

a child is born the father must put away all tools made of iron or steel and not use them for twenty days. And he must not go outside to work or hunt. If he does any of these things the child will surely die. When a child dies it is not buried but is wrapped in a bundle and placed at the foot of a spruce sapling. If the tree dies within a year the spirit of the child dies also.

"I could tell you more of these superstitious beliefs, but I am afraid the Great Crow, who is the father of all the Indians in my tribe, will get mad at me and cause my death," said Reed in conclusion, but the smile with which he left the platform gave one the impression he was not much afraid of Great Crow.—Hampton Institute Press Service.

DOING WELL

The record of the United States government in connection with its pledges to the Indian tribes has not been so meticulously correct that a case of keeping faith can be allowed to pass by without noting it. The federal judge sitting in Minnesota who recently not only sided with the Indians in his decree, but also incidentally made it easier for the Indian Bureau to combat venders of liquor to the red men, did well by his country and his court. In this particular case it was the same old story of cupidity and lawlessness of the white trader declining to conform to the nation's law and word of honor; and between them the Indian Bureau and the federal court have given law a fuller and deeper meaning in the mining regions of the North.—Boston (Mass.) Christian Science Monitor.

TODAY'S INDIAN PROBLEM

In an address to the superintendents and to other employes of the Indian schools, Cato Sells, the Commssioner of Indian Affairs, said:

"The Indian has demonstrated his humanity and his capacity for intellectual and moral progress amid conditions not always propitious, and I am eager to participate with all the favoring forces that contribute to his racial triumph, believing, as I do, that when he comes to himself as a factor in the modern world his achievements will enrich and brighten the civilization of his native land."

During the last few years a rapid change has taken place in the factors which make up the Indian problem of the United States government. There are no longer any war path Indians, and for the main part the elders of the red race have forsaken the old ways and are attempting to