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Deal Fairly With All

A "Square Deal" for all Classes.

The town of Dallas, situated near the eastern line of Tripp County, and even now bidding fair to control the opening of that county as Bonesteel did that of Gregory County, is in many ways the ideal of the border town.

It is but little over half a year since the townsite was unbroken and virgin prairie; now it is the terminus of a railroad, a busy market place and the home of a five hundred population that is representative of much that is best in our American citizenship.

Last month when it became necessary for Major Kelly to make the payment of the Ponca Indians at Dallas, owing to the presence of those of the entire district at that place, the Commercial Club insisted upon closing all drinking and gambling places for two full days.

The same Commercial Club has inaugurated a co-operative policy for the leasing of Indian lands in Tripp County that form a part of its natural territory,

that while designed to add to the advantages of Dallas, is none the less to be, in its effect, of much benefit to those Indians who control allotments within such territory.

If allotments that are now unoccupied and unproductive in every way can be secured to enterprising lessees for such a length of time that they will improve them by breaking, fencing, etc., it will mean a great increase of values attaching to such property and also mean that those allotments will be made ready for Indian occupancy much more quickly than could be done in any other way.

Many evidences are given of a sense of fairness, on the part of Dallas citizens, toward their Indian neighbors, which because of its rarity is the more commendable and appreciable by the Indians' friends.

There is a large element among our Indian population, whose every inclination tends toward individual and racial betterment and who are capable of appreciating to the fullest extent any policy of fairdealing that is extended to them; and those whose sense of fairdealing extends "even to the Indian" can in no sense be the losers.—New Era.