

TULALIP AGENCY.

Tulalip, Wash., Oct. 31.—The Honorable Charles S. McNichol, special Indian agent, United States Indian service, has just left the Tulalip United States Indian agency, where he was detailed by the Indian office, at the telegraphic request of Dr. Charles M. Buchanan, superintendent and agent in charge of that agency, its reservations and its subjects, to investigate certain matters which Dr. Buchanan deemed the department should look carefully into and which he hopes to have remedied.

Mr. McNichol is an exceedingly interesting man with a striking personality. His experience in the Indian service and judicial temperament render him most successful in the execution of his official duties, which are not always of the pleasant nature to himself, personally or to others. Mr. McNichol has been engaged upon special work for the department at Fort Belknap, Mont., but that work was temporarily laid aside at the urgent request of Dr. Buchanan and he was detailed temporarily to look into certain matters at Tulalip. This has been done and Mr. McNichol has returned to his former field of special work.

Mr. McNichol has had a varied, interesting and valuable experience in the Indian service, having served as United States Indian agent and as superintendent in the field prior to his promotion to his present position, having lived at one time in the country of the Colorado river. His reminiscences of life in the field are extremely interesting and instructive, for he is blessed with a marked vein of humor and of discrimination.

Mr. McNichol's valuable service to the government in the line of his work is well known to all workers in the Indian service.

Dr. W. J. Stephenson, agency physician, Tulalip United States Indian agency, Whatcomh, has just been detailed to duty at the Chemawa United States Indian training school near Astoria, Or. The doctor is a most affable, genial and pleasant gentleman and possesses no small degree of professional ability and skill. He has had considerable experience in Indian services

work and has served at various agencies over the country, from Minnesota to the Coast. He was at one time in charge of the medical work at the Leech Lake agency, Minnesota, where the late Indian uprising occurred and where Kollo-shabes Indian Inspector Tucker was shot in the leg three times by the Indians.

The doctor's detail to the Chemawa school is a deserved recognition to him. Chemawa is one of the largest schools of the Indian service. It possesses the best hospital in the service and is about to erect a larger hospital building to be constructed of brick and to be equipped with modern fixtures throughout. The post at Chemawa is considered one of the most desirable positions for a physician in the Indian service and carries a salary as high as that paid to any physician in the service. The detail therefore means a promotion for Dr. Stephenson, in both pay and position. The doctor has only recently come to Tulalip but in that short period of service he has won the friendship and regard of Indians and whites, all of whom will give him up with the greatest reluctance. Tulalip is pleased, however, to know that she will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that her children who are sent to Chemawa for higher instruction will be under the professional care of good Dr. Stephenson. —[ROBERT HEROLD.]

A Filipino.

It has now been about eleven years since I left home, and during that time I have never heard from my folks, because I was not wise enough to write to them.

The first year I left home I worked as a boat that plied between Manila and Spain, and I enjoyed the work very much, but the next year when my father was sergeant of the *Bucabab*, a sailor brought me up in Barcelona, in Spain, but I did not like the school very much, for the teacher was very mean. When the Spanish began to fight our people I left Spain and went back to Manila to help my native land, after three years fighting with the Spanish, the General gave us liberty for six months. During this time Aguinaldo was