

## MORE LAND FOR INDIANS.

We learn that the government is negotiating for more land in this section of the country on which to allot Indians. The land bought in the northern part of the country seems to be shunned by the Indians. It is well known that the older Indians prefer to live on land bordering the ocean or large streams and it is a waste of time and money to try to make them contented on land far from the ocean and streams. One can make an investigation and find where the Indians resided years ago, before the whites gobbled all the land, and invariably it is along the seashore and banks of streams where clams, mussels, wood, etc., could be easily gathered, and where salmon could be caught to be eaten fresh or cured for use in winter. Nowadays an Indian can be arrested and fined for catching salmon, trout, crabs and digging clams out of season.

The government long ago wronged the Indians and at this late day is trying to make restitution by purchasing homes for them on land that they will and can not till.

From Battery Point in Crescent City to the mouth of Smith River can be found mounds of clam and mussel shells, in a half dozen places, where the Indians had their homes before driven off by the government selling the land to the whites.

It is true that Indians along the Klamath River are contented with the homes allotted by the government but it is the land of their ancestors. They differ from the Crescent City and Smith River Indians, having different language and customs. Yet, land grabbers are longing to wrest from the Klamaths all the land they possess.

Credit is due many charitably inclined

men and women of Crescent City and Smith River Valley for kindness shown the old Indians by occasionally providing them with food and clothing and for that alone the poor helpless Indians look up to them as being more humane than the "Father in Washington."

While the government is paying agents large sums of money to look up high priced land that is worthless to the Indians bowed down with age, lay aside things that you have no further use for and donate same to the old people among the Indians. Charity begins at home therefore heathen in foreign lands can be provided for through other channels. —Delnort Record.

The carpenter force are busy this week fixing up the clothing room in the small girls' home and making other needed improvements.

The roof of the Gymnasium is rapidly being reshingled. Everybody looks forward in anticipation so we can have our regular weekly social. That will be next week if rain does not retard the work.

The tailor shop has added polished floors to theirs. Mr. Enright and his flock of little tailors have reason to be proud of their work shop as well as of the quality of the work turned out and the finished product — the best tailors.

One day this week Mr. Westley came into the Teachers' Club smiling and said, "This is great weather for a prune harvest." A few minutes later Mr. Swartz came in. His remark was "If it don't rain pretty soon we won't get our fall plowing done." It certainly is hard to please everybody.

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