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RICH CROW INDIANS

Big Reservation to Be Opened for Settlement Soon

AGRICULTURAL AND GRAZING

How the Indians Money Will be Spent. Will Each Receive About \$2,300, but Not in Cash. Uncle Sam Does the Buying.

Awaiting the word of President Roosevelt, 1,100,000 acres of rich agricultural and grazing ground are ready for settlement under the Homestead and other acts by which a citizen of the United States, though poor, can acquire an estate. The land is a part of the hunting grounds of the Crow Indians in Southwestern Montana, which were years ago made into a reservation for the members of that tribe. The government began negotiating with the Indians for this land in 1896, and so many delays have there been that it looks now as if it will be next spring before the reservation will be actually thrown open for settlement.

In the bargain for that part of the reservation for which they have no use the Crow Indian chiefs have shown themselves to be masters of high finance. Not for kegs of brass tacks, red blankets and barrels of rum did they barter away the lands of their fathers, as did the Atlantic Coast Indians in the days when Manhattan was being settled. Pretty Eagle, Two Leggings, Medicine Eagle, and the other chiefs were entirely too "up to date" to do that. They saw to it that the government paid the tribe

\$1,150,000 for this surplus acreage, and by this one deal they made themselves the richest Indians in the world.

The last census of the Crow tribe showed that there were only 516 men, and among this number the purchase money would have gone a long way. There would have been about \$2,500 for each adult Indian. The government decided, however, that it would not go far after all if the Indians spent it in their own way. It would have been a case of "hike" for Billings, or Toluca, or Pryor, or some of the towns on the railroad where they would have purchased all sorts of curious things, from plume bearing heaves to silk hats, and without doubt they would also have laid the foundation of a monumental "jag." They would have returned in a week or so with a terrible headache, but with little to show for their money.

Knowing all this from sad experience Uncle Sam decided to be a real Uncle to his Crow wards; and the agreement as to the payment of the purchase money has been as well surrounded with anti-squandering safeguards as the wills of maiden aunts who never left New England or the endowments of modern hero funds. The Indians will not get enough in actual cash to celebrate the Fourth of July or quench a midsummer night's thirst.

The first \$90,000 of the \$1,150,000 which the Indians are to receive are to receive will be spent by the Secretary of the Interior in improving the irrigation system which the government is constructing on that section of the reservation which the Crows still hold. The sum of \$10,000 goes to the extension of the ditches of individual Indians, then the whole irrigation scheme is endowed with the sum of \$100,000, the fund to remain in the United States Treasury and draw interest at the rate of 4 percent. In fifteen years it is expected, the irrigation scheme will be self supporting, and the Indians and the secretary will then get together on a further disposition of this money.

The Secretary of the Interior, through his cattle buyers, will also spend \$240,000 purchasing two-year-old Southern heifers. These animals will be placed on the reservation as part of the herd which the tribe owns in common.

The appropriation for jackasses which Congress provided was \$15,000, for two year old ewes \$40,000 and for fencing the reservation with six strands of barbed cattle wire \$40,000.

For the erection of school buildings the government set aside \$100,000. A hospital is being built at the cost of \$10,000, and it is endowed with the sum of \$50,000. The balance of the purchase money is to be placed in the Treasury of the United States as a trust fund for the Crows. It will bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent, and out of it an annuity of \$12 a year will be paid to every man, woman and child on the reservation. In this way the well being of the Crows will be provided for in the times to come. If the tribe grows smaller there will be more reservation lands to be sold to the government and fewer Indians to divide the proceeds among. There are members of the tribe, however, who declare that it will not decrease, and that the education and the comforts which the government promises them will cause a gradual increase, but that will be against all Indian precedent.

There still lives on the reservation the only Crow scout who survived the Custer massacre. This is "Curly," who is one of the prominent men of the tribe. He is now about fifty years of age. He escaped from the massacre with his brother, who was badly wounded. They made their way down the Little Big Horn until they met Terry and his troopers.

The land which will be thrown open surrounds the Custer Military reservation, which includes the site of the Custer fight. The spot where the famous general fell is marked with a wooden cross bearing this inscription: "Here fell Custer—June 25, 1876." All around it are slabs marking the graves of the soldiers of the 7th Cavalry. Scattered through the area which will soon be open to settlement will be found many Indian burial scaffolds, in the disposition of which it is likely the government will take some action. The Crows have a peculiar burial custom. Friends or relatives build a scaffold eight or ten feet high, on which the body is placed in a rough pine box. A canvas covering gives protection from the weather. In the bare prairie country these gruesome reminders of the end of Indian life stand out in striking prominence, and the new Montana farmers will doubtless object to having them about their ranches.

Will Open for Settlement.
The great Uintah Reservation will be open for homestead entry August 28th although registration will commence at Grand Junction, Colorado, Price, Provo, and Vernal, Utah, on August 1st and continue until August 12th. The procedure necessary to secure lands in this greatest of Government reservations is outlined in detail in a pamphlet just issued, by the Passenger Department Denver & Rio Grande Railroad.

An Insultation.
Muggins—By the way, isn't one of your brothers a lawyer?
Bifkins—Yes.
Muggins—I suppose, like most lawyers, he would defend a mean, disreputable client, wouldn't he?
Bifkins—Possibly. You might go and state your case to him and tell him I sent you.—Detroit Tribune.

Couldn't Blame Him.
"Are you a lover of the national game?" asked the inquisitive passenger.
"Not me," answered the sad looking young man across the aisle. "I'm a baseball umpire."—Chicago News.

Forewarned.

"Will you tell your sister that I will call this evening?"
"Sure, but you'll be more apt to find her in if you come unexpectedly."—Browning's Magazine.

As Usual.
He—Yes, Dora trusts me. I am sure of it because she admitted her age to me.
She—Wasn't that clever of her?
He—How do you mean?
She—Why—er—clever to make you believe it.—Detroit Free Press.

Helpful Suggestion.
Excited Father—What are we going to do? These scales only register ten pounds, and the baby weighs more than that.
Calm Brother—You might chop off one leg and weigh that separately.—Somerville Journal.

How Nice of Him!
"Yes," said the fair young girl, "everybody says I'm just the picture of mamma."
"Well," replied the gallant youth, "you're certainly a very flattering picture."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Didn't Scare Him.
"De doctor tell me dat ter eat six water-millions at one time would sho' kill me."
"An' what you gwine do 'bout it?"
"I gwine ter die game!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Her Pensive Past.
Ere we were wed her pensive moods I oftentimes remarked—
The far look in her eyes, as though she trod the land of dreams—
But after we on matrimony's voyage had embarked
A change most sudden came o'er one or both of us, it seems.
She says 'twas I; I say 'twas she in whom time wrought the change
That makes her seem so very dear it oft provokes a row.
Yet, since her pensive moods have passed, perhaps it isn't strange
That I should find so many moods of hers ex-pensive now.
—Roy Farrell Greene in Judge.

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