

The Indian Problem.

Washington, Nov. 23.—A policy which, it is contended, will settle the entire Indian question within a generation, is announced by Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones, in his annual report, made public today. His plan is to give the Indian an opportunity for self-support, the same protection of person and property as given others, throw him on his resources and enforce on him realization of the dignity of labor and the importance of building and maintaining a home for himself.

Until the Indian has become a part of the community in which he lives, day schools should be established in which he may learn enough for the ordinary business transactions. The key to the whole situation, the Commissioner suggests, is the home. The larger tribes are located in the arid regions on unproductive reservations, where there is no chance to make even a living. In these cases something should be done quickly toward placing such Indians in a position where they can support themselves.

Mr. Jones says the cutting off of rations from all Indians, except those incapacitated from earning a support, has had gratifying results, and if followed up, ultimately will lead to the abolition of the reservation and the absorption of the Indian into our body politic.

At Siletz.

The work of paying off the Indians at the Siletz reservation is under way. Two paymasters and a clerk are engaged in the work. Of the total of about \$80,000 to be paid the Indians, the remittances come to the paymasters in smaller amounts, and paying goes on as long as the money holds out. Each Indian receives a draft for 100, 40-

D. D. McArthur, Supt. and acting Indian Agent of the Siletz Agency, along with Mr. W. H. Brown, Chief Clerk, were at Chemawa last week paying off the Siletz boys and girls, the money due them by the

U.S. amounting to 196 dollars to each individual.

Mrs McArthur brought over a nice party of Indian girls to enter Chemawa, and spent two days visiting the institute.

The Siletz school was never so large and prosperous as it is to day, there being nearly 100 pupils in attendance. This speaks volumes for the energetic faithful work of Supt. and Mrs. McArthur as well as their special fitness for that work. We are glad to see the Siletz school booming and to know of the many substantial improvements being made under Supt. McArthur's management.

An Old Chemawa Boy.

Among those especially active in the commercial and trade pursuits of Orcas Island we notice Mr. B. F. Shattuck, who was a native of this place, his father being Charles W. Shattuck, one of the first white settlers at this place. Mr. Shattuck is engaged in the blacksmith business, which he has followed for the past seven years. He is well versed in all branches of the trade and is prepared to do all kinds of new and repair work and, makes a specialty of horseshoeing. He is one of the popular and esteemed young business men of San Juan county.—San Juan Islander.

We are glad to copy such encouraging reports concerning old pupils. Frank learned his blacksmith trade at Chemawa and we are proud of his splendid record and success, yes and one hundred times more so because he struck out for himself and did not hang on to the government for a position in our school.

A Wedding.

On Nov. 20th one of our lady teachers was married to Dr. Z. Daniels, physician at Siletz. The wedding took place in the Girls' Home, Dr. Ketchum of Salem officiating. Miss Lockhart was a very successful and faithful teacher, and an admirable lady. While we regret to lose her services here, we wish Dr. and Mrs. Daniels a long, happy and prosperous life.