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this new law by which the Indian may be kept in tutelage under Government control during the trust patent period gives the Government an opportunity to try to protect the Indian from the liquor dealer.

While all this places more authority in the Interior Department it seems evident that that department is the only agency through which the rights of individuals may be secured against preying real estate agents and other scheming whites. Secretary Hitchcock recently made a declaration before a special Senate committee which was investigating the property rights of certain tribes, in which he showed that the unprotected Indians stood no chance in contending with the cunning instincts of white "grafters."

That the Indian is to be better protected in his rights than heretofore seems surely an occasion for favorable comment while the argument that he will thus be kept the longer in leading strings may be met by a reminder that the period of tutelage may be shortened in the case of Indians capable of taking care of themselves.—Southern Workman.

As the printing press was broken on Thursday the printing of the American had to be completed on the small job press, thus the American has only four pages for this issue.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES

Mr. Swartz and Mr. Gessily have been perfecting their farm and garden plots for the year.

The farmers are plowing down near the lake they will soon be done and get ready to seed.

Mr. Mudge has a crowd of boys clearing the mass off the buildings so they can be painted this spring—J. M.

Mr. Mann and the blacksmith boys have been working on the roof at the middle sized boys home—E. S.

Mr. Mann with his blacksmith force are busy repairing the roofs of the buildings and replacing wornout gutters.

Frank Sorahan and John Peazzon have put up a new blacksmith forge in place of the old one, and are doing neat work.

ACADEMIC

Mrs. Campbell took the pupils of the sixth and seventh grades, to town to see the Legislature on Thursday, and all had a very enjoyable time.—A. M.

The Fifth Grade spent Tuesday in Salem. They attended the Legislature.

The Seventh and Sixth Grade girls are working in the Domestic Science class this week.—K. H.

The Daisy Club gave a very nice play Saturday night.—A. D.

The 7th grade are studying about meats.

The Seniors are going to take lessons in pruning and grafting.