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OPPOSES THE OPENING OF THE RESERVATION

Crow Indian Believes Unused Lands
of Ceded Strip Should Be First
Disposed Of.

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There are always two sides to every question and it seems that the proposition to open the Indian reservation can meet with opposition, especially upon the part of some of the Indians themselves. The following letter from an educated Crow Indian presents the opposition side of the controversy and is submitted for what it is worth:

Crow Agency, Mont., Feb. 11, 1910.
To the Daily Gazette,
Billings, Mont.

Dear Sir:—

In response to the item published in the Daily Gazette, dated February 9, 1910, relative opening of the surplus lands here within the limits of the Crow reservation, I wish to say that I agree with Hon. O. F. Goddard that there is still good farming land in the vicinity of Billings, and to my personal knowledge around Huntley, Hardin, and Custer, that belongs to the ceded strip that was lastly opened, that has not been taken up as yet. Here is a large acreage of land which was originally set aside for the Crow Indians, lying idle, bringing no revenue to the government or to the Indians, and it does not appear the right thing to do, to throw open the balance of the reservation until that which has been brown open is settled.

I am not much at reading newspapers, but since the great boosting Billings has giving on "Dry Land Farming," I have read all with a great deal of interest. Now on the ceded strip there are thousands of acres of arid land that is fine for "Dry Land Farming." Now this year is a fine chance to have this vast plain prove your theory. Now why when there is still this open country that is fine farming land, not yet settled upon, should any one want the small strip that is left us poor Indians that is a benefit to us, for as you know there are nine-tenths of us that are not prepared to compete with our white brothers.

That the public may hear both sides of this story will you please give this article space in your paper.

Very truly yours,

JAMES HILL,

A Crow Indian.

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REPORT AFTER LEAVING CARLISLE

NAME AT CARLISLE

James Hill

PRESENT NAME

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