

INDIAN TRIBES CLAIM LAND IN SOUTH DAKOTA

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Out of the land opening upon which this claim is based arose the memorable Sioux war of 1876. It was the precursor of the massacre of Gen. George A. Custer and his troops in 1876, on the Little Big Horn. Almost fifteen years later it resulted in the Wounded Knee massacre.

Custer and his entire command were killed in July, 1876, and then General Terry, with re-inforcements started a campaign which scattered the big Indian army and made its members willing to live on reservations and accept government sustenance, which was cut off by congress after the Custer massacre.

It is the claim of the present Indian delegation and their counsel, that the reds were forced to sign away their rights to this land, which was never lawfully ceded. The legal process, it is admitted by the eastern attorney, will take four or five years, and probably reach the supreme court of the United States.

During the gold excitement in the Black Hills many white men en route to the hills were murdered by the Indians. It was necessary for whites bent toward Custer City, the then metropolis of the hills, to travel in large parties in order to enjoy any appreciable measure of safety from savage slaughter. Along the prairie trails leading northward from Sidney, up through the western part of Box Butte county, nearly in sight of Alliance, and through Daves county, passing near Fort Robinson, lie the bones of many a luckless adventurer who gave his life

to the unbridled rage of the Indians. H. M. Bullock, who died in Alliance last year, was a pioneer freighter in those days and often told interesting stories of the freighting experiences. At the time of his death he was engaged in compiling information to be used in a history of this part of the west.

If this suit should result in a verdict for the Indians in the full sum of their claim, counter claims on behalf of survivors of those whom they murdered during the great uprising, and others that have transpired since, might very easily absorb the judgment.

This claim has never been lost sight of by the Indians. Their great chiefs have constantly urged it. In 1888 the people of Chadron, then the frontier lynchpin of the ubiquitous Mayor Jim Dahlman, of Mayor John G. Maher, of Fred M. Dorrington and his soldier on Al, of "Billie the Bear" and Allen S. Fisher, felt moved to indulge in a wild west celebration of the Fourth of July. They sought to add a touch of the venerable Sioux chief Red Cloud to come down from Pine Ridge agency, about thirty-five miles northward across the South Dakota line, to bring a bunch of his braves and help celebrate. The Indians were always ready to parade. Red Cloud promised to attend. The evening before the glorious fourth the people of Chadron were dismayed to observe that the wily chieftain had brought along between 2,000 and 2,500 Indians, bucks, squaws, paposes, dogs, ponies and kindred accessories. One of the conditions was that the people of Chadron should feed them. That was not as serious a problem, however, as it might seem, for the contents of a garbage barrel back of a grocery store or the trimmings left in a slaughter house after a kill constituted a royal feast for the Indian.

During the night in some way some of the Indians got hold of some liquor, and when they rode into town next day with banners flying to illuminate the parade some of them were pretty well lit up. Those who got liquor seemed bent upon discussing unpleasant reminiscences, and Chadronites grew more and more uneasy. There was speaking on the program and Red Cloud was part of it. In the course of his stimulated remarks he reminded everybody, white and red, that all the surrounding rich land had formerly belonged to his people, that it had been wrongfully taken away from them and that his medicine men advised him that it would belong to the Indians again.

That speech filled the white population with an unrest akin to terror. It would have occasioned no surprise if the Indians had cut in right there to right their wrongs. But somehow the celebration passed without mishap. No people ever sneaked a parting guest more heartily than did the people of Chadron when the following day, the redskins left to return to Pine Ridge.

Box Butte county this fall will have its usual influx of Indians from the South Dakota agency, eager to spend the hot fall days picking the plump, brown and red potatoes from the soil which their forefathers once called their own. Last year they earned from five to six dollars per day for each individual in the family, for they are willing workers and the sweaty, back-bending job of picking potatoes seems to them the road to opulence. Perhaps some day, if the suit against the government should be successful these potential millionaires will scorn the humble jobs to which they now aspire, as our potato growers well know, and instead of filling his belly with strings of jerked beef at the end of a day of hard work, the Indian will

sip his cooling drinks while lolling back in the deep cushions of high priced autos and deign to take his meals of planked steak and mushroom rooms from the hand of the lowly white man who had the temerity to wrest from him the lands of western Nebraska and South Dakota.

TO THE VOTERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37

A special meeting is called in District No. 37, on July 11, 1921 at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of voting on a higher levy.

D. E. PURINTON, Director.

Potato Acreage is Twenty Per Cent Larger This Year

According to reports to the state department of agriculture from the twenty-six field inspectors in the potato industry the acreage this year will be an increase of over twenty per cent of that of last year.

With a normal yield, the crop ought to produce 10,000,000 bushels, or equivalent to the banner years of 1917 and 1918. The yield last year was 8,000,000 bushels.

Acreage in the Kearney district where digging for early shipments will soon begin, is about double that of last year, according to reports. The condition is reported good.

Planting has just been completed in the northwestern part of the state. Nebraska ranks fifth in potato production, and early potatoes have attracted attention in the south, where they are used extensively for seed, says the department statement.

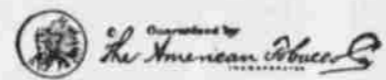
The department of agriculture has just ruled that potatoes shipped for seed must grade No. 1, except as to size. Inspectors must specify on the cars whether the shipments are for seed or not, and whether the potatoes were grown on dry land or under irrigation.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morman are expected to arrive home today from their wedding trip through Colorado and Nebraska.



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The long felt want for a new post office building has been realized and while the writer has caught himself going to the old location for his mail, there is no question but that the new quarters are a wonderful improvement. While it will naturally take Postmaster Miller and his efficient corps of employees some little time to get everything properly arranged, when it is arranged it will be one of

the most convenient postoffices in the valley for the patrons and working force. As the front of the building is the postmaster's quarters, money order, parcel post and general delivery window. Lock boxes follow and the rural delivery window at the rear. In addition to present equipment, there has been added letter and paper separator cases, bag racks, parcel post window, register window, two stock cabinets, two filing cases, three sec-

tional wardrobes, two lobby desks, etc., which will, to a large extent, increase the speed in handling the mail, and make the service much better. Postmaster Miller is as tickled over his new quarters as a boy with a new pair of boots and we feel rightly so.—Bayard Transcript.

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PEARL WHITE in
"TIGER'S CUB"
—Comedies—
"Mutt & Jeff" and "Vanity"

SUNDAY, JULY 3
WANDA HAWLEY in
"HER BELOVED VILLAN"
Comedy and Pathe Review

MONDAY, JULY 4
DOROTHY DALTON in
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