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## Improvements at Chamberlain School.

Argus-Leader: Superintendent Flinn of the Indian school at Chamberlain, S. D., has been in the city several days on business, and in conversation said: "I am much pleased over the fact that important additions will soon be made to the school plant of which I am in charge.

"Plans have been made and the government is now advertising for proposals for the building of an additional school house of four rooms and an assembly hall with a capacity of 350 pupils. Also a new dormitory for the boys, an addition to the present dormitory to provide more kitchen and dining-room capacity; a new gas machine house and the necessary plumbing in the various buildings for baths, closets, heat and light." Superintendent Flinn further says: "The school has been much crowded for some time past. There have been as high as 142 enrolled and at present there are 130 pupils in the school.

The buildings mentioned will increase the capacity from 150 to 200. According to the plans the work is to be finished by the middle of November next and will represent an outlay of close to \$50,000."

## Some Indian Statistics.

Census given out by the Indian office shows that there are 220,514 Indians in the United States at present. These figures show a gradual increase in the number since 1887, however the growing number is left out at every census from the statistics owing to the large number entering into citizenship. There were 58,806 living in the United States who were not counted as Indians, because they had become taxpayers, thereby becoming citizens. The total number of births among the Indians in 1900 was 4,196, as against 3,098 deaths.

During the last year 30,000 acres of land were sold for \$204,000, aggregating 305 conveyances by the members of the Pottawatomie, Shawnee, Peoria, Miami, Wyandotte and Chippewa tribes. Many of these possessing the legal right to sell their land are rapidly doing so.

From 150 Indian schools in 1877 the number increased to 307 in 1900, with an increased average attendance of from 3,308 in 1877 to 21,568 in 1900.

In the year 1900 the Indians cultivated 343,351 acres, raised 1,655,504 bushels of corn, made 109,829 pounds of butter, sawed 4,333,000 feet of lumber and marketed 64,845,000 feet of timber.

The department has issued authority for the expenditure of \$10,000 by the superintendent, in the building of roads and other improvements on the Sacaton reservation.

Supt. Jno. J. McKoin, of Siletz Agency, stepped off at Chemawa Friday evening on his return from Portland where he had been attending court. Mr. McKoin attended the sociable and gave the pupils a fine address which they all very much appreciated. Supt. McKoin likes Oregon and his new field of labor at Siletz, and with his long experience and excellent ability will no doubt accomplish a grand and great work among the Siletz pupils.

A large stock of tablets, envelopes and all kinds of stationery received at Henderson's this week.