

Miss Estelle Reel

The age of the political woman has arrived in some of the western states, where the sex understands how to get out and hustle for votes. Miss Estelle Reel of Wyoming, now entering on a third term as superintendent of Uncle Sam's Indian schools, carved her way to success entirely with her own hands and proved herself fully deserving of it after it came.

Only a few years ago she was an unknown school teacher in a little country school in Wyoming, and from that starting place she made her way up by successive steps to county superintendent, and state superintendent, and last to the position she now occupies.

She possesses all the qualifications which made a person successful in public life, among them being the geniality and cordiality of her manners, the magnetism of her personality and her keen memory of names and faces. She has not attained the highest political position ever occupied by an American woman without a solid basis of merit to entitle her to it.

She has control of the 300 government schools maintained for the Indians. Her field ranges from South Carolina and Pennsylvania on the east to the Pacific coast on the west, and she travels from one end of it to the other about six times a year. During her first term of office, from 1898 to 1902, she traveled some 75,000 miles and a portion of that distance was put in by stage coach, horseback, by burro or on foot.

During her experiences in the field she has slept in pueblos and tepees, climbed precipitous cliffs, crossed alkali deserts and eaten prairie dog stew. And with it all, she is a handsome and thoroughly well-gowned young woman. No one

would ever suspect her of such strenuous proclivities.—The Portland Journal.

Filipinos Bright Students

A remarkable record is being made by four Filipino students at Purdue University, showing the quickness with which the young men of the Islands grasp American ideas. The four sons of the Philippines have been at Purdue only one semester, but already stand near the head of their class. They are Ildefonso Padru, Basolor, Pampanga, Philippine Islands; Jose Rivera, Lajuna, Philippine Islands; Silverio Apostol, Iba, Zambales, Philippine islands, and Alfonso Tuason, Manila, Philippine Islands. While all the young men come from Luzon, they are from different localities, and though their vocabulary was somewhat alike they had trouble in talking to each other at the outset. Now they use a combination of English and Spanish and have no difficulty in understanding each other or talking to their American friends.—Ex.

Bad Boys vs. Busy Boys

"Oh he's so bad! What can I do with him?" asked the troubled mother.

"Keep him busy," replied a thoughtful friend. It was good advice. That "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do" is as true to-day as in the days when men could see, or thought they could see, the horned head looking over their shoulders. It is now claimed that there is satisfactory proof, derived from prison statistics, that busy hands keep boys from starting in lives of crime.

A writer in the North American Review asserts that manual training is almost as good a preventive for crime as vaccination is of small pox. It is true that our boys will not learn much badness while they are busy with something that is worth while.—Ex.