

But, perhaps, the most conspicuous feature of Valentine's purpose is to educate the Indian to thorough methods of doing things. The latest interpretation of the law gives the Secretary of the Interior power to determine which Indians are capable of managing their own affairs. Those who are will be encouraged to sell enough of their allotted lands to enable thorough cultivation of the balance. During 1908, 2970 Indians, and so far this year 1000 have been so lifted to the higher level to which he hopes eventually to raise all of them.

Down on the Pala reservation in California, probably the best results referred to as the commissioner's prime desideratum have been attained. The Superintendent lives in a house not above the grade which his Indians may erect, if they will. The Indians are to live somewhat on the village plan with about two or three acres contiguous to their homes and with grazing plots and other plots among the creek bottom for each family.

It is, indeed, cheering, to learn the spirit with which the Indians are entering into that plan. They are building their own houses, and realizing the highest hopes of those who depended on their ability to develop.

Everyone knows that western folk are prone to belittle any plan based on other than the old time saying that "the best Indian is the dead Indian." Valentine believes, and his helpers must believe, that the best Indian is one who has been encouraged to self aid, and they have got to work along that line or get out of the service.—Portland Journal.

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PUPILS' ITEMS

Louise Brisbois has entered school. She likes this school very well.

Some of the boys went to town Saturday to see the football game.

The pupils were pleased with Mr. Enright's lecture last Monday night.

The blacksmiths are ironing another wagon and will soon have it ready for painting.

We were all sorry to hear of the death of Simon Mathews' mother at Slickpoo, Idaho.

The girls had a good time the night before Hollowe'en. We played games and had lots of fun.

We are all glad to hear that Alex Cajete is making a success in his trade in Yakima, Washington.

The farmers are kept busy all the time for they have lots of work to do in the line of plowing and seeding.

John Brown and Joe Purns put in a new sink in the Teacher's Club kitchen last Monday and did a very neat job.

The Carpenters fixed the window in Mrs. Campbell's school room which was broken when the farmers were blasting near the pig-pen.

Mr. Smith or Coach Smith is out every evening working hard with the football team, in order to get the boys in shape for the game, with the O. A. C. freshman Saturday.

Nathan Nelson and Albert Griffin are learning to be wagonmakers. They are also making tables for the boys' building. Twelve boys are now at work in this department.