

lines. If so, he may count upon any assistance I can give him; for my interest in the solution of our great problem is in no wise abated because prudential considerations demand that I lay aside the direct responsibilities borne so long.

With thanks for all the kindness and courtesy I have received at your hands, and with every good wish for the continued success of your administration, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
FRANCIS E. LEUPP.

To the President.

DEAR MR. LEUPP:

Secretary Ballinger has handed me your letter of resignation as Commissioner of Indian Affairs. In accepting your resignation I wish to express my appreciation of your indefatigable labors in advancing the interests of the Indian Service, and my regret that the condition of your health impels you to withdraw from further active connection therewith.

I sincerely trust that your relief of the responsibilities of this position will fully enable you to regain your health, and with the kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

### Brevities

The gardeners were picking peas yesterday.

For cherries see Reggie Downie and Clarence Lewis.

Silas Moon and Thos. McCully went to Salem, Thursday.

Mr. Van Tassel, wife and child went to Salem, Thursday.

Archie and Guy Russie's parents are here from Grande Ronde.

The farmers are mowing hay down at the lower farm this week.

Dewey Harris, a late arrival, is working on the industrial detail.

Reuben Saunders has gone out to the mountains for a little recreation.

The gardeners picked the first mess of peas last Thursday—about 20 sacks.

The janitors gave the stage carpet a good dusting on Thursday afternoon.

The engineers have just finished giving the receiver a fresh coat of black paint.

Mr. Fred Smith has received his cornet from C. G. Conn, who was repairing it.

The painters are painting the wood work at the Small Girls' Home this week.

John Brown and Frank Souvigner did good work pounding on the drums at the officers' party.

Fred Lewis and David Graham were laying brick in the power house yesterday afternoon.

A new porch was put in place of the old front porch at the Small Girls' Home on Wednesday.

Albert James is running the engine in the power house this week and Truman Lucas is his oiler.

A number of people from the Grande Ronde Agency were visitors at the school during the past week.

The officers of the battalion gave a party in the gymnasium yesterday evening, and an account of the doings will be given in next week's American.

Mr. Fred E. Smith, an old schoolmate of Mr. E. A. Smith at Carlisle, arrived at the school last week to fill the position of industrial teacher.