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To Kohn et al. 6/2/04

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Chamber of Commerce

Missoula, Montana, May 25th, 1904.

Hon. *W. A.* Jones,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

We inclose herewith a clipping from the Anaconda Standard under date of May 21st, 1904, with reference to the removal of the Earlsle Indian School from Pennsylvania to some point in the West.

In connection with this we would like to ask if there is any probability of such action being taken by your department, or the parties in charge of this school, and if so, will consideration be given to an application from this community for the removal of this school to the vicinity of Missoula.

While we feel that we are in a position to offer special inducements in order to secure this school, and that our country is particularly adapted to its needs, we dislike to trouble you with lengthy communications and petitions, unless you are in a position to give them consideration.

We also inclose a clipping from "The Daily Missoulian" published in this City, for your information.

Thanking you in advance for the favor of a reply, we remain,

Respectfully yours, *Herman Kohler*
F. H. Keith
C. W. Blair
Committee.

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considerable amount of
land in this valley still open for settlement which has not been brought under cultivation on account of the fact that the cost of bringing the water upon the land was more than the individual owner could afford.

With the \$100,000 which is said to be available, an abundance of water and land in the Missoula valley as well as some of the buildings that would be necessary could be secured. There could be added to from year to year as needed. In the farming department any crop that might be desired could be raised by the Indian pupils and there are abundant opportunities for instruction in all other branches or trades which are taught the Indians. The climate peculiar to Missoula is the very best to be found in Montana. The valleys immediately surrounding the town are most prolific, their yield of crops is good, and the products are diversified. Altogether, if farming and the use of water is to be taught the Indians, no better place in all Montana can be secured than in Missoula.

The Carlisle school is the largest institution of its kind in the world. It is really used as a finishing school by the government, which sends all of the advanced pupils from the different reservations there in order that they may receive the benefit of higher education. It has made a specialty of industrial branches and pupils of both sexes are taught trades and occupations which will enable them to make their own living, once thrown on their own resources.

Several hundred pupils attend the school year in and year out and hundreds of thousands of dollars are dis-

tributed annually by the department of the interior for its maintenance, making the school one which is well worth the having and one for which every resident of Missoula county should strive.

The chamber of commerce takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to the advancement of Missoula and this is probably one of the most important ones which has come up recently and it is one in which every one in western Montana has a vital interest. Consequently, if it is possible to do so, Missoula county will have the Carlisle Indian school and every resident of the county should work to that end.

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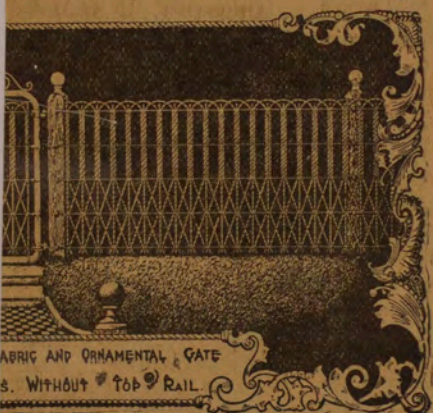
beds, springs and mattresses, and cupboards. Beautiful dining chairs, davenport and

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Articles of partnership were filed in the county clerk's office yesterday by Fred M. Rhodes and Louise Beeler, who operate the Success cafe on West Front street.

You can get them at Hatheway-Burford Co.

North Carolina poplars, 10 to 20 feet, at Missoula Nursery.

George Reed, the yardmaster of the Northern Pacific, is confined to his home with an attack of erysipelas, engendered from his exposure during the past week while engaged in extra work in the yards.

FOR THE CARLISLE SCHOOL.

At the meeting of the chamber of commerce Monday night an excellent suggestion was made by Mr. Kohn when he advanced the advisability of taking some action on the proposition of inducing the government to locate the Indian school, which has made Carlisle, Pa., famous, in the Missoula valley. Already the dispatches have announced that the government has definitely decided to bring at least a part of the school to Montana. Helena has claimed the honor of having its location in the Prickly Pear valley on the site at present occupied by the Wesleyan university, which has been practically abandoned and the institution moved into Helena.

At present the plans of the government are in the embryo and no definite site has been actually chosen, although the Helena papers assert that the Wesleyan site has practically been settled upon. It may be too late, but there is a strong probability that Missoula may yet secure the plum, which is a much coveted one.

