

# 912 ~~A Prosperous Indian Farmer~~ <sup>arrow</sup>

Alfred Blackbird, an industrious young farmer of the Omaha tribe, has just marketed 5000 bushels of corn raised by him last year on his own farm. M. Z. Eastman informs us that the quality of the corn is not excelled by any grown in this community; that the crop was free from incumbrance and that the owner drew a check for the entire amount. Mr. Blackbird is evidently proving to be a successful farmer. He was educated at Genoa and Carlisle and began a course in Bellevue college but did not remain to complete it. Last fall he married Jennie Hallowell. He is a prominent member of the Macy church and is stated interpreter at the services for the pastor, Rev. Beith.

# INDIANS MAKE PROGRESS

Omahas, Returning to Carlisle, Tell  
912 of Achievements.

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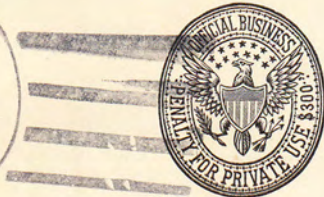
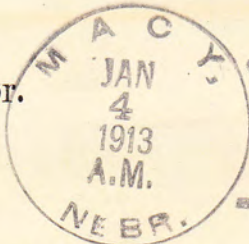
Carlisle, Pa., April 5.—That graduates of the Carlisle Indian School are continually going forward and doing educational missionary work on their reservations, was sharply emphasized here the past week, the occasion of the annual commencement exercises.

One group of Omaha Indians, from their Nebraska homes, traveled half-way across the continent to bring a message of inspiration to the class of 21 students that received diplomas Thursday. Among them was Levi Levering, a merchant on the Omaha reservation and a Carlisle graduate, who represented his district as delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church last year. He declared while here that the educated Indian boys and girls do not go back when they leave school, but go forward and make the most out of life.

With this same group was Albert Blackbird, who, Levering said, raised 5000 bushels of corn last year on his Nebraska farm and is an elder in the Presbyterian Church. Blackbird received his agricultural and academic training at Carlisle.

The entire assemblage of returned graduates appeared as though they had prospered, and they declare that they owe their advancement in life to education, and are firm in the conviction that the Indian School will do more than anything else to solve the present Indian problem.

Department of the Interior.



Mr. M. Friedman

Supt. U. S. Indian School

Carlisle

Pennsylvania

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Dec-24, 1912.

Name

Alfred Blackbird

(Please give name by which enrolled and also present or married name.)

Tribe

Omaha Indian

Present Address

Macy, Nebr.

Former Address

(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation

Farming.

Remarks:



Omaha - Nebr

RECORD OF GRADUATES AND RETURNED STUDENTS.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Name Alfred Blackbird

1. Are you married and if so to whom? No.

2. What is your present address? Macy, Nebr.

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? Give names of school and dates if possible.

I have attended school at Cotner University, Bethany, Nebr for one year and I went to Bellevue College last year.

4. What is your present occupation? Salary? I am farming on my father's land, just getting half of the crops.

5. Do you own your home? No. but I have built a fine house for the old man.

6. What kind of a house is it? Number of rooms? 5 rooms and 2 porches.

The old house which I was born is still standing south of the new house.

7. How much property do you possess?

Stock I have 3 horses of my own, and 4 cows and few hogs.

Land I have 80 acres of land, some of the richest soil in Nebraska.



Real Estate

*No*

8. Do you have money in the bank? *No* How much?

9. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each?

*I have been asked two or three different times for Indian Service, but I did not take any.*

10. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle?

*I am active member in the State Historical Society.*

11. Have you done anything for the betterment of your people? Write fully.

*I have been trying to help every way I could for my own people since I came back from Carlisle. Whenever I get chance to say something at meeting of the Council or at the Church I always telling the things I knew the ways of the white people.*

*I suppose you remember last year I wanted get some boys and girls to go school at Carlisle. First when I asked them they willing but afterwards changing their mind not to go.*



I spoke this matter for good many time  
afterwards Children must go to school,  
so they will be ready whenever the hard-  
ship comes.

Mr. Friedman. If any body asks you  
again Does it pay to educate the Indians?  
tell them return students of Carlisle  
are all standing on the front at Mass. Mebr.  
some of them own good land, good homes and <sup>are</sup> studying <sup>in</sup> many.

12. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life. I have interested  
in the Church work out here, I am  
interpreting for the minister for every  
Sundays.

In the Sunday school I have large  
class of old women, using my own  
language because they couldn't read  
and understand English.

I am one of the elder of the Church  
so I have plenty of work to do in  
this line.



Macy, Nbr.

Dec. 16, 1909.

M. Friedman,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear friend,-

I got the blanks  
that you sent, and I was  
kind slow to return them  
rightway, because I wanted  
get picture made for ~~my~~  
our house, but couldn't  
get it.

Maybe I don't give you  
the right answer for the  
questions you asked, but  
I send it anyway.

This will be all, I am.  
with best wishes for Carlisle.

yours very truly,  
Alfred Blackbird.















Jan. 30th, 1915.

Mr. Alfred Blackbird,  
Macy, Nebr.

My dear Friend:

Referring to your letter of January the 27th, this is to advise you that Dr. Carl E. Grammar is president of the Indian Rights Association. The Association's headquarters are at 995 Drexel Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Macy, Neb.

Jan 27, 1915.

Mr. Lipps,

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Friend;-

Will you please send  
me the name of the president  
of Indian right association &  
address.

yours very truly.  
Alfred Blackbird



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Macy, Nabr.

Jan. 1, 1912.

M Friedman,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear friend;

I received your letter  
of Dec. 19, 1911. It was gave  
me a great encouragement  
and hope.

I always glad to hear  
old dear Carlisle and old  
friends.

I often times think  
about Carlisle and how  
thankful I am what Carlisle  
has done for me.

Since I left Carlisle  
I went to Cotner University  
for two terms at Lincoln

Mr. now I am staying at home as farming

Mr. Friedman I have sister in-law in your school, her name is Nellie Hallowell. and I want ask you to help her out see if she can take a music lesson or learn to play organ or piano.

Hoping to visit Carlisle some day if nothing happens I remain

Yours very truly,  
Alfred Blackbird  
ex-student







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CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.  
DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT.

(over)

NUMBER 2250	ENGLISH NAME afred Blackbud	AGENCY	NATION Omaha					
BAND	INDIAN NAME	HOME ADDRESS Little Village Maker						
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD Full	AGE 19	HEIGHT 6-0/2	WEIGHT 154	FORCED INSP. 37	FORCED EXPR. 34	SEX. m
FATHER, <i>Living</i>	MOTHER, <i>Living</i>	ARRIVED AT SCHOOL Oct. 13, 1898		FOR WHAT PERIOD 5 years	DATE DISCHARGED June 26, '03	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE Expiration of time		
TO COUNTRY	PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS					FROM COUNTRY		
Mar. 31, 99	C. Cane Lambertville N.J.					Sept. 14, '00		
Sept. 21, 00	Enos Merrick, Hood Hill Pa.					Sept. 2, '01		
Mar. 29, 02	" " " " "					Sept. 14, '02		

SHAW-WALKER MUSKOGON 5178

Months in school before Carlisle, .....10.....

Grade entered at Carlisle, .....1st.....

Grade at date of Discharge, .....5th.....

Trade or Industry, .....Harness maker.....

Church, .....

" Farmer, doing well."

Report of J. F. Mackey,  
Supt.

Feb. 7, 1905.