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NORTHWESTERS 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 tion 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. Major Baldwin found that the Indians had, in September last, even gone so far as to select the location of their future home. Many of these Indians have small improvements on the Columbia reservation, where they have hay and grain in stacks for their stock, and stored provisions for their families for this season; hence they do not wish to move said: "We are ready to move as soon as congress confirms the agreement of last summer." Firmly believing that this agreement will be confirmed, many of these Indians expressed a determination to commence building their homes on the Colville reserva government desires, but not

Sar-sop-kin's following numbers 157 persons, about thirty-two lodges or separate families. To carry out the terms of agreement with Sar-sopkin, it will cost the government \$9,371.90, in consideration of which and upon receipt of same, Sar-sop-kin and his entire following agree to relinquish all other provisions of said agreement made for their benefit, and Indian reservation.

MOSES CONSULTED. Moses was consulted, and he said government in time to put in the spring crop of 1884.

He desired to have his school house on the Neishilem creek, and the site for his houses was selected by his request; and when they receive the property promised they will relining the relining to the Columbia Res. The experience and good independent of Capt. Baldwin, Judge Advoquish all claim to the Columbia Res. ervation, as well as any other claims they may have upon any other por tion of the public domain outside of the Colville Reservation.

Moses' band of Indians are not a 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 fol-lowing of one hundred one eighty persons, with not less than forty male adults. Every Indian talked on a farm, and within a year's time Moses and his band will cease to be and they will in time become a selfsupporting and happy people. carry out the above agreement with Moses it will cost the government the first year, \$42,567.93; second year, \$3,800: and the third year, \$2,800.

THE COLUMBIA RESERVATION.

Besides the following of Moses and Sar-sop-kin, there are living on the Columbia Reservation: First, the Methorn 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 proaffecting them, and at their request farms were located for them. To carry out the terms of the agreeent with those of the Chelan and Methorn 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 nomes where they have lived so long. and where they are contented and

To-nas-ket, 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 now his greatest desire is to have a suitable school provided

BOARDING SCHOOL AND MILLS.

He is anxious that the boarding school and mills be provided without delay. The belp 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 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 grist for the grinding. To-nas-ket and all his people agree and are perfectly willing that all Indians on the Columbis reservation shall settle on the

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

"Although," says Major Baldwin. "struggling against ignorance and poverty, as well as the enmity and avarice of the whites, To-nas-ket 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-ket what has been promised him it will cost the government 121,539.75. "The cost as given," Major Baldwin says, "covers and delivery transportation and delivery to Sprague, W. T., this being the nearest railroad station to the designated point of delivery on the Colville res-

pose 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 I, 1884, so as to enable them to plant sufficient crops for their 1884 support, and that all the freighting and delivery of proj erty may be completed before high water, which will delay all work late into the season. It is recommended son; hence they do not wish to move before the spring of 1884. They 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 of the kind to begin with. To prevent Indians trading to whites any article which may be furnished them by the United States Government, it tion this winter, and in every way is suggested that by Act of Congress they showed a willingness to do as it be made a criminal offense punishthe government desires, but not able by heavy fine and imprisonment, without regret at leaving their old for any white man to have in his possession any article of property nished 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 surrender all claims to the Columbia 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 he and his people had concluded to go on to Colville Reservation and hoped to get the assistance from the 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 and mill erected as soon as possible.

They have selected their new homes people. I carnestly request that every means may be taken to promote the success of this measure,

"The experience and good indg 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. 26. Gen. Schramm and Dewimpfien are dead. The former entered the army in 1799, when only with expressed a desire to go to work 10 years of age, and before completing his 24th year of age he was briga-dier general. Dewimpffen, during a menace to our frontier settlements; the Franco-Prussian war, received an order, August 28th, appointing him commander-in-chief in case Marshal McMahon be 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 rev. reed orders for recapitulation already given, hoping for victory. The order directing retreat came from the emperor, and not from him. De-wimpffen thereupon proposed to the emperor that they should try to save themselves 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 Ce-dar 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 trans erable". For this reason the men are unable to have their 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 he agreed, on behalf of the company, to make the time checks transferrable, provided the holders were properly identified. The Transconare 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. 'a'rouble 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 die and go to heaven. He is in their way, and although all kinds of sug-gestions have been made to him to give up the position and look after his soul, the invalid turns a deaf ear to

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