It is the plan of the government to teach the Indians to become self-supporting and to do this it will be necessary to learn many of them to become practical farmers. It is for this purpose that the change from the Carlisle location to one in Montana has been recommended. Here the Indian pupil can be taught all that there is to know concerning farming and he will have practical illustrations of the manner in which the land in the semi-arid regions is prepared for cultivation, how it is seeded, the manner in which the crop is irrigated and afterwards harvested. All would be practical work and there would be nothing in the nature of theory or surmise.

To do this it will be necessary to have the school located in a section where there is an abundance of land suitable for irrigation and a good supply of water available. This can be found in the Missoula valley in a number of places. At all times of the year the Missoula river flows thousands of inches of water which is unclaimed and which rushes to the sea without adding to the productiveness of the country. With the construction of dams and irrigation canals all this could be changed and a vast amount of soil brought under cultivation. No doubt that the

The Daily Missoulian,
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The drunken row at the Indian camp in the neighborhood of the slaughter houses late Monday night resulted in the arrest of three Indians, Lost Bear, Louie and Big Pete. Yesterday they pleaded guilty in Justice Hayes' court and were sentenced to serve ten days in jail. Lost Bear was turned loose on his promise to return to the reservation.

One of the leading events of interest to the ladies of Missoula will be the midsummer opening at Mrs. Gleason's Hat Shop on Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4, at which time will be shown all of the leading fads in headgear for the summer.

Things Quiet at Dixon.

C. E. Shillery, postmaster and hotel-keeper at the new town of Dixon, at one time called Jocko, was a visitor to Missoula yesterday attending to business matters. Mr. Shillery reports that matters are quiet in his section at present and that the Indians on the Flathead reservation are putting in the best crop this year in the history of the reservation.

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Special Dispatch to the Standard.
Spokane, May 20.—Butte won in 10

terior of a house or cottage. However, Butte has a scarlet house, and while it is a small, unpretentious frame cottage, it looms up in its modest and serene setting like a yellow chrysanthemum on the lapel of a black coat. West side citizens have for several days watched with deep interest and more or less concern the slow process through which the house has taken on the various hues until now it is a deep, fervent, lurid scarlet. Not only the house, but the fence is scarlet also, and it is a picket fence, rather high, so the whole color scheme strikes the average spectator as being somewhat unique. This is the only scarlet house in Butte, perhaps in the state, and maybe there is not another scarlet house in the whole Northwest, and it is just barely possible that it is the only scarlet house in the United States—there may not be another in the world. So the west side claims the distinction of having a scarlet house with a scarlet fence around it.

"The Great Train Robbery" is being run to death in Butte. It is a clever picture of a train holdup, the pursuit of the bandits by a posse, their capture etc. The Grand put it on several weeks ago; then the Anna Eva Fay entertainment included the train robbery in moving pictures. Now the Grand has it on this week and so has the Family theater. This film caused a deal of newspaper talk throughout the West since it was shown that it inspired a couple of young men to turn bandits and hold up a train in the southern part of the country. Evidently the local vaudeville house managers think it is a good thing, but the public would rather have most anything else, "Benedella" not excepted. Moving pictures are much the same as sky rockets—good for the time and stale after that.

There will be only one more night of that alleged comedy team at the Grand. This team is composed of a man who talks to a woman in a way to suggest to the refined taste a flavor of coarseness supposed to be tolerated only in the dives of the Bowery. The management made the mistake of engaging such a travesty. The man is not only coarse in his talk, but he affects—perhaps it is natural—an insulting mannerism, and he cracks chestnuts that have been exploded so often that they are really mushy. If his patient listeners refuse to laugh, then he insults them by exclaiming, "Will they ever catch on?" Occasionally, some one or two have not heard the stale things and they laugh after a while and then the man says, "Well, it took after all." There will be a creditable lot of sketches at the Grand next week, the management says, and it is

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WEATHER FORECAST.

FOR SUNDAY.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

TO MOVE INDIAN SCHOOL TO HELENA

MONTANA MAY GET THE BIG INSTITUTION NOW LOCATED AT CARLISLE, PA.

