

ma, United States District Judge Whitson decided that that part of the act of congress of 1897 prohibiting the introduction of liquor upon an Indian allotment was also unconstitutional under the Heff decision. This case is now on appeal by the government to the circuit court.

Some weeks ago, prosecutions were brought in the Washington state courts at Yakima, under the old territorial act of 1867, prohibiting sales of liquors to Indians. In one of these cases (State of Washington vs. Jess Harkness) Judge Preble of the superior court of Yakima, decided that this old territorial act was not carried into and made part of the state laws upon the formation of the same and is, in fact, no longer in existence. This leaves the greater part of the Washington Indians wholly without any protection from the whiskey pedler, either state or national. Inasmuch, as for the constitutional reasons given above, the federal government is barred from extending police protection to these Indians, it is up to the state to make such provision.

NEED OF PROTECTION.

"This period, in which the Indian is laying aside his tribal associations, to take up the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, is a peculiarly dangerous one. If he is guided and assisted during this period of transition, the bulk of them will become and are becoming useful and thrifty citizens. If, however, the Indians are left at this time to the tender mercies of the whiskey pedler and grafter, they are sure to become a race of criminals and paupers. As such, they will become a burden upon the state rather than upon the federal government.

"At this time, therefore, the state has a

more intimate interest in the welfare of the Indian than has the federal government.

"It is the desire of the government, through the office of Indian affairs, to cooperate with state authorities in this problem, with the humanitarian end in view of making the Indian a citizen rather than a criminal. If your legislature will provide a state law, forbidding furnishing liquor to Indians within your borders, our department will cooperate to the utmost with state authorities in making such a law effective"—Spokane Chronicle.

LOCALS

Mr. Smith has established a new barber shop in the back room of his office which was formerly used for the stock issuing room. Robert Gregory is the tonsorial artist and is kept very busy removing the crops, several of which have had several months the start of the barber.

Dennis Harnden, Thomas McCully and Philip Moss are doing good service on the repair work which is being done on the middle boiler in the power house. A new front has been put in and the old brick taken out and repaired with new. The furnace will be as good as new when finished.

Mr. Leaman, Y. M. C. A. student Secretary of the Pacific Coast, stopped off for a few hours Monday. He was on his way to Portland to make an arrangement for the Y. M. C. A. conference which will be held in the spring. Mr. Leaman was much pleased with the work of the local Y. M. C. A.

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