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## NORTHWESTERN INDIANS.

What the Indians Require and What the Government Must Pay.

In July, 1883, Chief Moses and Sar-sop-kin, of the Columbia Indian reservation, made an agreement with the United States government to abandon all claim to that territory and remove to the Colville reservation on certain terms, which were published in this paper soon after the agreement was signed. The lands which the Indians agree to abandon are estimated to be worth more than \$3,000,000, and an examination of the situation by Major Baldwin, at the direction of General Miles, shows that the Indians are ready to perform their part of the contract as soon as the government shall perform its part.

## THE INDIAN QUESTION IN THE NORTHWEST.

Fair dealing on the part of the government at this time will, it is claimed, forever settle the Indian question in the northwest, for all of the Indians have carefully considered the matter and are satisfied with the terms made by Major Baldwin. The Indians are ready to perform their part of the contract as soon as the government shall perform its part. The Indians are ready to perform their part of the contract as soon as the government shall perform its part.

Sar-sop-kin's following numbers 157 persons, about thirty-two lodges or separate families. To carry out the terms of agreement with Sar-sop-kin, it will cost the government \$9,571.90, in consideration of which and upon receipt of same, Sar-sop-kin and his entire following agreed to relinquish all other provisions of said agreement made for their benefit, and surrender all claims to the Columbia Indian reservation.

MOSES CONSULTED. Moses was consulted, and he said he and his people had concluded to go on to Colville Reservation and hoped to get the assistance from the government in time to put in the spring crop of 1884.

He desired to have his school house and mill erected as soon as possible. They have selected their new homes on the Neishlem creek, and the site for his houses was selected by his request; and when they receive the property promised they will relinquish all claim to the Columbia Reservation, as well as any other claims they may have upon any other portion of the public domain outside of the Colville Reservation.

Moses' band of Indians are not as far advanced in the art of husbandry as Sar-sop-kin's band. Moses needs money at once to buy seed grain for spring sowing. He has a total following of one hundred one eighty persons, with not less than forty male adults. Every Indian in the band expressed a desire to go to work on a farm, and within a year's time Moses and his band will cease to be a menace to our frontier settlements; and they will in time become a self-supporting and happy people. To carry out the above agreement with Moses it will cost the government the first year, \$12,567.93; second year, \$3,500; and the third year, \$2,500.

## THE COLUMBIA RESERVATION.

Besides the following of Moses and Sar-sop-kin, there are living on the Columbia Reservation: First, the Methow band (no chief), numbering thirty-two people. Second, the Chelan band (Chelan Jim, chief), numbering 144 people. These people do not acknowledge Moses as their chief, but they accept the agreement in which there are provisions affecting them, and at their request farms were located for them. To carry out the terms of the agreement with those of the Chelan and Methow Indians who prefer to go on the Colville Reservation, it will cost the government \$800. "Lands," says Major Baldwin, "were staked off for these Indians, and it is hoped will be properly surveyed and confirmed, which will tend more than anything else to encourage the Indians to locate lands in severalty, giving up all claims to other parts of the public domain, to say nothing of the act of justice in securing to them their homes where they have lived so long, and where they are contented and happy."

To-nas-let, the principal chief of the Colville Indians, a man of great force of character, much respected by the Indians of all bands, cultivates an extensive farm, and owns large herds of cattle. His income this year exceeded \$2,000 cash, which he has in the main expended in purchasing farming implements and stock. He has received little or no help from the government in the past, and shows a deep interest in his people, urging them to work and take up lands; and his noblest desire is to have a suitable school provided for them.

## BOARDING SCHOOL AND MILLS.

He is anxious that the boarding school and mills be provided without delay. The help and support asked of the government by him, extended now, will place him in a position where he will lead all his people to a self-supporting condition. The mill he asks for is of the greatest necessity to all the Indians. They have been obliged in the past and also at present to take their grain thirty miles into the interior of the British possessions to have it ground, and then have to give one-half of the grain for the grinding. To-nas-let and all his people agree and are perfectly willing that all Indians on the Columbia reservation shall settle on the

Colville reservation; and not only this, they are willing that all the Indians outside of the Columbia reservation, who have a desire to settle down and become industrious farmers, shall come to their reservation and enjoy all the benefits to be derived from the generous gifts of the government.

