

### A Successful Indian.

Mr. John Leshe is an Indian after our own heart. He is native of Squaxon Island where his mother still resides. John has had, therefore, no unusual advantages, but he has always made good use of such advantages as he had. He was always ambitious to learn, and was never afraid of work. Years ago he attended the boarding school on the Chehalis reservation; later he came to Puyallup and, in time, accepted an offer of transfer to the large school at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. At Carlisle he studied hard and soon completed the regular course; and in addition thereto studied photography, becoming quite proficient in that art. Upon his return home and not finding a suitable opening for photography, he went to work industriously at whatever he could find to do. He finally hired as deck hand on one of the Puget Sound steamers. From deck hand he became fireman; as fireman he assisted the engineer some, and eventually took up the study of steam-engineering. On August 29, 1902, he went to Seattle and was duly examined by the U. S. Board of Examiners and licensed as a "first assistant engineer of steam vessels," with special permit to serve as engineer of the "City of Shelton." In this capacity his wages are \$75 per month with board and lodging. Next year he will be examined again and receive license as engineer. Johnny is a thoroughly honorable and trustworthy man. He has acquired none of the bad habits that ruin so many of our Indian young men. His success shows what an Indian boy can do who has the right stuff in him.—[Indian Guide.

### Money for Puyallup.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 29.—The Commissioner of Indian affairs has given assurances that from \$20,000 to \$30,000 will be expended in making repairs and improvements at the Puyallup Indian school, and probably a part of this sum will be devoted to erecting much needed

new buildings. The Washington delegation is very anxious to have this school plant rehabilitated, as it serves a large number of pupils, and is one of the leading institutions on the Pacific coast. They realize the miserable condition of most of the buildings at the present time, and urge that as a reason for immediate relief.

As soon as possible Supervisor of Construction John Charles, of the Indian service, is to go to Puyallup and lay out a plan of improvement to come within the allotment to be made by the Commissioner from the general fund appropriated for school improvements. Mr. Charles is a practical man, of considerable experience in laying out school plants and erecting modern buildings, and it is thought in the department that his suggestions will do much in the direction of upbuilding the Puyallup school. The funds to be allotted by the Commissioner will not be sufficient to meet all demands, but will serve to tide over until a special appropriation can be secured. It is hoped to get a liberal allowance in the Indian appropriation bill with which to carry on the work near Tacoma.—[Indian Guide.

### Congressman Tongue's Death

The news of the sudden death of Congressman Thomas H. Tongue last Sunday in Washington D. C. cast a gloom over our school. Mr. Tongue was greatly interested in the growth and improvement of Chemawa, and during the past six years has been a most ardent friend and tireless worker in building up and advancing its interest, by securing large appropriations for new buildings and increased attendance.

Before going to Washington last fall, he spent a day visiting every department of the school, inspecting carefully all the improvements made from the appropriations made by Congress, and delivered a most able and earnest address to the pupils and employes, which will never be forgotten.

In the death of Mr. Tongue, Chemawa has lost a good and staunch friend.