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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
April 18, 1906.

J.R. Wise,
Acting Supt.

Replies to inquiries as to man-
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Albuquerque School, N.M.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PENNA.

April 18, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

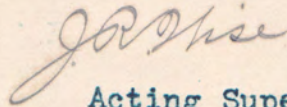
Answering your Office letter, "Finance", dated the 16th instant, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs in reference to the wagonette shipped by this school to the superintendent of the Albuquerque school on January 2, 1906, you are advised that the said wagonette was shipped "knocked down" so far as practicable. The top and body of such a wagonette are practically one piece so that they cannot be taken apart and more compactly crated. The wheels and tongue were detached and fastened underneath the body where they would not take up any additional space, and covered with oil cloth to prevent injury. The top and body constituted a package too large to go into a box car and it was therefore necessary to ship in an open car. The package was not crated or boxed as it is not practicable to do this and there is nothing to be gained by so doing, as it constituted a compact package as it was packed and tied up.

We were not aware that the railroads made a minimum charge for a gross weight of 6000 pounds or for any weight actually in excess of the weight of the wagonette. In this connection it would be of interest to inquire what the freight charges were upon the wagonette shipped June 23, 1905, from here to the Carson Indian School, Nevada, and the one shipped in September, 1905, to the Kiowa Agency, Okla.

The prices quoted upon these vehicles have always been f.o.b. Carlisle and we have not therefore had occasion to make inquiry into the matter of rates. We are now building another wagonette, which is nearly completed, for the Riverside school, Kiowa Agency.

It is not thought possible to so arrange the packing of the tops of these vehicles as to permit of their being loaded in a box car, but we will take up the matter and see what we can do. It would seem as though, by special arrangement, perhaps the railroad companies would make shipment and charge only for the actual weight at the usual rates.

Very respectfully,



Acting Superintendent.

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