

## ◆ About Lo and his Friends ◆

### HASKELL TO DISCONTINUE AGRICULTURE

Activities at Haskell, so far as agriculture and dairying are concerned, will be curtailed during the remainder of the school year. It is quite probable, Supt. Roe Cloud states, that the dairy herd will be distributed among other schools the first pick going to Chilocco. The farm will be leased on a crop-share basis and Haskell will not attempt to farm any portion of the 1,000-acre reservation.

Indian Service authorities decided that to carry on agriculture and dairying here is a duplication of the work accomplished by Chilocco. Chilocco has stressed these subjects for years and for that reason it is deemed business-like to look to her to carry on in this line of endeavor.

Haskell will be in the market for dairy products at the beginning of the next school year.

Much of the roughage and grain consumed by the dairy herd was the product of the Haskell farm, and with the disposal of the dairy cattle and the young stock, this product could not be used, and it would be poor planning to produce such crops to sell, so agriculture will no longer be carried on here.

Poultry raising is to be discontinued also, as this activity is usually considered as a necessary adjunct to farming. The flock will be disposed of via the students' dining room.

Such changes as are necessary among the employees because of this "new deal" will be made in due time.—*Indian Leader*.

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### NAMELESS INDIAN HERO

To some nameless Indian, the world owes the discovery of that great remedy, quinine, used in the treatment of the human body.

We do not know the name of this benefactor of mankind, but he was one of the native Indians, ill with malaria and burning and parched with fever. Too weak to regain his native village, he could but crawl to a stagnant pool in the forest where he could quench his thirst in water bitter with branches that had fallen from an overhanging tree called the "Cinchona" grown in the Andes Mountains in South America.

The genius that discovered the remedy did not know that it would be later used as a special cure for malaria, a disease classed next only to tuberculosis in the extent of its distribution and its importance as a killing and disabling disease.—*The Indian's Friend*.

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### MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL DEEDED TO STATE

Gov. Comstock today was informed by Secretary of the Interior Ickes that the federal government is willing to deed the abandoned Mount Pleasant Indian school to Michigan for the purpose of converting it into a state institution.

Ickes told the governor that congressional action was necessary to formally transfer the property, and Comstock has asked Congressman Roy Woodruff to secure passage of the legislation. The school will be used to care for a long waiting list of patients who are waiting admittance to the various state institutions.—*The Three Rivers Commercial*.

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Superintendent Sharon R. Mote, of Bismarck Indian school, North Dakota, is taking a leave of absence to help with the

state CWA work, says the Bismarck paper, *Iwasicu*. He is being relieved temporarily by Peyton Carter, an old timer in the Service.

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Chilocco boasts a new barber shop and a recently installed dry cleaning department which will add to the effectiveness of this already fine school.

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It is an annual custom at Phoenix for the employees to take the stage and show the young folks and others just how play acting should be done. The vehicle this year was a play called "Applesauce" and, says the *Redskin*, "for approximately three hours 'Applesauce' was dished out to the students, employees and visitors."

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We learn from *The Indian Leader* of the retirement of Edgar K. Miller, superintendent of the Hopi agency, Keams Canon, Ariz., formerly printer of the *Indian School Journal* at Chilocco and the *Red Man* at Carlisle. These two publications enjoyed their greatest success and reached their artistic and typographical peaks under his direction. He was a real teacher with a genuine interest and often his advice and council followed his boys out of school and into their jobs. Many of these boys and a host of friends in the Service will be sorry to learn that the Indian is losing this good friend by way of retirement.

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This item should make "Believe It or Not;" The famous Smoki tribe of the region near Prescott, Ariz., which stages its picturesque dances and ceremonials every year in the Mesa country, is composed entirely of white people. It is made up of young business men and women of Yavapai county. The dances staged by these people are not a burlesque but a serious attempt to perpetuate and preserve the native dances of the Arizona and other southwestern Indians. They have succeeded so well that the Indians themselves have adopted Smoki versions of some dances. The only member admitted to the Smoki clan who had not actually participated in the dances was the late President Coolidge.

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For his long, valuable services to the whites in the troublesome days of the early frontier, President Grant once sent Chief Washakie a beautiful black pony, a fine saddle, and a silver mounted bridle by a special messenger. The messenger arrived at sundown. Washakie was standing at an agency window looking on the gold and purple which flooded the snow caps of the mountains. Post Trader Moore soon found the Indian and told him to look at his gift. The pony stood just below where it could be seen to good advantage. "Well, Washakie, what have you to say to the White Father for sending you such a beautiful present?" Washakie did not speak. The post trader repeated the question; but instead of replying the old chief began to drum on the window panes. Thus he stood some moments. Moore finally walked to where he could see the Indian's face, and was surprised to see great tears rolling over his scarred cheeks, and occasionally the great, fearless warrior sobbed, something that no torture could make him do. In due time Washakie turned about and said slowly: "Tell the White Father for me that when the Frenchman gives thanks he he has plenty tongue, but no heart; when Washakie gives thanks he has plenty heart, but no tongue."