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State of Pennsylvania)
County of Cumberland) ss.

David H. Dickey, being duly sworn by Inspector E. B. Linnen, answers questions propounded to him as follows:

Q. Please state your name, age and present occupation.

A. David H. Dickey, 34 years of age, Outing Agent for the Carlisle Indian School.

Q. How long have you been in the Indian Service, Mr. Dickey?

A. About five or six years.

Q. And how long have you been stationed at Carlisle as Outing Agent?

A. Three years, Came here Jan. 4th, am starting on the fourth year now.

Q. And during all this period you have been Outing Agent?

A. Yes, and acting disciplinarian temporarily. My title has always been Outing Agent.

Q. What are your duties as Outing Agent,

A. My duties as Outing Agent are to find homes for the pupils suitable homes, and look after their general welfare.

Q. Of the boys?

A. Yes, of the boys.

Q. How many outing boys have you now?

A. At the present time there are approximately 70 out.

Q. How many did you have out last summer?

A. In the neighborhood of three hundred, the books will show the exact number.

Q. What do these outing boys do mostly?

A. They work at various trades and on farms.

Q. What percentage of them worked on farms?

A. About 80%, I presume.

Q. What is the average wage of the boy who works on the farm?

A. Wage runs from \$8 to \$20, I expect they averaged about \$15 a month generally. We put no boys out for less than \$8 unless they

they are very small and indifferent boys. A No. 1 boy will get \$20.00 a month.

Q. You say on occasions you have acted as disciplinarian at the Carlisle Indian School?

A. Yes.

Q. When?

A. In the winter of 1913 and 1914.

Q. How long did you act?

A. I was acting disciplinarian for perhaps two weeks at a time at different periods. At one time I was there two or three months.

Q. During the time that you acted as disciplinarian at the school, did you ever administer any corporal punishment to any of the boys?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. To what boys?

A. As I remember, it was Thos. Necklace, Chas. Belcourt, Robert Nash, Chas. Williams.

Q. How old were those boys?

A. The youngest one was about 17; the oldest I judge was 23 or 24.

Q. Where was the punishment inflicted?

A. In the jail on the grounds at Carlisle.

Q. Were they all whipped at the same time?

A. Yes.

Q. Who was present during that whipping?

A. Mr. Warner, Mr. Dietz, Mr. Stauffer, Mr. Rudy, and myself.

Q. Who administered the whipping?

A. I did.

Q. What with?

A. A piece of strap, trunk strap, I think it was. It was smaller than a hold back. We looked at a hold back and thought it was a little too stiff, and so used a more limber strap.

Q. You say we. Who do you mean?

A. Well, the body of us.

Q. Where were the boys whipped? On what part of the body?

A. On the limbs and up the back.

Q. About how many strokes or lashes did you give each boy?

A. Well, I should judge in the neighborhood of fifty.

Q. Did they cry out with pain?

A. No. Williams never drew a muscle on his face. Belcourt cried out.

Q. Did any of the other boys cry out?

A. Thos. Necklace called out to quit, and all this and that, but Belcourt cried.

Q. Did any of the boys offer any resistance?

A. No.

Q. Were the boys made to recline or stoop over in a reclining position to receive the punishment?

A. They just folded their hands on the stationary washbowl,- about as high as that radiator,- They put their hands on there and bent over.

Q. Who told them to do that?

A. I did first, and Mr. Warner commanded them.

Q. Mr. Warner, the coach?

A. Yes.

Q. What was he doing there?

A. He just came in to witness the punishment, to see it was done right and properly.

Q. What was Mr. Stauffer doing there?

A. Same purpose.

Q. And Mr. Dietz, what was he doing there?

A. They all came for the same purpose.

Q. They came to assist you, if it was necessary, to punish the boys.

A. No, they came to witness my punishing the boys.

Q. What was said there at that time by Mr. Warner and Mr. Stauffer?

A. I don't remember that any words passed all the time we were in there except when I called a boy out, Mr. Warner told him to get down and lean over the washbowl, and I whipped him. I don't remember anything being said.

Q. What had the boys been guilty of, what offense?

A. Individually?

Q. Yes.

A. Thos. Necklace was a boy who proved to be sort of an outlaw in the country in the way of drinking and getting other boys into trouble. After I had given him different trials and found out he wouldn't make good, then I called him in here to Carlisle. I happened to be acting disciplinarian at the time he came in and he got drunk here. I took from him a pair of steel knuckles and took him to the guard house. On the way he threatened to kill me if he would ever catch me alone. We put him in the guard house, and after a while we took him out and put him in the boiler house to shovel coal. But he wouldn't shovel coal, he would sit up there and smoke cigarettes, and then the boiler house employees, or instructor in the boiler house, would come up to me and tell me he couldn't make the boy work. I went down and tried to make him work. He swore at me and said I put him in there by he would be God Dammed if I would make him work. So I put him in the guard house to await this action.

