

## Death of the Ugliest Buck Among Yumas.

A report comes from a sequestered region of Mexico, south of Yuma, Ariz., that "Tar Head," who through life was branded by the yams as the ugliest buck of the Yuma Indian nation, is dead at the age of 110. Like the history of his tribe, Tar Head lived the victim of white man's clothing. Since his race adopted the wearing apparel of the pale face 10 years ago, disease has killed out hundreds and hundreds of the Indians and there is but a handful left. Scientists say that this case of germs did not know disease formerly.

Tar Head was typical of the race in his height of six or seven feet. He was one of the bravest warriors and chief of the famous band of Indian couriers who displayed greater endurance in travel than the guides of other Indian tribes. Across the burning sands of the Great American desert these runners, encumbered simply by a sash carried in their mouths, covered wide open miles in a tireless dog trot. A hundred miles a day is a light accomplishment for a Yuma runner to undertake.

Tar Head once made himself a hero in the eyes of Uncle Sam's soldiers, when, during some fierce Apache Indian trouble, he saved the garrison of Yuma, in the territory of Arizona, by conveying a message to Phoenix, Ariz., which called for reinforcements. The distance covered by the courier between sunrise and sunset exceeded 150 miles. He rode all night that he delivered the message in Phoenix and, starting out on his return the following morning, led the cavalry back to Yuma before darkness. The feat was regarded as a slight of task. The cavalry horses were tired and a few of them were unable to complete the journey, but Tar Head, who preceded the mounting party and, displayed little signs of fatigue.

Under the leadership of Mr. Wheeler, himself an Indian, the Haskell Indian band is forging to the front as never before; the concert program given the other evening at the Indian school was so fine as any ever given by a band in the west. It is the desire of the school authorities to keep the band intact, and increase and perfect its membership so that it will be one of the big features of the Indian education exhibit at the world's fair at Louis next summer. There is every reason why encouragement should be given to this laudable ambition.—Lawrence Journal.

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him from high honors when it became known that he had decided to quit the superintendency of the Carlisle school. He was urged to reconsider his purpose and withdraw his letter of resignation.

Many of these letters were from unexpected sources, the writers including members of both branches of Congress, from others high in authority and from persons who had been won from an attitude of unfriendliness and even hostility to the Carlisle idea of which Col. Pratt is the embodiment, to warmest sympathy with and appreciation of his methods. So great did this pressure become that he accepted an invitation from friends of the Indian cause to visit Washington, and went there on Monday. While no statement has been made by the Department or by Col. Pratt himself, it is known that he yielded to persuasion and has indicated his willingness to remain at the head of the Carlisle school.—[Carlisle Herald].

We are glad to state that by later authentic information the Colonel, under the most incredible pressure, has withdrawn his resignation and will remain at the head of the school. Carlisle and the service are to be congratulated.