AGENTS RECOMMEND IT

Representatives of the Government, Assisted by Local Men, Secure Options and Offers for the Necessary Land, Which, It Is Believed, Will Be Found Favorable—Buildings of the Old Montana Wesleyan University Would Be Used. Hope to Begin Work This Year.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

Helena, May 20.—If the plans of the United States government are carried out, the Carlisle Indian school, now located at Carlisle, Pa., will be removed to Helena. Agents of the department of the interior have recommended the Helena site and a definite proposition has been submitted to local men, who have taken the subject up.

The Carlisle school for Indians is the greatest institution of its kind in the world. It was established many years ago by the government with a view to educating in the higher branches young Indians of both sexes. The industrial features of the school have always been prominent, and they will undoubtedly continue to be so. In some respects the Carlisle institution is a finishing school, to which Indians who have passed the grades usually taught in the reservation schools are sent.

After inspecting the lands in the vicinity of Helena, the agents of the government decided to recommend the purchase and use of the Montana Wesleyan university and grounds, six miles north of Helena, together with other choice lands in that vicinity. A total of 680 acres is required, on which the Indian boys will receive instruction in agriculture. The plan of the department is to make the farm a model of its kind and to spend a large sum in the improvement of the land.

Local Agents Donate Services.

When the agents of the government decided to recommend the purchase of the old university buildings and the grounds, provided that title could be secured at a reasonable cost, it became necessary to work through a local agent. As there were a number of persons interested in the lands desired by the government, it was found that the department could not treat with each owner to advantage. For that reason John S. M. Neill and T. B. Miller were designated to act for the local owners. They consented to do so and to donate their services.

The proposition of the government met with immediate favor on the part of the owners of the land in the vicinity of the university. From the beginning there has been no trouble in securing options upon the ground wanted. The owners have been disposed to part with the land at figures remarkably low. This in large part was due to the realization of the fact that the location of the school in the valley near Helena would be of immense advantage to the community and would naturally increase the value of nearby property.

At a Reasonable Figure.

The Wesleyan university, which practically abandoned its building in the valley when the institution came to the city, has agreed to sell its property at a figure satisfactory to the government. It is understood that the university will receive about \$20,000 for its property. The old university building is a brick structure in good condition and could be used by the school practically without repairs. It is understood that at least three other buildings of equal importance will be erected on the grounds.

It is understood that there is about \$100,000 available for the construction of buildings, and while that sum would not nearly provide for all the buildings required, it would be sufficient to get the work under way. There is also said to be a sufficient amount available to provide for the removal of the school from Carlisle, which in itself would be no small undertaking.

Plats of Land Selected.

The agents of the department have selected the plats of land they desire for the school, and these plats are in the hands of Mr. Neill. The experiment farm includes part of the land in the valley controlled by the trustees of the North Helena Land and Improvement company. H. B. Palmer, one of the trustees, has agreed to convey the lands desired that are under his control to the government for a small consideration. Without exception, the owners of the land have agreed to part with their property at figures satisfactory to the government.

William Stuewe, who owns 40 acres included in the lands selected by the agents of the department, stated that he would convey the entire tract for any price the government cared to give, were it no more than \$1 an acre.

Removal Considered for Years.

For years the department of the interior, which controls the Carlisle Indian school, has been considering the advisability of removing the institution to the West. There were several reasons for such a course. One is that the expense of transporting the Indians from the West to the school is no small item. Most of the students attending the Carlisle school are from western reservations, and the cost of their transportation is borne by the government. In the course of a year the total is enormous.

As one of the chief branches taught by the school is farming and it is considered advisable to teach that branch where the conditions are similar to those under which the Indians themselves must work, if they follow that line, it is the intention of the government to pay more attention to the teaching of farming to Indians, and that will be perhaps the most important branch of the school at Helena. Here the Indian could be taught irrigation and all the things that go to make agriculture successful in the semi-arid regions and under conditions similar to those which surround the Indians when they are at home.

May Begin Work This Year.

It is believed that the government will begin work on the college buildings at the Wesleyan university site during the present year, provided the transfer of the property is made without delay. It is known that the department is anxious to push the construction of the buildings, and that it means to transfer the school from the East to the West as soon as possible.

In the work already done, Representative Dixon and former United States Senator Thomas H. Carter had a prominent part. Former Senator T. C. Power also gave material aid to the enterprise. While in Washington not long ago, it is understood, he spent a part of his time in interesting officials in the department. All other residents of Montana who were apprised of the plans of the government have done what they could to further the enterprise, and it may be said now to be fairly certain that the great Indian school is destined for Montana.