Belcourt was a boy eternally drunk. He wouldn't do what he was told to do, he was lazy, indifferent, and was also one that was in the boiler house and wouldn't work.

Chas. Williams was a member of the band, as I remember the case. Mr. Friedman was trying to get up a party of boys to march in Washington and for some reason or other the girls had been punished because they were disobedient to the matron, and Mr. Friedman allowed them to have no social as a punishment. The boys took it up and said if there would be no social there would be no Washington. They wrote that on the blackboard, the bulletin board over in quarters, "No social, no Washington." There was a band concert, and this Williams being one of the boys in the band, tried to influence the band boys not to play that evening, and he flew off to town and got drunk, came back here, and I expect there were about 50 other boys in town drunk that evening. I tried to subdue them but there was no one to help me, and I had quite a time with them, wrestling with them, and I put 12 boys in the guard house that evening. In the morning, Mr. Stauffer reported to me that Williams was in trouble with the band, tried to influence the boys not to play. We brought Williams to take about it, and he flew up and wanted to fight, wanted to fight Mr. Stauffer. I was disciplinarian and took Stauffer's part, and took the boy and again put him in the guard house. That was his case.

Robert Nash was living in athletic quarters, and things seemed to be running loose there, boys had been carrying whiskey in. I went in to inspect the rooms one Sabbath morning, and to see whether I could find anything. When I came in Robert *locked* the door on me. So I went to Clement Hill, who had a pass key, to get it. He gave it to me and I unlocked the door and found Robert. I said, "Robert, why aren't you in church." He said there were others around that didn't go to church, were playing hookey, he had no more right to go than the other boys. I told him to come over to the office and I would talk to him there. He came over to the office. I told him he should be in line with the other boys, should be in church, and said inasmuch as he was not in church, I would give him some work to do. I told him to put on overalls, come into the office, and I would assign him some work. I told him to sweep the assembly, the down stairs floor. He began it but in a boisterous way, and didn't half do it. I told him to do it right, and if it wasn't done better, he would have to scrub afterwards. This he refused to do, threw down the broom and drew up his fists to fight me. I struggled with him and in self-defense proved to be the stronger one, put him in the clothing room and locked the door. There was no one around but Robert and myself. I didn't know what to do, I had the guard house full and him in the clothing room. After a while, I took him to the guard house, and I think it was the next evening I whipped the boy. The discipline got so bad that I just had to do something. The boys tried to throw me off the third story of the building, off the porch on to the cement walk?

Q. Which building?

A. The boys' dormitory building.

Q. Who did?

A. I couldn't find out who they were, but I thought one was Henry Ankle, and some other boys. I couldn't know them, it was dark. I was in the office, they came in swearing terrifically. I said, "Come into the office, boys," they ripped out oaths at me and started up the stairs, I took after the boys and tried to put them in the guardhouse, because they were drunk. I raced them to the top story, out on the porch. When they got to the corner, they couldn't go any farther, then they turned on me. They tried to throw me over the banister on to the walk, but I clung on to the post. In self-defense I struck one of the boys in the face. I found out in the morning who he was. He was drunk, had vomited all over his coat, there was blood in his face, one of his teeth was knocked loose, and I judged he was the boy that was struck. That boy was Henry Ankle.

Q. When was it this whipping took place?

A. I don't know the date, but it was just before we went to Washington on the fourth of March, 1913.

Q. At the time you administered this punishment to the boys as herein stated, were you then acting as disciplinarian?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Under whose instructions?

A. Under the instructions of Mr. Friedman, the Superintendent.

Q. And did you administer this punishment to these boys under the instructions and directions of Superintendent Friedman?

A. No, I didn't.

Q. Did he tell you to punish the boys?

A. No, he didn't. I took it upon myself. I thought something had to be done.

Q. Did Superintendent Friedman know that you had punished these boys?

A. I don't think he ever knew it. I think he is ignorant of knowing it at all.

Q. Who called in, or who asked Coach Warner and Mr. Stauffer, and those other parties to come at that time?

A. They came on their own accord. They heard of the boys trying to throw me over the porch and taking advantage of me in that way.

Q. They knew you were going to inflict punishment at that time?

A. No, they didn't. They came over there, we talked over it, and said something ought to be done, and I said I would like to give the boys a whipping, and they said if I wanted to do it they would witness it.

Q. To see that it was done properly?

A. Yes.

Q. Who said that?

A. I couldn't say just who said it. It was Mr. Dietz, Mr. Stauffer, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Rudy who were present.

David H. Dickey

Subscribed and sworn before me at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, this twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1914.

E. J. Limmen

-U. S. Inspector.