"Although," says Major Baldwin, "struggling against ignorance and poverty, as well as the enmity and jealousies of the whites, To-nas-let and his people have always been friends of the whites, and are to-day farther advanced in civilization than any other band of Indians that I have seen west of the Mississippi river."

## LOST TO THE GOVERNMENT.

To furnish To-nas-let what has been promised him it will cost the government \$21,539.75. "The cost is given," Major Baldwin says, "covers transportation and delivery to Sprague, W. T., this being the nearest railroad station to the designated point of delivery on the Colville reservation."

Money appropriations for the purpose of carrying out the aforesaid agreement should be made available not later than the first of February, 1884, that farming implements may be delivered by March 1, 1884, so as to enable them to plant sufficient crops for their 1884 support, and that all the freighting and delivery of property may be completed before high water, which will delay all work late into the season. It is recommended that a practical farmer be employed for Moses and his people the first year. The sum of \$500 should be used in purchasing seed for Moses and his people, as they have nothing to sow but what has been given. To prevent Indians trading to whites any article which may be furnished them by the United States Government, it is suggested that by Act of Congress it be made a criminal offense punishable by heavy fine and imprisonment, for any white man to have in his possession any article of property furnished by the Government for the use of the Indians, and that all such articles be marked in some way in order to be easily recognized.

## GEN. MILES' OPINION.

Gen. Miles, in forwarding Major Baldwin's report to the authorities at Washington, said the confirmation of the agreement would restore to the public domain a tract of land worth at least \$3,000,000. "This," he says, "is a case where the Government has the opportunity, by fair dealing and proper consideration for the interests of the Indians for a very moderate consideration, to locate a very large number of Indians in severalty, or by families, and put them in a way to make themselves self supporting and to become a productive, prosperous people. I earnestly request that every means may be taken to promote the success of this measure."

"The experience and good judgment of Capt. Baldwin, Judge Advocate of the Department, has been of much benefit in bringing about this settlement."

The total cost of carrying out the agreement with the Indians will be, for the first year, \$86,960; second year, \$8,800; third year, \$6,300.

## Death of Two Generals.

PARIS, Feb. 25. Gen. Schramm and Dewimpfen are dead. The former entered the army in 1799, when only 10 years of age, and before completing his 24th year of age he was brigadier general. Dewimpfen, during the Franco-Prussian war, received an order, August 28th, appointing him commander-in-chief in case Marshal McMahon was disabled. On September 1st, during the battle of Sedan, hearing that McMahon was wounded, he produced his commission and assumed chief command. He at once read orders for recapitulation already given, hoping for victory. The order directing retreat came from the emperor, and not from him. Dewimpfen thereupon proposed to the emperor that he should try to save himself by cutting their way to Carignan. The emperor would not consent, and the general offered his resignation. The emperor would not accept it, and all that was left for him to do was to conclude and sign the capitulation of the great army under his command.

A Seattle dispatch of the 26th, says: The discharged employes of the Cedar River railroad held an indignation meeting to take measures to obtain wages due them. The company's timekeepers made out the time checks of the men and stamped them "not transferable." For this reason the men are unable to have their checks cashed, and many of them are disposed to be violent, some threatened to destroy the company's property. Attorney McNaught asked that a committee from the men wait on him, and be agreed, on behalf of the company, to make the time checks transferable, provided the holders were properly identified. The Transcontinental are about to transfer their interest to another company. The latter refuses to advance the money until the transfer is completed, and the Transcontinental cannot pay until the cash is forthcoming from the new company. Trouble is anticipated.

It is rumored in Washington that inside of the next two weeks there will be a letter published from Tilden stating that though he does not want to be a candidate for the presidency again, he will consent to serve in that capacity if the country and the party cannot be saved in any other way. It would please half a dozen prominent Democrats very much if Tilden would do and go to heaven. He is in their way, and although all kinds of suggestions have been made to him to give up the position and look after his soul, the invalid turns a deaf ear to them.

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