistic.

The time and money spent by the Officials of the Indian Bureau in assembling this truly creditable exhibit is to be commended. It is not only a demonstration of what the Indians can and will do, when given proper encouragement, but it is an incentive to them for doing still better thing.—The Missoulian, Missoula, Montana.

EDUCATION FOR THE INDIAN

Ten years from this date, or at the most twenty years from now, the Indians of the United States may far outstrip millions of the white population in the matter of practical education. It may seem a bold and preposterous statement at this time, but the education of the Indian is being accomplished most successfully.

A report on the course of study outlined for the United States Indian schools, as prepared under the direction of Commissioner Cato Sells, shows that vocational training is strongly emphasized—more strongly than in the general school systems of the different states. The training is divided into three stages, the beginning stage, the finding stage and the finishing stage.

Indian boys are required to take practical courses in farming, gardening, dairying, carpentering, blacksmithing, engineering, masonry, shoe and harness repairing, while the girls must take thorough courses in home cooking, sewing, laundering, nursing and kitchen gardening. These courses are uniform throughout all the Indian schools.

During the vocational courses the correct amounts of academic work are given and the Indian youth comes out of school fitted for the real struggle of life. That wonderful progress is being made is no longer to be doubted. Visitors to the Oklahoma State Fair and Exposition in this city stood in wonder before the exhibits made by the Indian schools in this State, and doubtless the schools in other states have made the same advancement.

Commissioner Sells had only such material as nature had provided